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of Galway Infirmary

General Meeting held Pursuant to Public Advertis-
ment in Ballinasloe, On Wednesday Oct. 6, 1802

Present

James



INTRODUCTION

GP1/ are the Lawrence of Lawrencetown Papers held in the Galway County Council Archives. This archival collection was purchased by the Archives from a third party who had acquired them from a book dealer in Northern Ireland.

The Lawrence Papers as they exist are very fragmented and represent only a fraction of the original collection. The collection consists primarily of private and business letters, and contains very little relating to the overall management of the estate and its tenants. It does not include legal documents, such as will, mortgages, marriage settlements or leases, which would give a good insight into the management of the estate.

Administrative History & Biographical Note

The history of the Lawrence family is recorded in the Lawrence Family Album (GS01/1, also included in Galway County Council Archives' collection), which was compiled by Rev. Charles Lawrence in the 1890s. This has been transcribed and included on the *Ask About Ireland* website¹. It recounts the coming to Ireland of two brothers, John and Walter Lawrence in 1571, the acquisition of lands at Ballymore and Lisreaghan, its subsequent loss and repossession:

'John the elder brother married a daughter of O'Madden Lord of Longford Captain of his nation and last chief of his name, by which marriage he acquired a large territory in the Barony of Longford, and County of Galway, together with the O'Madden Vault in the Cathedral of Clonfert. In consequence of the imperfect registration of the Indentures of Composition made before Sir John Perrott, John Lawrence, in common with other gentlemen surrendered his property to the Crown after the death of Elizabeth, and received it back again under Patent from James 1 (See Patent Rolls, 16. James I). John Lawrence settled at Ballymore, where he erected his Castle by regulation temp. Queen Elizabeth in the Parish of Clonfert, Barony of Longford and County of Galway' (GS01/1) and

'Mr Lawrence had the whole of his extensive Estates seized and sequestered on account of the Rebellion which began in the Kingdom on the 23rd October 1641 but claimed them from the usurped Powers sitting at Athlone in 1654 as his a ancient property and had a decree from said pretended Commissioners to have satisfaction for his lands according to his qualifications and had some satisfaction set out to him in other lands in the Province of Connaught by final settlement from said Commissioners to Loughrea. At the restoration Mr Lawrence claimed the restitution of his entire property, but could only get back a portion of his lands which were eventually confirmed by Patent dated 5th August 29th Year of King Charles II' (GS01/1).

¹ http://www.askaboutireland.ie/show_narrative_page_by_place.do?page_id=1288.



The remainder of the family history is also recited in the Album, recording marriages to other landed families, in particular the marriage of John (1698-1730) to an heiress, Mary Scott, the daughter of John Scott Esq., of Greenish and Cappavarnagh, Co. Galway, and of Mount Serat, West Indies. The introduction of that wealth enabled their son, Walter (1729-1796), to build the mansion at Bellview and to collect and adore it with various works of Italian art, some by Canova. The sale of these items was considered by Rev. Charles Lawrence in the early 1890s (GP1/86, & 293-294).

In 1782 Walter formed the Bellevue Volunteers in support of Grattan's Parliament and constructed the 'Volunteers' Gate, which is still standing and has inscribed on it in Latin '*Liberty after a long servitude was won on 16th April, 1782 by the armed sons of Hibernia, who with heroic fortitude, regarding their ancient laws and established their ancient independence*'.²

When he died his son, Walter (1793-1873), inherited the estate.

In 1851 Walter Lawrence advertised for sale in the Encumbered Estates' Court approximately 4000 acres in the baronies of Dunmore, Clare and Longford, county Galway and 311 acres in the parish of Shrule, barony of Kilmaine, county Mayo; '*...a very large position of the property was sold in 1851*' (GP1/311).

Walter had a large family and as his first two sons, Walter (+1863) and John (+1872?), predeceased him the estate passed to the third son, Reverend Charles Lawrence. The estate, which was comparatively small in 1876 (2,373 acres³) was heavily encumbered and having to support the large family was in constant financial difficulty. Much of the material in this collection reflects the difficulties which Charles inherited. In 1892 he instructed his solicitor, Russell, to appoint a Receiver, '*It was in order to protect the Senior creditors that I found it necessary with the Sanction of the Judge to appoint my Agent Mr Mahon, Receiver under Deed*' (GP1/311). At that time the Rental of the Estate was £1,543.7.0 and the gross Poor Law Valuation was £1,260.8.0 (GP1/204).

The ongoing changes in legislation (the Land Acts) regarding land ownership and rental had implications for the management of the estate, as did the second Home Rule Bill in 1893; '*The regaining of public confidence and the overthrow of the Gladstonian Home Rule bill might induce your money Lender to advance the ten or twelve thousand pounds you alluded to some time ago at four and a half per cent. The security for this sum would be as you know of first class character. The untenanted portion of the demesne £630 and the three small solvent holdings within the demesne making in all a rental of £730*' (GP1/316), and also that '*...no rents can be got at since the Land League began*' (GP1/138).

According to Dr Egan's article '*In 1912 there was a great sale of the art treasures. By then most of the land had been sold to the tenants. A final sale in the nineteen twenties was followed by the demolition of the mansion. No member of the family in the male line is now alive*'.⁴

² 'The Lawrences' Dr P K Egan, <http://www.lawrencetown.com/lawrences.htm>

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*



Content & Structure

The collection, containing 389 listed items, dating from 1826-1930, though most of the material dates from the 1870s to 1894 and is correspondence during Rev Charles Lawrence's ownership of the property. It also includes some Golding of Shrule papers from 1916.

As the collection original's order having been lost an artificial order was imposed by the Archivist during processing.

The collection is divided into several sections, the first six Sections, A to E, include personal family letters which are arranged mainly by family member. Many of these are between female Wale family members, and serve to illustrate their close relationship.

Section B contents interesting letters regarding membership of the Free Masons.

Section F, which has sub-sections, contains material relating to estate business and family trusts, primarily consisting of correspondence with agents and solicitors regarding the heavily mortgaged estate, the payment of interest on loans, the appointment of a Receiver and efforts to secure further loans so as prevent an enforced sale of the estate. Several items make reference to the sale of art objects. This has generally been arranged chronologically or in accordance with the most prolific group. Many of the letters from the various correspondents could be cross referenced to each other as they relate to the same topics.

Section G contains material relating to tenants, such as letters from tenants, and also material relating to the management of the Brennan farm and the orphans of a much respect tenant. Rev. Charles Lawrence shows great interest in their welfare, writing of his concern '*...for his (Brennan's) little orphan children and trust you will lose no time in applying in the proper quarter for the guardianship of them as you are in every respect the one who should have charge of them both as their nearest of kin and as residing yourself as a tenant on my estate. Where I hope that one of Michael's sons will one day also reside in his late father's home....*'(GP1/355, pp2-3).

Sections H and I consist of miscellaneous material and church related material, and Section J contains the Golding letters. The latter do not appear to have any apparent relationship to the Lawrence papers, but are listed here given that they were included in the collection when acquired. However, the Golding Family⁵ held property in Moyne, county Mayo and may therefore be distant relations to Georgina Blake who married Walter Lawrence (1783-1873) in 1813. Likewise GP1/2 does not appear to have any direct connection to the Lawrence Papers but is included in Section A for chronological purposes and also because Lawrence (1893-1873) was married to a Blake.

⁵ In the early part of the 19th century Moyne Lodge, part of the estate of the Blakes of Merlin Park, in the parish of Shrule, barony of Kilmaine, county Mayo, was occupied by Richard Golding, the proprietor of a large corn mill, brewery and distillery in the village of Shrule. In the 1870s Richard Goulding of Shrule owned 214 acres. In 1893 lands amounting to over a thousand acres in the barony of Kiltartan, county Galway, belonging to Hyacinth Golding and others were advertised for sale. Moyne Lodge was occupied by the Golding family in the early part of the 19th century and by Martin Kirwan Blake before the sale in 1852. The house is no longer extant but some stone walls are still evident with the old castle to the right. <http://www.landedestates.ie/LandedEstates/jsp/>



Where items are undated the information within was used to as far as possible to determine which section the item may rightly belong.

The item reference number (e.g. GP1/x) should be used in full when citing documents or records, and each reference cited should be preceded by the initials GCCA (Galway County Council Archives, e.g. GCCA GP1/xx).

Condition

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Allied Materials

Galway County Council Archives

- GS01/1 William Lawrence, Lisreaghan or Belview, Lawrencetown, Barony of Longford, county Galway, c. 1895 Leather bound gilt-edged album of photographs
- GS01/6 Walter Lawrence, Belview (also Lisreaghan), Barony of Longford, County Galway, August 1818, Conveyance of lands of Brodellagh, Carnakelly in the barony of Kilmaine, county Mayo.

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(also http://books.google.ie/books?id=Ni4BAAAQAAJ&dq=lawrence+of+lisreaghan&source=gbs_summary_s&cad=0)

See also

http://www.askaboutireland.ie/show_narrative_page_by_place.do?page_id=1070

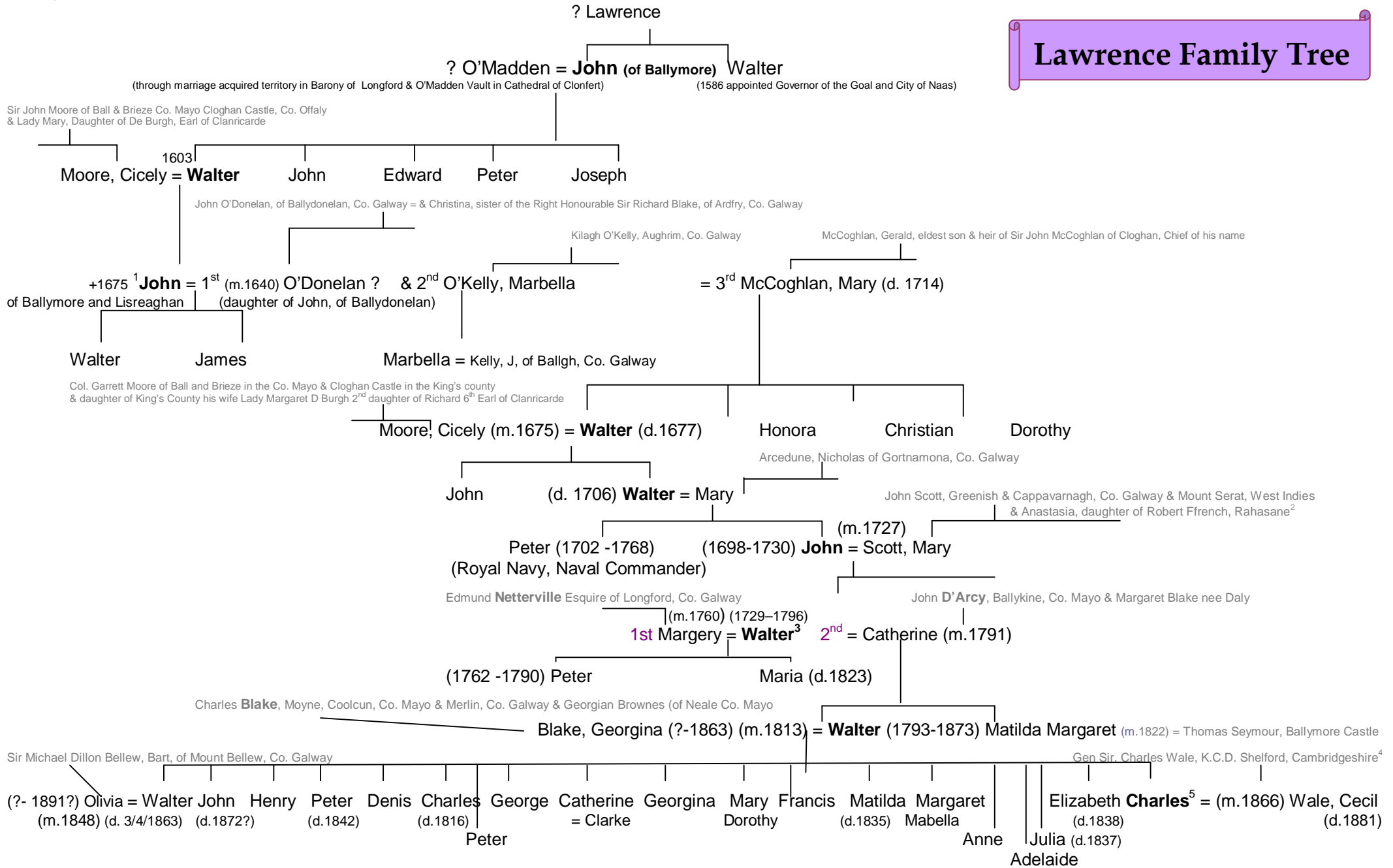
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Lawrence Family Tree





¹ John's extensive estates were seized and sequestered on account of the Rebellion which began in the Kingdom on the 23rd October 1641 but at the restoration Mr Lawrence claimed the restitution of his entire property, but could only get back a portion of his lands which were eventually confirmed by Patent dated 5th August 29th Year of King Charles II, and Enrolled 26th August 1677

² See French Papers at Galway County Council Archives, GP4/

³ He built the Lawrence mansion and in 1782 formed the Bellevue Volunteers in support of Grattan's Parliament and constructed the 'Volunteers' Gate.

