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## Dublin Castle a fitting site for celebration of freedom



**IT IS MOST** fitting that thousands of Irish people would gather in the courtyard of Dublin Castle to celebrate the overwhelming approval of the marriage equality referendum ([“A paradigm shift the Irish were more than ready for,”](#) Kevin Cullen, Page A1, May 24).

For it was there in 1922 that seven centuries of British rule ended when Lord Lieutenant FitzAlan ceremoniously handed over the castle to victorious commander-in-chief Michael Collins after the birth of the Irish Free State. This, in Collins’s words, gave the Irish “freedom, not the ultimate freedom that all nations desire . . . but the freedom to achieve it.”

The ancient walls reverberated again on Saturday as thousands of men and women shouted out their joy to advance another step to freedom — the freedom to love and marry the partner of their choice.

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