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Wale

⁵ Formerly Commissioned in the Austrian Hussars, entered into Holy Orders, Michaelmas, 1864, Curate of Milburn, Bongate, and Brumfield, in the Diocese of Carlisle, & Vicar of Thurton, in the Diocese of Norwick.

*Appendix A: List of Solicitors & Agents*

Carson & McDowell,
19 Eustace Street,
Dublin
(Solicitors for the Scottish Amicable Life
Assurance Society & Edmund Hardy Hamilton, chargeants for £8,000)

Peter Lambert
Solicitor for
22 Nassau Street
Dublin
(Solicitor for Henry William Lawrence & others e.g. Misses Lawrence, chargeants for £9,000)

George Ker Mahon,
Agent & Receiver
Ballydonlan Castle

Maxwell, Weldon & Co.
Solicitors for Trustees John J Madden
40 North Great George's Street

Joseph Edward MacDermott,
Solicitor
13 Nassau Street
Dublin

John Russell & Son (retired October 1893)
Solicitor (for Lawrence)
&
William Houghton Russell
Solicitor
39 Mountjoy Square
Dublin

William J Shannon,
Solicitor
Chambers
19 upper Ormond Way
Dublin

Sutton & Sons
Solicitors for George Ker Mahon
22 Harcourt Street



Appendix B Photographs from the Lawrence Album (GS01/1)



Lisreaghan House



Volunteer Gate at Lisreaghan



John Lawrence 1698 – 1730



Walter Lawrence 1729 – 1796





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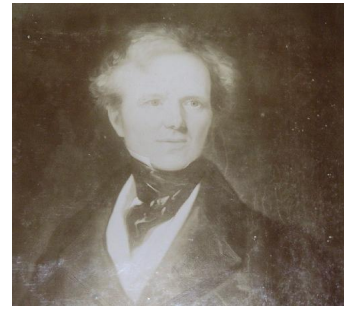
Including

Golding Letters, Shrile, Co. Mayo, 1916





A. Walter Lawrence (1793-1873),
1847-1869



1. 1847-02-22 Bill from Morrison's Hotel for Captain Lawrence's stay between 13th to 22nd February, includes items such as breakfast, malt, coffee, stationery, and '*Breakfast and Lemonade for Man*'.
376. 1p

2. 1850-04-26 Receipt signed by D Murray acknowledging the receipt from Peter Blake of Hollypark, county Galway, Executor of the Will of Right Honourable Anthony Richard Blake, the sum of Stg£1,000, '*...being the amount of a legacy bequeath to me, under the said Will of the said Anthony Richard Blake⁶, for charitable purposes*'.
1p

3. 1858-04-28 Letter from Walter Seymour (Ballymore Castle) to Lawrence '*My Dear Walter, I [sent] you back the [rental] I have marked off so have agreed – Michael Horan and Michael Hynes have not actually refused but say the rise is too much. John McLoughlin refused altogether, the widow of J. Kikenny and her children are sick so I think you may as well let them alone, for this time. You had better file notices for J. McLoughlin – Horan and Hynes. I have not seen Bookie. Pat Connolly and one or two others on whom there is only a small rise to be [put] but I will see them in time to have them send in case they refuse. Yours sincerely ...*'.
2pp

4. 1869-05-27 Letter from Denis Lawrence (St Paul, Miami, U.S.A) to his father advising that he has been promised a job on the railroad, and telling him about Mississippi, and the lumber trade in the area, the price of farm animals and farming practices.
*'My dear Father
You will be surprised to hear from me from St. Paul. The day after I wrote from St Cloud I saw the [Timber] [Guard], I told him that the [work] would not answer me, for in [running] the [lines], I should have to crop the [] and [head] through swamps and [work] away in my wet clothes. Mr [Studdant] was not aware of this – I have being promised a situation on the [railroad] from this town to Lake Superior, they are only*

⁶ Chief Remembrancer of Ireland between 1823 and 1843, when he resigned due to ill health. Blake (1794-1850?) was one of the first Roman Catholics made a Privy Councillors after the passing of the Roman Catholic Emancipation Act. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1813, he was one of commissioners of national education in 1831, a commissioner of Charitable Donations & Bequeaths for Ireland in 1844; *The Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage, of Great Britain and Ireland, including All the Titles Classes*, Published by , 1848, Original from Oxford University, Digitized 4 Oct 2007, http://books.google.ie/books?id=UuQNAAAQAAJ&dq=anthony+Richard+Blake&lr=&source=gbs_summary_s&cad=0



making it. Minneapolis is a very pretty town, situated on the eight banks of the Mississippi river. At the falls of St Anthony's the population is 8,000. The Minni-ha-ha falls so celebrated in your fellows [] is only four miles distance and well worth seeing. I also saw the [bridal] [] it is a very good [nature] to [] it, it is a [river] [falling] near by perpendicular for about 90 foot. The saw mills situated on the Minneapolis side of the river are all under one roof. These mills are kept in operation night and day. During the summer season, turning out half a million feet of lumber every twenty four hours. The logs from which the lumber is manufactured are cut during the winter from the Prairies. The weather is a little cold. The Indian corn is only just put down, the wheat crop is looking []. Wages are not larger here, hired men for farm [work] get from 16 to 30 dollars per month with board. Carpenters from 2 to 50 dollars, stone mason 2 to 14 dollars. Farm horses are worth from 80-100 dollars, cows from 30 to 45. [Abundance] of good hay grows wild, Every one who keeps a cow has a [bull] [ring] around its neck with their name on it, and are turned out on the prairies to graze, no rent to pay. A [bull] costs as much as the cow or sometimes more. As soon as I get something to do I shall write, with love to all, Your affection son D J Lawrence.

3pp



B. Walter Lawrence (d.1863)⁷,
Letters Regarding the Freemasons, 1844-1846⁸

5. 1844- 01-16 Letter from [D], of Banagher to Lawrence advising that *'You were unanimously admitted on our last night of [reading] and will be initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry on the Second Monday of the next month being the 12th day of February. I sent you a form to fill up and sign which you can return to me any time at your first convenience'*.
1p
6. 1846-01-11 Note from [E. Waueram], Glasgow to Captain Lawrence advising, *'I have just got the enclosed from Woodman. It is a humbug. I consider that you were entitled to be present at the initiation, but not to take the Chair, exactly as in England no one who has not served or is serving an [] worshipful of a [blue] Lodge can be a member of the Grand Lodge of England but they have no secrets for [that], a certificate of election is all that is requisite. I am obliged to run off to Edinburgh on University business and back in the evening, so am in a desperate hurry.'*
1p
7. 1846-05-08 Letter from [Donnell] to Lawrence regarding his efforts to have Lawrence recognised by the Lodge, stating *'I have been defeated in every step I have taken in your affair with me. Mr Wright it would be too long for a letter to state all that occurred.*
We divided the Grand lodge [last] upon that question that the recommendation of the Board of General [papers] should be confirmed and it was lost by a large majority 38 to 19. The recommendation of the Board is that a copy of [BI] might change to rent to you will against that you should [forthwith] give a satisfactory answer. I did what I could at the Board yesterday to prevent any discussion last night on the subject in the [hand] but the letters I produced they said [proved] nothing I therefore after a good deal of difference of opinion whether I should get them back or not, succeeded in keeping them and I [] to go into the case with [Francis] last night with a great many other your friends. I lost as I said before the case defeated – you must now go into the question, you are registered for your [parent] lodge and also lodge 50 so you are in the [power] of the [grand] – you are completely under their jurisdiction, so [meet] the question at once. some of the Brothers who saw the letters I think that you are under a mistake that you have not regularly (altho you think so) passed the chair, you will hear of course from

⁷ Brother of Rev Charles Lawrence

⁸ http://books.google.ie/books?id=PvIDAAAAYAAJ&dq=Lawrence+of+Lisreaghan&source=gbs_summary_s&cad=0 Entry from the *Freemason's Quarterly Review*, 1849, p80 noted that Captain Walter Lawrence was appointed Deputy Prov Grand Master to the Sterling Provincial Grand Lodge on 24th January 1849.



the grand secretary officially in a few days and my own opinion is that it should never have been brought into the grand lodge at all. I suppose you will hear from some of your [friends] who were present and I have to apologise for this scribble. I think you will find it difficult to read I am writing in such a hurry.

I am really sorry I have not better succeeded and I beg to assure you that all in my power I have done ...'

5pp

8. [1846]-05-22 Letter from [Waeueraml] (Glasgow) to Lawrence regarding efforts to obtain a certificate for Lawrence confirming membership in England, which should assist with obtaining recognition in Scotland, and also regarding the position of Past Master.

Letter states 'As soon as I got your letter I drew out an [English] certificate which I desired our Grand [] (A Douglas) to copy out and get signed by their [] [Freedom] and [sealed] and if sent to me I would sign and transmit – I therein went in to detail in order to prove that the [degree] of past [Master] could only be legally granted in Scotland ___ __ under the ___ Gr R and chapter, and that every R.A. mason in Scotland was fully instructed in all the secrets of a past master, whether or not he had [in] [him] R.W. [of a] [blue] Lodge.

Yesterday I had a note from Woodman enclosing Fowlen's letter asking me to send it to you, and to [hasten] the certificate. I then again wrote to Douglas from whom I had never heard; and today have received the enclosed. I have written back a rather sharp letter about the conduct of the committee and enclosed for perusal Fowlen's letter to show what is really going on. I have asked Douglas to get the committee to meet immediately, and I have written Woodman to call on the [] and ask him to attend the meeting so as to explain everything.

What you [] [] with is by asking for a certificate under the hands of the office [bearing] and seal of the Gr Chapter. This is not easily done, particularly with a set of mulish fellows, who are not acquainted thoroughly with the difference between actual and [[Past] Master which has been made in Ireland, were I myself present I could do much but that is physically impossible.

I have said to Douglas that if the managing committee [] refuse a formal certificate then I insist on getting from the [] a certified extract of the minutes [bearing] upon the appointment of the [Chair] Master L. of Manchester and this I hope to get. But I would strongly advise you to write immediately to Manchester and get a certificate from the Manchester L. John [Chair] Master Lodge signed by their present R. W. [warden] and secretary [state] their Lodge was [constitutionally] the [super] Gr Ch of Scotland for [granting] these two [degrees] of master and past and that the warrant [bearing] such a date that your name is inserted with as R.W. and that you are entitled to all the rights and privileges of an actual Past Master.

This would be [by] far your best plan and could be easily got.



You can also refer to our Royal [and] Book of Laws, in which you will find that the only body in Scotland which grants the [degree] of P.M. legally is the [Supr] Chapter – you will find the laws [the] 3^d or [] [from] the end of the regulations for [private] chapters. It strikes me that you are a Past Master of our Chain Master Lo. of [Kniros] - but situated as I am [sure] I can do better of myself to assist you, for I cannot compel [people] to work.

Fowlen's letter will be sent you either by Woodman or me, as soon as the Committee have again met.

I have shown Douglas that the [taking] out a certificate or [Diploma] as [Roy] [asks] here would be of no use because it says not a word of Past Master, which is the whole story and because in Ireland it is not necessary (as [here]) to know all the secrets of the PM, before getting the R.A.'

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9. 1846-06-26 Letter from Lawrence (Strokestown, Co. Roscommon) to his father Walter Lawrence with a detailed account of difficulties within his Mason's Grand Lodge.

'I have delayed thus long in writing to on account of an attack of the most atrocious nature made against me by Tom Wright. I did not wish to fret you by saying anything about it until it was over. I enclose you the report of the Board of General Purposes as confirmed by Grand Lodge the amendment that this portion of Boards report was lost by a majority of four. Every gentleman in the Grand L voted in this [curiosity] including the Master and Past Master of my Lodge No. 50 – there was great acrimony shown by [executors] and T .W, the latter in reply to Ellis said that he was not to be believed on his word [Barry the J.W. of 56 ward] [that his words be taken down and that he retract and apologise. T.W. denied having said them upon this [] [Robert] stood up and said he heard them. T.W. said he did not upon which Barry said that as B.V.W. now said he did not use those expressions [] he would not press his motion. There was a good deal of [] and [claim] against T.W. [] him protracting [] having [] his own words, that he was on in a viz cou_____] Norman called him to order, but he still preserved and began abusing Scotland & Scotch Masons and related Lord Broaghsaw's ---- and said there was no Masey in Scotland. This was so bad that one []of "Shame Shame" resounded though the Lodge and he was put down. Norman was busy obliged to tell him he should not speak any more. The report of ... Board of General Purposes was as [] as they could [well] make it this documents I had to send to Edinburgh and Glasgow and I have only just got them back, they will explain the whole affair, which is dictated by clique, who are jealous of my Masonic rank and more so since I called the Committee (with the Council of Rites) to negotiate with Scotland whose Council is by that [] formally acknowledged also at the number of Noblemen and Gentlemen, that I have brought and am still bringing in to the [] (lists various names) ...'.

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C. Letters to Georgina Lawrence⁹ (nee Blake), c. 1860's

10. n/d (186?) From [Henry] Nugent (Pallas¹⁰) regarding the pre-mature birth of his grandson, '*...we had scarcely a hope of saving the child and were even very uneasy about Mary – however thank God she had a safe confinement and has been going on very well indeed ever since. The child is the most ridiculously small atom I ever saw, but with great care we may bring it through, the first day none of us expected it to live...(2)*'. He also enquires about her family and writes that he is '*...glad to hear such a good account of your son Walter's health. I hope if he gets over another winter as well as this that he will shake off the compliant altogether. Be assured I shall always be interested in the welfare of all . Be assured I shall always be interested in the welfare of all your belongings, and have as lively a recollection of old happy times as yourself and seeing you the other day, and seeing you looking so well and so young was a real pleasure to me...*'(5) '*Maria Blake and all your cousins here including the junior branches of Furbogh and Pallas desire their kind love to all your people...*'(pp6-7).

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11. n/d From Geoghegan advising that they expect to '*...have the pleasure of seeing you out*' when Mr [Dade] visits on Wednesday.

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Georgina Lawrence, ?-1863

⁹ Mother of Rev Charles Lawrence

¹⁰ Property at Pallas and Spring Garden was occupied by Anthony F. Nugent at the time of Griffith's Valuation. This branch of the Nugent family was related to the Earls of Westmeath and that title passed to them in the 1870s.

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D. Cecil (Cis) Lawrence¹¹ (nee Wale) (d.1881)

I. Letters from Cis to Lawrence (husband), 1874-1875

12. 1874? From 'Your loving Cis' to 'Dearest C' regarding domestic matters, the visitors they have and are due to have, and requesting him to '*...write a kind letter to Harry he does his very best and is always so kind and good, and when you are away he thinks he can never take care enough of me for you. You wrote a little sharp*'.
5pp
13. 1874-04-15 Advising she has carefully filed away the Fire Insurance papers, and encloses a lease from Blake and other letters (not enclosed).
'Dearest C., I have put the Fire Insurance paper carefully away. I enclose the Lease with Map from Blake and other letters. We are all well. We get on capitally with our [sewing] machine. Ever dearest C., your loving Wife'.
3pp
14. Thursday [1875?] Regarding a visit to them planned by her nephews, and the need for some bedroom furniture.
'Dearest C. I hear today from my sister Belle that two of her young men, Reginald who is returning to Australia and Cecil Willis would like to come and see us on the 23rd for a week so I have written to say how glad we shall be to see them. Louisa D'Arcy can come. George will give her his room – and I have put off Mr. & Mrs. D'Arcy. We greatly want a small wardrobe for the small spare room down stairs and a small chest of drawers for the spare room upstairs – A hanging press for Denis – The [flower] base water jug sponge and tooth brush for Cis! – I must get in [Jell] to help and keep him a week, everything is so dirty and he does so nicely. Dearest C. Your loving Wife'.
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¹¹ Rev Charles Lawrence's wife



II. Letters from Caroline J. Wale, to her Sister Cecil, 1872 - 1873

15. 1872-06-15 (13 Denmark Hill, Wimbledon) regarding her forthcoming visit.

She writes 'In Henry's absence I opened your letter this morning and hasten to reply that we shall be delighted to see you after your visit to Belle, it will indeed be a pleasure to have you once again it is such ages since we have seen you. I only wish your husband could have accompanied you. We shall be able to put you up in the house as the girls can pack together for the time being. Henry has gone to [York] today take a service for a gentleman about nine miles from the here. Adelaide & [her girls] will I hope be at [Worcester] Park or close here whilst you are here so you will see them, also [] I shall hope so soon to [write] I will only add all our best love to you both, love dear Cis, your affectionate sister Caroline J Wale.

P.S. Did you hear of the death of [Foyle] [Bauelolph's] Wife? She died about three weeks since of heart disease. [] his is distracted and he has [left] [their] children. Poor [Myra] was such a great favourite of Henry's and her last illness appears to have [been] very very said to witness'.

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16. 1873-01-16 (13 Denmark Hill, Wimbledon) regarding Cecil's forthcoming trip to London and her to stay with them.

'In our letter to Henry today you say you are coming up to London on the 10th of September for a dew days. I didn't know your arrangements at all but it [strikes] me if you were to come here and make this your head quarters it would at least save lodgings or Hotel bill if Mr Lawrence wants to go up to town the journey is both short and cheap and you can go to Brighton or Cheltenham as well from here as from London, we should be delighted to have you and you should be quite independent to come and go as you like. Malcolm goes to [Haley Quay] on Thursday week so we have plenty of room for you both, first think it over and let me know, you know I shall be only to glad to have you and the girls look forward to Aunt Cis coming again with great pleasure. Minna is now with us, I do not know if she has written to you since she received the book you kindly send her, but she has [been] moving about between here [I____ntition] and Worcester Park.

I am thankful to say Maude is must better and I am in hope will soon be all right again. I shall be so glad to have her home one more. I miss her more every day and I do not know what I shall do without Malcolm, he has been a whole year at home and so much with me that I shall feel quite lost without him at first but I hope he will be able to continue at school now. We all send our best love to you both.

Believe me dear Cis

Yours affectionately

Caroline G Wale'

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III. Letter from Henrietta Wale, to her Sister Cecil, 1872

17. 1872-07-?? (Mrs Kings, Lawson Villa, Burgess Hill) regarding her daughter, Alice's, stay with Cecil, and arrangements for her return home.
- 'My dearest Cecil, I have a very kind interesting letter to thank you for which crossed mine to you. I have been waiting till I should be well enough (having been laid by some days with a severe cold and swelling in the face)' to write to you about plans for my dear Alice's return home. She does indeed seem as happy as possible with you and I feel very grateful for you thus helping her in her studies in [A] made it a happy as well as profitable visit for her, but she will shortly have been with you three weeks and I have as yet arranged nothing for the whens and hows of her journey. Augusta said you had spoken of paying a visit to [Shelford] before your husband's return, in that case you might perhaps let Alice accompany you thus far, or it might be arranged for her and Eva to travel up to London together if she is likely soon to be returning to her [mother]. Will you please let me know about this [] and tell my Alice to make a calculation in which you would kind help about which journey she will [write to me] to send her by P.S. order. Please thank her for her last nice letter and tell her to brush up her spelling, she need not be uneasy about me, as I am nearly well again. Bessie and I went for two days to friends here and were detained all the week till yesterday by my unfortunately face a sort of abscess or bad gumboil, which at last is in process of healing. We expect to stay out here till the 30th - next Friday week, and am thankful for this weather. I am writing so badly without spectacles and must to bed, please excuse a scribble your most loving [Henrietta] Wale]*
- I think that musical [tune] must have been daring for Alice. Will give Bessie's message of thanks to Alice for her last and she will write'.*

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IV. Letters from Alice Wale to her Aunt Cis, 1872

18. 1872-09-05 (Brighton) Thanking her aunt for having her stay, letting her know that she has arrived safely, and that Aunt Louisa looks very ill, and that her Mother is still unwell and also about Bessie's wedding gifts and Arian's wedding plans.
- 'I write to tell you of my safe arrival at home. I spent Tuesday night at Aunt Louisa's house, she is looking dreadfully ill. I would be very anxious about her if I were Eva. It seems so strange to be in the noisy Brighton again after my delightful stay with you, it was so kind of you to have me, dear Aunt. I am sure I enjoyed myself very much indeed.*
- Mamma is still very weak though she is much better than she was. I was never told how very ill she had been.*
- I am going to hear dear Mr. Vaughan preach tonight I am looking forward to it so much. Bessie has been showing me some of her numerous Wedding presents, she has certainly a beautiful set. We have discovered that the spoon Ethel gave her is real gold, so it is much more precious than I thought. The wedding is to be on the 3rd of October. [Arian's] wedding will not be till March, which I think a great pity. Please give my love to Miss. Lawrence and if you see Eda [Beauchamp's] will you remember me to her. Goodbye dear Aunt, I remain your very affectionate niece,
Alice Wale Please excuse this dreadful scrawl'.*

4pp



19. 1879?-07-07 (Birchwood, Burgess Hill) Thanking her for her letters and giving some family news, *'we are all well and blooming here'*.

'Mother begs me to write and thank you very much for your letter which I ought to have answered before. We are spending a few days at Burgess Hill which is very nice, and I think the change will do mother good. I am very glad to hear you are going to Bessie, it will be so nice for her having you. They are all well and blooming here, it is so nice seeing them. Bob sends his love. What horrible weather we are having. I wonder if it will ever clear up. Mothers (Henrietta) eyes do not seem to be making much progress, I think she ought to see another oculist. I hope you are feeling pretty well, dear Aunt Cis...'

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V. Letter from Adelaide Wale to [her cousin] Cecil, 1872

20. 1872-08-23 Asking about fishing rights on the Lawrence estate on behalf of a friend who will be in the Ballinasloe area shortly and is interested in fishing, also telling her about her and Adelaide's [her daughter's] stay in Wales to enable Adelaide convalesce, and tells about their daily activities, and other family news.

'I want you to be kind enough to answer me a question and that is do you know if there is any fishing on the [Lawrence's] Estate and if so can leave to fish be obtained by the [Agent] by payment or is it all private. My reason for asking is that James Williamson and his wife are going over to Ballinasloe in September on a visit to my cousins. [So] [] James is very fond of fishing I do not know if he cares much as to whether there are many to catch, but the out door employment is very thing to Him after so many months hard work in London; and he would like to know what hopes there may be of fishing before he starts in order to provide accordingly, and I ventured to feel sure you would tell me about it if you could.

We are so much enjoying Wales and have been here some weeks, Adelaide not being at all well, the doctor decreed her to go to [some place where without fatigue she could spend whole days out of doors. We have very tiny little lodgings but such lovely weather that doors and windows stand open night and day so that size is no consequence. Charlie is with us which we are very glad of, and it was nice for him when [Horace] and [Arian] were here also, they left yesterday to our great regret but Charlie always seems content to make himself pleasant and studies most of the mornings, then we hire a pony for Adelaide and myself to ride by turns and as Russian is a good [walker] we manage a respectable distance every day. To-day is rather close and feels like thunder in the air. Have you heard of [Arian's] engagement, he has written I believe to announce it to all the family? He seems very happy about it and is now at Cheltenham with Miss Crawford. Thorpe Belle will be pleased and in true [] of the lady



as Arian has been like an eldest son to her. The [little] [drain bank] to this place is that from day to day it is very doubtful if there will be any [decrease] to be had so that it is the more acceptable if you all get it, the supply is sometimes [] Indeed, Alice [I think] is with you still. Our [kind] [love] to her. [] heard from Bessie the other day, she says something about the 6th of Oct for her wedding but that is Sunday so I conclude it will be an [earlier] day as Charlie says she must be in [Ch] the 8th of the month. I wish the distance from [Wa] (where we think of spending the winter) to Brighton was not so great as it makes a long journey there and back. We are [all] going out to write, love believe me, Yours affectionately Adelaide Wales'.

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21. 1872-09-05 with family news and about the lucky escape Ethel and Alice had when Alice was thrown from the carriage, and also writes about Augusta's health.
- 'My dear Cecil, Thanks very [kindly]. I have sent your kind message on to my sister and told her to write about and tell you about the shooting. I hardly know if James shoots. I know it must be many years since he did so having given up going into Yorkshire. What an escape of Ethel and Alice, how terrible for poor Alice to see Ethel thrown out and the carriage pass over her, a [signal] [] indeed that she was not killed, but she is rather rash in the [animals] she drives, but would feel courage. Your [donkey] expeditions amused us very much and the great courage shown by all, the poor [donkey] must have wondered what you all thought he was [bent] [on] doing. Charlie Wale reminds us often of you on the [day], he likes a story and quickly see the ridiculous side of a thing. I suppose you do not intend to go to the [first] wedding, [even] leaving home in the year is I suppose all you can think of doing. Augusta is kindly going to take us in, which is for her [] with Bessie, and to Spain and her county visit has been so spoilt by pain with her teeth. Charlie says the very least [thing] [or] excitement is always too much for her and she is not capable of taking things quietly at any time. He quite expects she will be ill when it is all over. I do hope [Blau] will go to a day school this winter and that will give her quiet mornings with only Henrietta at home. With love from all believe me always your affectionate Adelaide Wale ...'*

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VI. Letter from [] (Niece) of Cecil, 1872

22. 1872-09-06 (Little Shelford) with family news, and asking if Alice is still with her aunt, and about upcoming weddings, and a feast at her school.

'My dear Aunt Cis, I should think you must think that we have forgotten all about you as we never write, I know we are very lazy so I won't make any excuses but try to make up by a long letter now. Well to begin with, papa and Mildred are at [Gortsmouth] staying with Mr. [Fichlin] at Shaftesbury House, Nightingale Road, Southsea. They went there last Friday for a ball in the assembly rooms, it was to have been on board H.M.S. [Excellent], but to Mildred's disappointment they had it in the rooms instead. Georgie, [H'reda] & Robin are at Hunston under Ann's care, so Fanny, Anna and I are at home alone and as the house is in a chronic state of clean we are driven from room to room. Are Eva and Alice still with you if so please give them my love and tell Alice we hope to see her here before she goes home, perhaps she might come here and go on to Brighton with Papa and Fanny. I believe the wedding is settled for the fourth of October, papa is going to stay with Aunt Augusta. Perhaps Eva may be glad to here (sic) that she is related in a very round about way to Mr. Cardwell for we know a Mr. Hodgins who is a nephew of Mr. Cardwell's and first cousin to the De la Touches. Were you not glad to hear of [Arnines] engagement so many people we know are going to be married and even Father Hyacinth has caught the matrimonial fever. I wonder if his wife will be called Mother Hyacinth? I suppose you have heard that Horace is made Captain and I am afraid has to go out to India again. When Alice was here she went to a school feast which was the first of a ceries (cis), for we have had all together six feasts in our grounds within two months. The largest we had was about a month ago. 1500 parents and 700 parents came from Cambridge, at about four on Thursday morning altogether it was raining hard about 50 teachers both male and female, but mostly undergrads came over and cut bread and butter, at nine o'clock eight came in to breakfast, at twelve o'clock it cleared up and was beautifully fine all the time they were here, the children came by train at two and the infants drove in vans from Camb. at five all the parents came. We had a great many undergraduate friends here because one of the Sunday schools is taught entirely by undergrads, so we so we had great fun in helping to amuse the children. The tea was made first in a barrel and then strained off into a large bath this shape (small image drawn) where it was mixed with milk and sugar. I hope Uncle Lawrence is quite well. I believe next week I am to meet Mildred in London and go with her...'

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VII. Letter from [Tea] (niece) of Cecil, 1872

23. 1872-10 (Montpelier Crescent, Brighton) Writing about Bessie's wedding.
- Monday *My dear Aunt Cis, We have sent you off a piece of Bessie's cake and Aunt Etty having a bad [], I am writing to you instead.*
- The wedding went off beautifully. No one cried but an old [pew] [opener] who howled hysterically and almost upset Bessie. She looked very pretty having a high colour so I suppose we all had, as some one was overheard to say of Alice as the b. (bride) maids passed "At last comes one who isn't painted".*
- We have had a joyful meeting altogether and I like Mr. Moore so much he is quite fitted for Bessie and will make her happier than any one I know.*
- Henrietta and I walked first then Louisa Whately and [Fanny], [Missy] and Minna. Alice and [Bunny] all in white and blue and veils. Uncle Harry made a very nice speech and proposed [absent] friends [while] he said we were the most united family he knew – which is certainly the case. Mr. Pope and Mr. E. Whately married them.*
- Cecil, [], Martin, Gordon, [Dill], [W]. Allen and Charlie were our young men.*
- Uncle Richard and Aunt Augusta and Johnnie came to the breakfast but not to the Church – and the other boys came later. Malcolm [White] was also here and Mr. M. Dill. Today Charlie and [] have just gone off and we are very [flat]. O so flat. Aunt Etty has heard twice from Bessie who seems very happy. She is to be in Paris for a week before she starts for Spain. The day after the wedding we all, we cousins I mean, went for a walk on the beach and all got photographed together. I will bring it when I come to see you. I am so glad dear Aunt Cis that you can take me in for a day or two. I think the time I should like to come would be about the second week in November if that would suit you but I can't quite tell till I know when I go to [Coughaen____]'.*

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IX. Letters from [J E D'arcy], sister of Cecil, 1873

See also /34

24. 1873-01-02 [Lansdowne] Wishing her a Happy New Year and writing about domestic matters and a recent family dinner, and offering advice on house removals.

'My dear sister Cecil

I was on the point of writing to you to wish you a Happy New Year when your 2 letters arrived just now. So I hasten to do the first in answering the 2nd and as briefly as may be. 11 people to feed in the dining room, and 6 in the kitchen and my invalid always requiring me, give me enough to [thunder] about especially as the ways and means are still to be considered by me, and all is on my shoulders now!. Our good clergyman at my village church St Mark's which I still [trudge] , when I can as liking it best it is out beyond Treaford Lodge gave us our New Year's motto – "We can do all things thro Christ who [] me' and I may well strive to keep that in mind. My dear I wish you and your husband all happiness, prosperity in your grand [charge] and domiciles, and in all which the New Year [will] have in store for you.

We drank your [uncle's] health and brothers and sisters etc at our family dinner yesterday, and I really [] great year to your nephews afterwards, [you go] to fulfil a [duty] in [having] on your own land and he will no doubt prove the right [thing] and be [help] to you about the removal by van – we only once did it, as [Swindon] furniture was all than off our hands at a valuation as at [] the Cromptons.

We employed Monsell, a man who is here to remove our [Spetous] furniture – they undertook it all and it was a large concern, larger than yours could be as we had 11 beds and all belonging to them in furniture, with the contents of Dining, Drawing Room, Library!! And Dove House [] [].

The cost of all was 60£ and wonderfully little I thought. Monsell, sent his vans, two I believe, and his men, they took down every thing themselves and transported it all to this house and put it into the house, very [] [] - I must say but still it was put in and we had only to sort it afterwards. I can't suppose that yours as a small house can possibly require more than one van – but you can trust to them, they will judge for you, if you tell them how many rooms etc. It is quite worth while, as far as England is concerned I cannot say about Ireland but 60£ included all expenses and very small damage was received by anything.

I would always consider that it answered - they do not pack up things, they hang them up in closets in their vans and pack them in the van as in a box. I do not know of 'Taylor' but no doubt he is as good as any when they advertise, I suppose this man has been recommended to you.

No time for more now but I do hope you will get a good sum for your [woollen] at least – how your accounts have varied [about] or Mr English's man failed you then [].

We are all wishing you a happy New Year so adieu adieu. I wish I had time to write about Louisa and her 'manifestations'. I am sorry she is so taken with them, Your affectionate sister ...

I should like to hear Mr Lawrence's view on [spiritualities] - mine are nearly quite settled.'

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25. 1873-07-22 Regarding Louisa's 'bad spirits', and about her beliefs in the afterlife, regarding her recent travels to London, Sussex and Derbyshire, and her domestic arrangements for the coming season, as she is unable to afford to keep the house unless it is let, and also updating Cecil on family news.

'My dearest Cecil,

I have got a letter to enclose from Augusta so I must not delay but this heat [rather] prostrated one – and so I may be obliged to write but a short letter with the enclosure. It is part and parcel of the old story which Louisa told me and I believe told you some months ago, in which the [she] had [had] communication from [your] [mother] [etc] and my [answer] to Louisa was almost word for word what Augusta says - so I hope as we are agreed we may together make some impression on Louisa's mind – and she be [induced] to give up having to do with [these] [bad] [spirits].

I myself am wishing that I could regain what used to be a favourite thought and hope with me = namely that the spirits of our departed ones are not in abeyance – till the last great day – [but] [pass] at once into the presence of God and are happy angels – tho not having quite received their final doom or destiny. I can't give my [self] that comfort now but incline more to [entertain] the idea that the spirits with the body are "at rest" – like the profound sleep of children – when they go to bed to awake next day – as tho it had been but a minute.

It was more consolatory to think of it as in the first idea – but of course as to ourselves when our own death comes – it will be all the same – "a thousand years will be but as one day" – and we shall sleep to wake, as but in a moment.

Neither Whately nor my commentary that I can see – nor ones own reading of scripture can decide – it remains a moot point – and so doubtless God intended it to be.

How very sudden and so far awful has been the deaths of the [B] of [Wimkestry] I believe him to be his dear good old [Father's] good son – and if in some points mistaken – not in any way to [endanger] his acceptance = so I only say awful – as all sudden calls home must be – but a very [respectful delightful] death'.

I want to hear again from you; if you have so little house-keeping or Parish work, as you say, why so few letters to those by whom they would be so appreciated?

I have been away 4 or 5 weeks, and have been returned a fortnight – London, Burgess Hill (Sussex), London again, Sunny Hill (Derbyshire), those were my visits - now we are (Isa & I) going to stay till the autumn and then I shall try and let this house for 6 or 12 months and go [just] to London for 3 months or so and then abroad.

I cannot afford to leave this house unless I can let it, but as far as income goes I have every thing left to me, just the same as it was in my dear husband's lifetime.

How are you enjoying yourself? And is the sale going on? And are you liking or [having] the hot weather [set] in this week with us?

Fanny & Mildred are just leaving us to meet Adelaide and her girls and little Robin & Anne tomorrow at St. Catherine Dock's, and all going to join Robert and the 4 other girls at [Coblenty].

I have Reginald and Cecil with me and Sherlock is at [__ford] Lodge spending his last week or so here packing up his books and pictures, he has sold [that] house and will be free to go where he pleases. Horace is still at [Thoeburgness] and has been very much of an invalid lately, he and Mary [Willis] are coming this way in August; we may make some little excursion together into Wales.



*Harry is at Ipswich working at his engineering.
Arian & Janet going aboard for August & September for their honeymoon, they are now
at Wimbledon and will settle themselves in a house there.
Augusta's house is so nice, and she herself wonderful as to strengths and health, tho
she taxes it, in a way which is quite harmful.
She has got a nice Miss Taylor now for the girls, I only hope she will keep her, they are
a beautiful family, but too uproarious for comfort as they now are, at Sunning Hill all
was as ever and very pleasant it was to be with the [] girls and old Malcolm who is not
altered much, tho of course his age must tell somewhat.
Now adieu with Isa's & boys love to Aunt Cis, your very affectionate [J ..]
and remember your husband!!*

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E. Denise Lawrence¹²

I. Copy Correspondence, [1878]

26. 1878?-01-25
(1877-10-21) Copy letter from to Denis to his brother, 'My Dear Charles', regarding the proceedings in the Court of Chancery, explaining what has occurred up to then and writes to '*...confirm my set of facts which cannot be refuted and in doing so I will recall your recollection to the time I applied to you for [address] and assistance at an early stage of the proceedings ...*' (p1) and so he appointed a Solicitor to '*...see how I stood in regard to the settlement of 1848 and the '64 Deed, for up to this time I was under the impression that if the Plaintiffs obtained a decree all would benefit*' (p2). Upon returning to Dublin (from England) in 1877 his Solicitor advised him to make an affidavit which the Solicitor '*...thought would satisfy Plaintiffs and place me in a proper position*', (p2) he swore the Affidavit and returned it to his Solicitor (Perritt) so as to be filed on 24th October. However it was not filed until 14th January and '*...this delay was caused by your Solicitors asking for an extension of time and which he got*'. (p2). He doesn't understand why Charles '*...should fall out with*' him, and '*...you told me that I should act on my own responsibility, and did not want to prejudice my case, I have done just as you told me, and you are not now pleased. I think it well that you should know these few facts. I now leave you to judge of them as you think best. It is not an easy matter to explain fully all these facts in paper, particularly as I am a very poor writer. Excuse me for writing on this paper as I had no large letter paper at hand*' (p3) (25 January [1878]).

Includes two enclosures, a copy of a letter from C. L. Perrott to Denis Lawrence, (Royal Hotel, Cavan) enclosing an affidavit '*...for you to swear tomorrow*' (1877-10-21) and copy of letter from [D] Lawrence to Russell advising that he had '*...carefully read over the draft affidavit, also Bill etc, the latter has greatly assisted me in recalling to my recollection the proceedings of the years '63 and '64. I have marked some of the principal objections. I wish to be candid with my brother, this is the first opportunity that has offered, and the first time he has asked for any information in regard to the Suit. Paragraph 8 is in direct contradiction to what took place previous to the execution of the Deed. This was "coercion pressure and undue influence used to induce" my brothers and sisters who were then residing at Lisreaghan to execute the Deed of '64. My brother Charles was at this time in England*'. (1877-03-19)

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¹² Brother of Rev Charles Lawrence



II. Letter from Charles Perrott, Solicitor (Chambers, 58 Dame Street, Dublin) to Charles Lawrence, 1882

27. 1882-02-03 Advising he had another letter from Lawrence's his brother, Denise, advising that he has not been paid the interest, that he had written to Lawrence so often but received no reply, and that now has asked him (Perrott) to take proceedings, who advises that he will have to do so unless he is paid the full amount of interest due.

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F. Reverend Charles Lawrence

I. Family & Personal Records



i. Correspondence between Henry Lawrence and his Brother, 1874 - 1891

28. 1874-04-16 Covering letter from Henry (Lisreaghan, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe) to Lawrence enclosing a proposal from Michael Brennan, *'I enclose you Michael's Brennan's proposal exclusive of the wood. Denis and I consider it fair under the circumstances. Have his agreement drawn at once, put in cutting and drawing of the timber sold to Messrs Dimmoet & Co.'*
2pp
29. [1874]-04-19 Letter from Henry to 'Charlie' in relation to a letter and telegram received, and delays in decision making regarding offers to lease property as Charles has not given Henry authority to act on their *'...own responsibility'*.
'Denis and I both consider Brennan's proposal a fair one. You could not [expect] rent for the woods where the timber is lying', and 'There is a great loss of time writing backwards and forwards. You have not ordered me to act on my own responsibility so you cannot blame me. I got this invoice from Kennan & Son yesterday & brought the goods. I had better tell you the [] is just out. Madden goes to town tomorrow and will see you. Be careful as to what you will do about [Curley] he may propose to take your land at another figure and again break off. Should I get anything like a fair offer I shall take it and send it up for your approval. You ought to get it again [] []'.
4pp
30. 1874-04-20 Covering letter from [Henry] to Lawrence concerning an offer from Patsy Brennan for the Long Park and Orchards, advising *'I enclose you an offer from Patsy Brennan for the Long Park and orchards. Denis and I consider it a fair rent, let me know by return of post if you will accept of him. Also tell me will you accept of Michael Brennan's proposal'*.
Include letter of offer from Patrick Brennan, Ballinasloe proposed to pay £1.6 an acre for the land in question.
2 items/ 3pp
31. 1891-10-?? Letter from Lawrence to Henry stating *'Dear Henry, I have broken the first joint of the thumb of my right hand, and after two or three attempts to answer your letter I had to give it up. My Agent Mr. Mahon is in Typhoid fever in Bath and all business for the present suspended. His Manager writes to me that the Cheques have been forwarded to Bath and are still there awaiting signature, I know how much you and the dear Sisters are in want of your Interest but we none of us can account for what a day may bring forth, Your affectionate brother, ...'*.
2pp



ii. *Letter from John [Henry], to his Brother, 1852*

32. 1852- 10-08 To 'My dear Brother', 'I received your note with its enclosure this [morning], and I put it into the hands of [the] agent of the Bank ofwho kindly consented to collect it for me but it has 3 days of [grace] yet after which you may look for a letter of credit at the National Bank Loughrea for the [pounds allowing] one day additional for sum being from Ballinasloe to this [trusts]. I am very glad you have had so good and cheering an account from Peter. I trust you will,...Isabella had a most kind letter this morning from the Dowager Lady & she says she will do every thing in her power to get [] appointment for her early next year. She [] is indeed a good friend'.

4pp

iii. *Letter from Kate Clark to [her brother]*

33. n/d Advising that she received his letter and '...sent your letter to the Square, it would have been better to have written to Henry in answer to his letter'.

1p

iv. *Letter from J.E. D'Arcy [sister-in-law], 1881*

See also /24

34. 1881-04-20 (36 Netherwood Road, Bessington W) telling him about Louisa's engagement, and offering words of sympathy on his return home following his wife, Cecil's death.

'My dear Charles, I was just going to write to Mrs. Moore to know where you were then I heard this morning from [Liby] Blake that you had returned to Lisreaghan, I wished to tell you a piece of news, you will be glad to hear that Isabel is engaged to be married to [D] [Drury] he is [a] very good preacher in Birmingham. We all knew him some years ago in Galway when he was in College and we have every reason to think well of him. The marriage is not to take place for a few months and we are all please God going [over] to [Waterston] again for a short time.

I would like greatly to see you again.

I feel the trial to you now returning to Lisreaghan must be very bitter, the Lord alone can in mercy give you comfort. Fanny and Isabel join in love to you my dear Charles.

[] Yours affectionately J E D'arcy'.

4pp

v. *Letters from Peter Lawrence to his Brother, 1882 - 1892*

35. 1882-04-18 (On headed paper from the *Office of Dr. P. Lawrence. No. 235 North Sixth Street, Brooklyn, N.Y*) Asking him to send the half years interest due '*...as I am sadly in need of it*', and he is up-to-date on Irish affairs as he is a constant reader of the papers from County Galway and is '*...glad to see that you are surrounded by such a faithful, peaceable and law-abiding tenantry!! Who pay their rent cheerfully*'. '*Is it true that you had to evict four (4) of them last December: but what about that so long as you escaped the fate of other Landlords who for committing like acts were cruelly shot down like dogs*'. He ends with a post script 'WRITE, WRITE to me'.
- 2pp
36. 1887? Letter from Peter to Lawrence acknowledging receipt of money.
- 1p
37. 1887-08-01 (7 Nun's Island, Galway) Asking him to let him have the £10 which is still due to him as he is '*...truly in want of it. I have never yet acted, and by God's blessing never will act, towards you otherwise than in a manly and straight forward manner*'.
- 3pp
38. 1887-08-10 (7 Nun's Island, Galway) Asking for the £10 as he is '*...sorely pressed for it. Dear Charles, I wrote to you in the early part of last week for the £10 less Income tax still due to me but as you have evidently forgotten to answer my letter and as am sorely pressed for it; I now trust you will kindly forward it to me by return of post and much oblige your affectionate brother, Peter Lawrence*'.
- 3pp
39. 1887-08-13 (7 Nun's Island, Galway) Advising that the present which Lawrence promised to send would be '*...a very acceptable on just now*' and wishing him a '*speedy issue out of your present difficulties*' and advising that his mind is at rest regarding payment of the balance still due to him which he '*...can now and do count on getting about the time you say*'.
- 4pp
40. 1892 Stating '*Your presents would, if my Interest was paid be most beneficial to me but if they be used by you as a pretext for withholding my interest they are more of an [insult] than a service*'.
- 3pp



41. 1892-01-30 (Beach Avenue, Galway) Advising that Mahon has not answered any of his letters for sending the 2nd ½ years interest although '*...he has paid the other members of the family*', and '*You informed me that you told Mahon that in point of humanity I should be first paid. I cannot understand what that fellow means by treating me thus.*
I have been laid up all Winter from my kidneys and am unable to procure nourishment for want of money.
On my estimation Mahon is not much either as a agent or a gentleman, this is the 2nd time I have written to you on this subject and I hope it will be the last'.

7pp

vi. *Letter from Georgina Lawrence (Peter's Daughter) to her Uncle, 1892*

42. 1892-01-21 Asking him to fill up the '*...enclosed form and return it to Pa as soon as you can. Papa has been very ill for the last two weeks, the weather here is very disagreeable*'.

2pp

vii. *Letter from Henry John Wale¹³ to his [brother-in-law], 1882*

43. 1882-01-13 (25 Bath Road, [Ber__] Park, Chiswick, England) advising he has a cheque for him and wishes to know where to pay it into, and also inquires about Lawrence's affairs with his tenants, '*I write these few lines knowing not where it may find you. I shall much like to hear how you and your tenants get on []. Do you see a chance of [order] being restored [to] unhappy Ireland?*'

Omitting to address Charles initially as Reverend he wrote '*I beg your pardon....I was thinking of you as a Landlord.*'

2pp

¹³ (1827 - 14th March 1892) was an English author, soldier and church minister. He came from Little Shelford near Cambridge and the son of General Sir Charles Wale. He was the tenth and youngest son of Major General Sir Charles Wale and his third wife Henrietta Brunt. He was admitted to Magdalen College, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, on 9 December 1857. He was a Lieutenant in the 15th Hussars 1845-51; Scots Grays, 1854-7. Ord. deacon (Salisbury) 1861; priest, 1862; C. of Holy Trinity, Weymouth, 1861-63. C. of Ringwood, Hants., 1863-5. R. of Folksworth, Hunts., 1865-78. Organising Secretary, S.P.G., dio. of Rochester, 1881-92. Married Caroline, daughter of Edward Prest, of York, and had issue: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_John_Wale

*vi. Letters from Otto Boeddicker¹⁴, Parsonstown¹⁵ to Lawrence, 1887*

44. 1887-04-26 Advising that it may be the end of May before they can visit again, and writing about family history and antiques.
- 'Dear Mr. Lawrence, We were very glad indeed to hear from you; we have been thinking much of you and your home, especially during the fine days – but I am afraid that before the end of May there is no possibility of my getting away – not even for one night – as the observing is still carried on on every available occasion. I got from Lord [Roper] the history of his father's picture which I will write down to paste on its back perhaps, but I did not get His Lordship to write on it himself, I shall, however, try again. I should like very much to have the picture you picked up. There is very little in the way of curiosities to be got now. I only got one old coin since – 1 or ½ groat¹⁶ of (I think) Edward 2nd's time – while I must show you next opportunity. Mrs Boeddicker sends her very kind regards, in which I join her most heartily'.*
- 4pp
45. 1887-11-07 Thanking him for recent letters, and also for the photograph of the Volunteer Gate.
- He writes, *'My dear Mr. Lawrence, Very many thanks for your kind letters and for the two Land Leaguers, which proved simply excellent and very much better than their reputation. Is not this weather at present dreadful? I cannot do anything at night but have as a compensation more to do in the daytime than I can well manage. We should be delighted to have a photograph of the Volunteer Gate. Would you care for a Bank of Ireland Token (6s) of 1809? If so I shall have much pleasure in sending it to you. I have a book which I think John would like to read "Gabriel Conroy". If he does not yet know it, I shall forward it also. Mrs Boeddicker sends her very kindest regards and thanks and I join her in both'.*
- 3pp

¹⁴ (1853 – 1937) was a German astronomer. He published drawings of naked-eye observations of the Milky Way in 1892, made over a period of six years. He also observed the Moon. In 1880 he became the astronomical assistant of Lawrence Parsons' 4th Earl of Rosse at Birr Castle, in Birr, county Offaly and remained in that position until the death of the Earl in 1908. He left for Germany in 1916 after being designated an enemy alien. <http://en.wikipedia.org>

¹⁵ Now called Birr, county Offaly.

¹⁶ Groat is the traditional name of an English silver coin worth four English pennies, and also a Scottish coin originally worth four pence, with later issues being valued at eight pence and a shilling.

*vii. Letters from George Blake to Lawrence, 1887-1891*

46. 1887-04-20 (Royal College of Surgeons) stating 'My dear Charles, As I think you don't see the Freeman (newspaper) I enclose a cutting with a Facsimile of the Parnell letter'.

1p

47. 1891-12-05 (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin) to 'Dear Charles' stating that Miss Mahon's marriage appears in the Irish Times, and that he will forward the newspaper cutting to him, also that that he recently met a Mr Tweedy, a brother of Miss Mahon's husband, and that in the 'Thom's Directory of this year that No's 70 and 71 North King Street, Dublin are occupied by John Smith, timber merchant. The valuation is set down as £30'.

2pp

ix. Miscellaneous Notes, 1874

48. 1874 Partial note or letter from [] to [] stating 'With Elizabeth dearest's love to the four dear sisters at Liseaghean', and includes some quotes from the Bible (Psalms, Exodus and Romans). Also includes a colour print approximately 6" by 4" of a drawing of a scene in a bar where five men [bull fighters] are drinking wine and flattering two women. The print is headed 'Campuzano Bros.', and at the bottom 'Malaga'.

2 items / 2pp



II. Family History & Genealogy

i. Letters from the Dalys to Lawrence, 1885 - 1891

49. 1885-03-26 From Mary Daly (10 Eccles Street, Dublin) on behalf of her husband who wishes to thank Lawrence for the genealogy work he carried out for them.
- 'My husband, Mr Daly, has requested me to write you for him, as he is very busy, and to thank you for the perusal of the Daly genealogy, which he returns with some few alterations and additions, written on [] black sheets. It has proved most interesting to him, and enables him to go three generations further back than the pedigree made out for him by Sir Bernard Burke. He would be much obliged if you would let him know where the book you refer to is published. He desires his kind remembrance...'*
- Damaged: some missing text.
- 3pp
50. 1885-10-01 From [Mick Daly] (10 Eccles Street, Dublin) regarding family portraits and history, in particular about a portrait of the Rafor (Kiltullagh) Daly family, of Denis Daly dated 1755, when he was 79 years of age. The portrait was sent to Daly by Miss Bodkin of Anna, *'...possibly it is a copy of the one sold at Mr D'Arcy's auction'*, and stating that he would be happy to see Lawrence when he is next in town to show him the original and photograph of the portrait., he also advises that Denis Daly of [Rafron] was the son of William Daly *'...and the father of Michael Daly my grand Father'*.
- 'Colonel Daly of Rafor [] [] I think several of the family portraits. My brother had at one time the portrait of my grand father Michael ...together Lady Anne Daly but they passed into the hands of my cousin Richard [John] Daly now in [Milltown]. I have also a photo of Lady Anne De Burgh Daly, daughter of Michael Earl of Clanrickard and wife of W Denis Daly of Rafor my great grand father. ...'*
- 4pp
51. 1885-11-07
(1807-03-24) Covering letter from Mary De Burgh Daly passing on copies of letters and information about family portraits.
- 'According to my promise I send you copies of Lord Clanrickarde's letters to Mick's Grandfather. I think they were first cousins, as well as I can make out. I also enclose a list of any portraits of the family that I know of. We have a photograph of the Right Hon. Denis Daly, father of the first Lord Dunsandle, taken from a painting in possession of Lady Laura Grattan. Mick forgot to show it to you when you were here. I think it is very like Arthur, Mick's eldest son. I must apologise for not sooner having sent you these letters, but day after day I intended copying them, but something always turned up to prevent my doing so. I hope you have been quite well since we had the pleasure of seeing you here, and that you will not forget to call any time you are in town. He shall always be pleased to see you. Mick is pretty well, but extremely busy, coming near Christmas is always an extra busy time at the office.'*



He desires his kindest regards to you in which I beg to join ...'

Enclosures include copy of letter from Clanrickarde, *'your very sincere and affectionate kinsman'* to Michael Daly (Clontarf, Dublin) *'after the death of Lady Johanna, (or Anne) Daly'*.

'Reluctant as I am to obtrude upon at so distressful a moment, as the present, yet the sincere interest which we feel in very matter connected with your happiness and welfare and that of your family, makes it impossible that we should withhold our unfeigned condolences on the melancholy event which has recently occurred. Be assured, my dear Sir, that our regrets were sufficiently strong, without the aggravation which they experience from the accounts which we receive respecting yourself and your brother.

We have, however, the consolation of expecting that when time shall have, in some degree, reconciled you to the loss which we deplore, that you will be restored to your accustomed good health and to the enjoyments which you derive at all time from the society of your numerous friends and relations.

Though we, my dear Sirs, are at present too far removed to profit from the claims which we naturally desire, by [ranking] ourselves as such, nevertheless we entreat you to believe that our best wishes ever attend you.

Lady Clanrickarde writes with me in affectionate regards and I remain...'

List of portraits of the Daly family and some additional information, such as *'Portrait of Lady Anne Daly, wife of Denis Daly, and daughter of Michael, 10th Earl of Clanrickarde'*, noting that *'These are all the old portraits I know of, Of course there are plenty of these of this generation'*.

3 items / 9pp

52. 1891-04-11 From Mick Daly concerning Daly family history and thanking Lawrence for the photographs.

'By yesterday's parcel post I received photograph of your house, Colonel Walter Lawrence and yourself, for which I am greatly obliged. We think they are beautifully pictured and does the photographer much credit. The history at the back of your Grandfather's picture is not quite correct and when I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again at 10 Eccles St. I will point out the corrections necessary to make. I left yesterday at Lawrences in accordance with my promise to you the photographs of my great grand father, Denis Daly of [Rafon], his wife my great grand mother Lady [] De Burgh and my great grand father Michael Daly and my grand mother Lad [] [] Daly and I directed the photographer to write to you on the subject. When you come again to Dublin I shall be greatly obliged by you bringing my great grand mother's [] with you. I should like to let my wife see it...'

3pp



ii. *Correspondence between Honourable L.G. Dillon¹⁷, Clonbrock, Ahascragh and Lawrence, 1892*

53. 1892 Letter from Lawrence to Dillon regarding a '*...flint lock duelling pistol*', which was found in a drain in Dublin with the inscription '*Earl of Roscommon*' on it. He writes that '*...you are no doubt acquainted with the history of the distinguished branch of your family. I feel it would be out of place in my cabinet of old armoury so long as there was one to be had bearing the time honoured and historic name of Dillon. Will you allow me to present to you*'.
2pp
54. 1892-01-14 – Letters from Dillon to Lawrence regarding the origins of the pistol, the Dillon family genealogy and its relationship to the Earls of Roscommon. He thanks
1892-01-29 Lawrence for his letter and advises that he '*...should much like to have pistol which you are good enough to offer me. Although the connection of our family with the Earls of Roscommon is a very remote one, it may be considered a family relic, and an interesting thing to keep. My Grandfather once attempted to procure his title to the Earldom just before the last man succeeded. He turned up suddenly his relationship to his predecessor I believe not being previously known, but in any case it was made quite clear that my Grandfather could not have made out his claim to it, in fact our genealogy book shows that the two branches separated somewhere about 1500. I wonder if it would be possible to trace to what Earl of Roscommon the pistol belonged, the make of it might give some clue.*'
Also letter of thanks for the '*...curious old pistol*' and for the '*elaborate*' case.
2 items / 6pp

iii. *Letter from [Charles Lawrence] to George*

55. n/d Advising that Mr Mahon '*...seems to be very anxious about the family Pedigree Books and thinks it strange that Mr Farnham Burke does not reply to his letter concerning them, it is possible the gentleman may be ill*', and asks him to write to Mr Burke to let him know how anxious the Mahons are about their books which are a '*...long time out of their hands*'.
2pp

¹⁷ Sir Luke Gerard 4th Baron Clonbrock (1834-1917), son of Robert Dillon, 3rd Baron Clonbrock, and Hon. Caroline Elizabeth Spencer; married Hon. Augusta Caroline Crofton July 1866. He succeeded to the title of 4th Baron of Clonbrock in 1893;
<http://www.thepeerage.com/p3729.htm#i37287>

*iv. Genealogy Notes*

56. n/d List of Names of aristocracy under different headings, such as Earls, Viscounts, Lords, and of individuals under place-name headings, such as Perth, Fyfe, Air, Berwick, and East Lothian. 2pp
57. n/d Notes on the genealogy and history of the Lawrence family and estate, and the examination of the Connaught Certificates. 2 items/3pp

III. Miscellaneous Records

58. 1893-07-14 – Letter from Adam Mitchell & Sons, Solicitor, Parsonstown (now Birr) to Lawrence attempting to arrange a meeting.
1893-07-15 Includes reply from Lawrence advising that he will meet Adam Mitchell & Sons, at Alts Hotel, Banagher. 2pp
59. 1930-10 Letter from Thomas Duff & E Glennon (Ecclesiastical Sculptor) to Lawrence advising of the death of its principal, Edmund Sharp, and that the business will be carried out as before under the direction of the joint proprietor Thomas Duffy.
Includes note on the reverse *'1892 Aug 6 [Lawrence paper] Hodges and Sons to T Downey Esq. Lawrencetown, Galway, will send quotations for brackets'*. 1p
60. 1930-10-14 Sales letter from Encyclopaedia Britannica to [] outlining the benefits of the *'book of wonders'*.
Includes rough note on the back noting that in 1892 John A Ford was Vicar to Rev. C. Lawrence. 1p



F. Estate & Family Trust Business for Revd. Charles Lawrence

I. Agent's Correspondence

- i. John J. Madden, (Cartron, Kilrickle, Loughrea)
a. Correspondence with Lawrence, 1872 - 1892

See also /188

61. 1872-01-07 Madden to Lawrence about [Hally] taking the trees, and updating Lawrence on various rent agreements, and other men who are looking for houses or land, and asking Lawrence's decision on these.

'I hope you are now better. I am very [] [suffering] from a severe cold.

I [see] [the] [order] for the [business] rent. [Hally] has brought the [trees] into [his] [yard]. I will deduct from his salary the value of the trees he allowed to be taken away. Mr Jones has not been in Galway for some time, a friend of mine is to write to me when he was there. I will then go see him. [I will] has noticed Mick Hynes of [Craughwell] that he is under rent [for] [interest] last. Then [] [Mr] [Bussill] has offered [nearly] £9 for the [b] house.

Connolly came to me previous to the [repairs] I brought him into Mr [] and he signed a consent, there now got possession of all the premises [which] [you] hold by the late [Malcolm] Connolly. I will see the rent safe to 1st [interest] last. I have left [John] White and Martin Gavin in the two houses as caretakers at 1 shilling per month, they are cash working [] tenants to the houses and plots they occupy. There is a [man] [John [] a small butcher from Eyrecourt, and a man named [King] looking from the houses also, M [Quirk] is looking for the field and Mr Connolly who says he has no place for a cow now although he has laid out a large sum in building on your property. It is for you to say what you wish to have done with them. Mr [Calahan] called on me to see you the [enclosed] letters. He also missed me, say that if you are satisfied to give [G 's] land to him, he will give whatever rent you [put] on it.

[I have] called on the [B] tenants, Mr [Holan] says £1.5 per acre is his rent. Martin Brennan the same. Mick Brennan says his father told him one [division] of his land was £1.12.6 another £1. gale another £1.5. J Madden had £1 per acre. I called at Mr Guinness several times. I [enclose] letter [] [] from him.

Old Mr [] read portions of your letter to me. Mr Walter Seymour told me his rent [] all the tenants himself. I have taken no [point] up to this in the election myself.

4pp

62. 1880-10-03 Madden to Lawrence advising that 'Patrick Brennan told me he wishes to see you. I intend going over today but am presented by another matter. [I] [got] no bill since I [and] [saw] [you]. I paid [] [farmer and will go over next week]'

1p



63. 1880-10-08 Madden to Lawrence *'I got your letter. I sent the [] to Mr [Lawrence] and rent [checks] to the Miss [Lawrences]. If you could get me £300 I would get you the [insurance] if you sign it'*.
1p
64. 1880-11
(1880-11-04) Covering letter from Madden to Lawrence enclosing a receipt for £16 from the Clergy Mutual Assurance Society for an annual premium for Assurance on Lawrence's life, and also advising that he hopes to call on Lawrence on Monday at around 12.00pm.

Includes receipt from the Clergy Mutual Assurance Society for £16 being annual premium payable for an Assurance upon Lawrence's life (No. 10309 Amount £500). (1880-11-04)
2 items / 2pp
65. 1881-06-28 Madden to Lawrence concerned with the payment of £7 to Mr. [Kelly]; *I went up to Mr [Reilly's] on Sunday. I paid him and [reduced] the bill £7. I paid Connor the poor rents. Miss [G] [] got the []'*.
1p
66. 1881? Madden to Lawrence asking him to have [tenants] *'pay up their bills'*.
1p
67. 1888-12-14 Madden to Lawrence advising he called on Mahon, but that Mahon had not yet got the bills, and asking Lawrence to sent them *'...at once'* and also states *'I think you ought to include all in the rental to him, and get the [] paid] otherwise you will only get into trouble'*.
1p
68. 1891-05-10 Madden to Lawrence concerning payments; *'I will thank you to get [Kelly's] [rent] paid £25 and Brennan's £25.15. You will [partly] able me to pay a half a year interest, there is a years due now'*.
1p
69. 1891-05-29 Madden Lawrence forwarding the address for Thomas Maher in Glasgow.
1p



70. 1891-11-05 Madden to Lawrence advising that he called on Mr Ewing, '*...who is in the receipt of your rents*', who told him that he had made arrangements to pay the premium on the Clergy Insurance Policy in due course '*...but to obviate any possibility of mistake you ought to write to him (Ewing) and refer him to the letter with copy of the rules which was sent him by Mr Matthew Hodgson, the Secretary for obvious reasons*'. He also expresses his surprise at information regarding the Scotch Company's loan '*I never read or saw their deed but I would be glad to have the name of the lawyer who thinks it can be impugned*' (p2), and with regard to the three half years interest now due to him he writes '*While I am willing to comply with your request I must ask you to fix the time when a payment will be made to me by whoever is in the receipt of the collection of your rents. Abusive language or wrong statements verbally or written are not a payment of a demand. I would be very sorry that anything should occur with that kind and good feeling which always existed between us. And had I been treated in the same manner as the other incumberancers' on your property – I never would complain but I do not think a gentleman ought to be allowed to bring in private [spleen] into the management of his principal's property and business matter*' (p3).
- 3pp
71. 1891-11-16 Madden to Lawrence advising that he had expected to hear from Lawrence with the name and address of his lawyer and asking when he could expect to receive a payment out of the '*...three half years interest now due to me. Mr Ewing informs me the premium has been paid to the Clergy Insurance Company*'.
- 1p
- See also /76 & /102
72. 1892-03-05 Madden to Lawrence advising he will do what he can to be of assistance. '*The Most Rev Dr Healy and my brother will be at my house to morrow at two o'clock, and if you wish you can consult with them*'.
- 2pp



b. Copy letter of sympathy from Lawrence to Mr Madden
(brother to John, deceased), 1892

73. 1892-05-06 Extending his sympathy on the loss of his brother, John,
'I have just been informed of the death of your brother (John), my esteemed friend and late Agent. The sad news arrived too late to admit of my attending the funeral today. Permit me to tender to you in this your hour of trial my respectful sympathy (sic) and condolence and without further intruding myself upon your grief allow me to remain, Very Truly Yours'.
- 1p

ii. *Madden's (Deceased Former Agent) Estate,*

a. Fred Sutton & Son (22 Harcourt Street, Dublin), Solicitors for Madden Estate, 1892

74. 1892-05-? Telegram from Lawrence to Sutton advising that *'Representative Madden has wired his Solicitors consent required'.*
- 1p
75. 1892-05-03 Sutton to Lawrence advising they forwarded to Mr Mahon their affidavit to be sworn by you with reference to his claim in Lawrence Estate.
- 1p

b. Correspondence between Dr John Healy¹⁸, [Bishop of Clonfert],
(Mount St. Bernard, Ballinasloe) to Lawrence 1892

See also no. /73, /102 /7 /108(a)

76. 1892-03-04 Healy to Lawrence regarding outstanding interest due, stating *'I was sorry to find that the action of our Solicitor in re the Mortgage put you personally to any inconvenience. The fact is that just about the time the assignment was made to us by Mr Madden, we, or rather he, got a notice from your Solicitor of certain proceedings in Dublin, the purpose of which we did not understand. So that in order to safeguard the interests of which we are trustees it was necessary to put the matter at once into the hands of Solicitors with instructions to take all necessary steps to safeguard our interests. I was also given to understand by our Solicitor that it would be well in the*

¹⁸ Archbishop John Healy (1841-1918), ordained priest 1867, Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert (1884–1896), Titular Bishop of Macra (1884– 1896), Bishop of Clonfert (1896–1903), Metropolitan Archbishop of Tuam (1903– 1918) <http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/bishop/bhealyj.html>



circumstances to get Mr Mahon to pay up the interest and that it would be for your advantage, as well as for our own.

I shall take an early opportunity of seeing Father Madden and I am sure that neither he nor I will be inclined to press you unduly in any way'.

3pp

77. 1892-05-07 Lawrence to Healy *'I have to again trespass on your kindness with regard to the mortgage on my property and would feel very much obliged if you would direct your Solicitor to support the application now before the Court viz that the Balance due on foot of my accounts be allowed out of rents instead of being charged on my mortgage and Life interest in the Estate otherwise I would be personally greatly hampered. I will also feel personally obliged if you would write to your Solicitors on receipt of this letter as the matter comes on before the court on Monday and your assistance will be of the greatest value to me. Neither the security nor the interest on your charge can be in any way affected. If you will kindly do this for me I shall feel forever obliged'.*

Includes certificate of posting of a registered postal packet to Rev Healy.

1p

78. 1892-05-09 Healy to Lawrence *'I could not be in time to write to my Solicitor yesterday. I am going to Dublin today and if possible I will try to see how the matter stands. I have already written to my Solicitors not to press you in any way unduly so far as I am concerned I can hardly do more'.*

2pp



iii. *George Kerr Mahon, (Ballydonlan, Loughrea, Agent & Receiver)
and Lawrence, 1890 - 1894*

79. n/d Note from Mahon to Lawrence listing individuals who '*...should pay at once*' and advising that the Secretary of the Grand Jury had told him he had paid the Courthouse rent to Lawrence. 1p
80. 1890-04-14 Mahon to Lawrence regarding the collection of rent from various tenants, namely '*P. Kilkenny, J. McLoughlin, Mr. Guina, J. Hoban, M. Brennan etc*'. 1p
81. 1891-05-05 Mahon to Lawrence asking what day the following week would suit to hold a (rent) collection, and says he hopes that certain people will pay at the Bank of Ireland on the 7th or 8th. 1p
82. 1891-06-29 Mahon to Lawrence trying to arrange a time to meet up. A post script states '*I also paid the poor rates to secure the notes*'. 1p
83. 1891-07-04 Mahon to Lawrence regarding notifications to tenants for the dates of next collections and advised that he has written to '*...parties mentioned about the proposed article for sale. I think when in town you should take the opportunity of calling on the Trustees of the new museum and see if they would purchase*'. 2pp
84. 1891-07-05 Mahon to Lawrence asking him to meet with him in Dublin after Lawrence's interview with Russell, and advising that he will be staying at Campbell's Hotel, 19 Molesworth Street. 1p
85. 1891-07-08 Mahon to Lawrence regarding a date for rent collection and ask him to '*...kindly have tenants all noticed for that day early*'. 1p
86. (1891-07-06) Covering letter from Mahon to Lawrence enclosing letter from Michael
1891-07-09 Falks, and regarding the removal and sale of artefacts, and the current price for silverware and other items, also regarding a payment made to Carson & McDowell (Solicitors for the Scottish Amicable Insurance Company) but they will require future payments.
'Dear Mr. Lawrence, I enclose you Mr. Falks letter – He states to me that he is personally acquainted with you and that a short time ago he had a conversation with you in his shop. Before leaving town I called on him and



stated to him how impossible it would be to move such valuable artefacts at your risk – that any purchaser should do so from Lawrencetown and he quite agreed with me – he has several customers and if he can negotiate a sale for you he will do so. I told him your Grandfather refused £6,000 for these busts which seemed to quite stagger him – personally he says he never buys such things but he does buy for his own business old plate, old silver and old China and he would with pleasure make it a days business to go down and inspect any objects of antiquity you may have for sale. I believe old Sheffield plated ware on copper is now considered valuable and any old silver goes up to 30^s/ an ounce. He showed me a lot of old silver £400 worth which he purchased from some nobleman and each fork was priced at £5. I also heard from the other party stating that they had forwarded my letter to the Nobleman for whom I act as agent and when reply comes in they will forward result. I had a letter from Carson & McDowell today acknowledging the £202 which I sent to close the matter for which they send receipt – this making 1½ years Interest paid but they now say no amicable settlement can be made unless the entire Interest is discharged – I am at a loss to know why the Scotch Company are so hostile to you. If they enforce this it will absorb the whole fund we have obtained to meet the other charges – I have written to the Company asking them to instruct Messrs. Carson & McDowell to withdraw the case’.

Includes letter from Michael Falks (32? Grafton Street, Dublin) to Mahon concerning the sale of an item, advising ‘*If you could kindly send the statuary to me I am sure to sell them, and if you say they are good and really old’.*

2 items / 7pp

87. 1891-07-11 Mahon to Lawrence stating the payment of interest to the Scotch Company and the urgent need for funds.
- ‘Dear Mr. Lawrence,
Messrs. Russell have written to say that the Scotch Co. must be paid the ½ yrs Interest due May last – this will absorb all the funds provided to meet other charges – I must impress upon you that it now lies on you to carry out this matter and I cannot impress on you too strongly the urgency of completing it – one moments conversation with Mr. MacDermott by your solicitors will ascertain whether he will lend the money or not and if he does not you must only try in another quarter. Please let me have reply the moment you hear from Messrs. Russell’.*

2pp

88. 1891-07-13 Letter from [George] to Rev. Charles Lawrence asking him to meet him at the Court House in Galway when the case ‘...will be on before Grand Jury. Kindly have a statement of townlands and area on which you wish presentment assessed’.

1p



89. 1891-08-12 Mahon to Lawrence advising that the Bank will not '*...discount the further £300 Bill and this leaves me without any funds towards paying the present pressing charges or the £150 Bill at Guinness's due in 3 days more*' and asks Lawrence to get in some money 'tomorrow', and advised he will send over the '*Estate cash accounts with vouchers for 1889 and 1890*'.
2pp
90. 1891-09 Copy of letter from [Lawrence] to Mahon advising he had hoped the charges would have been paid before the 20th, and advising Mr Russell was to have sent his acceptance to Mahon, but that Mahon's Clerk told Lawrence there was a mistake about the acceptance but that Mahon was in correspondence about it. He also advises that he never heard anything about Mr Madden's correspondence with Mr [] as mentioned in the letter ...nor did he hear from Mr Russell on the subject, he encloses Russell's last letter on another matter of some interest to the Estate.
4pp
91. 1891-09-16 Mahon (9 South Parade, Bath) to Lawrence that a '*Year family charge will be due on the 21st and no funds to meet it. Mr Russell was to have seen Mr [Lansdew] and replied to mine but tho' I have written to Mr Russell I can get no reply up to this. I wrote again today. What are [you] going to do? I am here for one week more*'.
2pp
92. 1891-10-19 Lawrence to Mahon regarding the Scotch Deed of Mortgage saying it is '*...thought advisable that a Judicial declaration should be at once obtained as to who the parties are who are entitled to this money. If it should turn out that I am legally entitled to it then a Loan of four thousand pounds on first charge at four and a quarter per cent would pay off the Scotch companies reduced charge of four thousand pounds which would ease the Estate of a considerable amount of interest. The Lendor will also lend on my own Deed of five thousand. About twenty years ago my then Solicitors Messrs Flood & Russell were of opinion that the reduced portion of the Scotch mortgage then about a thousand pounds, had become mine under the Will of my brother John*'.
4pp
93. 1891-10-22 Copy of letter from Lawrence to [Mahon's Manager] stating '*Dear Sir, I was very sorry to hear from a Lady friend who was staying at East Wall that Mr. Mahon was more seriously indisposed than I understood from you when last here. In consequence of his illness and absence from home perhaps it would be well if you would on Mr. Mahon's behalf write me such a letter that I could forward to the persons claiming Interest on the children's portion for time and forbearance. I [registered] a letter the other day to Mr. Mahon*'



thinking he was in Ballydonlan expressing a hope that the money was on its way to my sisters and brothers as I understood you to say that the £200 collected might be lodged in the Provincial Bank and Cheques drawn thereon to meet the family charges. Will you please send me the letter asked for above which I will forward to Dublin to my family which I trust will [induce] them to stay [proceedings], Believe me, Faithfully yours, C.L.'

2pp

94. 1891-11-17 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Mahon inquiring about his health and informing him that he is returning the two four shilling stamps received from Mr. Ewing, and advises that he has '*...between money and sound bills representing cash to the amount of about £158*', and asks if Ewing could come to collect it. He advises that the Judge gave him one month to pay two £25, and also that Mr Connolly, Post Master '*...begs time till the 5th of December, the fair of Loughrea as there was no sale for his cattle at the previous fair*' (p2), and ask that Mr Ewing send his thoughts on '*...some points relative to the Scotch Deed of Mortgage*'.
95. 1892-01-16 - Mahon to Lawrence marked private asking for '*...all tenants Bills available for rent at once. The grass tenants to November 1892 as they have already past their Bills to May '92 and all solvent tenants for yearly rents to Nov '91 (one). Has Mr Ewing held a rent collection year?*
- 1892-01-19 Copy reply from Lawrence to Mahon advising that he had posted to Mahon, at Ballydonlan rather than to Dublin, 12 bills signed and endorsed for the occupying tenants on Friday, and that there are four other grass holding tenants who have not signed for the coming May rent, and that the tenants are being '*..warned to attend*' on Saturday.
96. 1892-02-11 Copy covering letter from Lawrence to Mahon enclosing T Kelly's bill signed and endorsed, and asking if Mr Ewing would be available to meet to '*...talk over certain matters as you suggested*', and makes particular reference to Scotch Co., and Mr Russell's advise on the matter; '*...to bring the parties into court and there fix definitely their claim to priority*'.
97. 1892? Part letter from Mahon to [Lawrence] stating he was obliged to attend '*...the dying bed of my poor Mother who is gradually sinking. We can rejoice in one way in her prefect peace of mind and trust in her Savour, it is a blessed thing to see and hear from those so near the Dark Valley, entering therein with him who died to make us good*'.

3pp

4pp

2pp

1p



See also /204.

98. 1892-01-26 High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Lands Judges Notice that Lawrence's Counsel will apply for an order '*...that the Receivership Deed which has been prepared between the said Owners, of the one part, and his Agent George Ker Mahon, ...may be sanctioned and thereupon the petition in this matter do stand dismissed*'. 1p
99. 1892-02-02 Mahon (Killereeny, Ballinasloe) to Lawrence advising him of his whereabouts and suggesting they arrange to meet. 2pp
100. 1892-02-06 Mahon to Lawrence regarding his previous letters and Draft of Receiver Deed and also the £380 due at the Provincial Bank of Ireland. 4pp
101. 1892-02-07 Mahon (Killereeny, Ballinasloe) to Lawrence, advising he is on the '*...look out for a respectable family for the Gate House at Ballydonlan*', and asking if he could recommend someone. In his absence from '*...home all the windows in Gate House have been smashed*' (p3). Also '*My clerk could call over and see you as I think I should know how things at present are*' and requests a meeting. 3pp
102. 1892? Rough notes [perhaps draft of reply to letter with queries] where Lawrence recounts details of some payments and arrears, stating for instance, '*On the Rental & Arrears so furnished there are no cases of tenants owing further arrears than those furnished and therefore none for the Receiver to collect rent on*'(pp2-3), and '*Mr Maxwell's clients are well secured – they should be the last to give me any trouble on the Estate & give me every support – they hold duplicate security of my life insurance policy which really should have been handed back to me by Late Mr Madden and indeed a large portion of this charge is made up of advance by Mr Madden (my late agent) to pay charges which should not have been paid by me at all when Estate funds were not sufficient...*'(pp4-5). 6pp
103. 1892-02-11 Copy letter from Lawrence to Mahon regarding a Draft Receiver Deed, and other Bills which he is forwarding on.
(1892-02-04 - 1892-02-07) Attachments include a notification from the Provincial Bank of Ireland to Lawrence advising that his Acceptance to Mahon in their hands for £380 is due for attention on 12th (1892-02-04), and copy letter from Lawrence to



Russell requesting the '*...benefit of your help till the first of May in the in the matter of the £380 Provincial Bank now due we will see the matter all right at that time*' (1892-02-07).

3 items/4pp

See also No. /72, /76 & /77

104. 1892-02-19 Mahon to Lawrence regarding the estate, advising the Judge's decision. He advised he '*...had a letter [yesterday] from Messrs Maxwell & Weldon re Madden charge, now vested in the R.C. Bishop Healy & Rev J Madden, for 1 + ½ years [] I directed my clerk to send same to Messrs Russell & replied to Messrs Maxwell saying that there were no funds at present to credit of estate but that as soon as I could reach them I would make them a remittance. If under the new Deed all parties could be forced to wait it would be a large gain to the Estate, saving so much discount, on advances*'.
4pp
105. 1892-02-23 Lawrence to Mahon advising that he has received a '*...further notice from the Provincial Bank about the £380 Bill and I fear from its tone the Bank will at once have a writ issued against you and Messrs Russell and myself if it is not settled. You did not say if you sent Messrs Russell the bill I sent you signed to cover this £380. I have asked them several times if they had arranged with the Provincial but they will not reply and it will be most unfortunate and put you to very heavy cost if a writ is issued. I have sent on the Banks letter to Mr Russell today*'.
2pp
106. 1892-02-24 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Mahon advising he had accepted the Bill and forwarded it on 14th by registered mail to Mr Russell, '*As Mr Russell did not return me the bill I concluded the matter had been arranged*'.
1p
107. 1892-02-28 Copy letter from Lawrence to Mahon asking him to confirm when and where they can meet '*I am in the dark as regards your advances to the estate and feel you should be more fully secured over and above the security on the Deed for five thousand, this matter can only be arranged by such an interview. I did not here (sic) from Mr Russell about the Provincial Bank. He must have arranged the matter satisfactorily. I sent you a copy of his letter about the Receiver Deed as to priority perhaps you might find it convenient to drive over tomorrow morning in the afternoon...*'.
2pp



108. 1892-03-04 Mahon to Lawrence *'I expected to hear from you today as your interview with Mr Madden. If he has not been able to give you the time required till May I think you ought to see Bishop Healy and the might personally give you the time. I have never met Bishop Healy but I have always heard he is an agreeable and easy man to deal with. Will you please see that Messrs Russell get their clients Capt Rogers and Mr Eustace to give time till May as it will be impossible to raise any more funds beyond what has now been obtained....'*
- 2pp
109. 1892-03-11 Mahon to Lawrence enclosing (not enclosed) MacDermott's letter, returning a cheque for ½ years interest which *'...I sent him on receipt of a wire from Messrs Russell stating that Mr MacDermott had applied to the Court to appoint a receiver. I am completely in the dark as to how things are going on as Messrs Russell have not replied to my letter, will you please communicate at once with them. I fear all this will run the Estate to very considerable cost. Re Timbers; Mrs Wilsons Reps (Mr Jones) was with me today and he told me he would buy all your timber but that he could not begin to cut till September but that the agreement could be now entered into. He appears to me to be a fair man to deal with. Could you give ma an idea what number of beech, oak, ash & cedars and about what is the average size of the trees as regards age and growth or any other class of timber you have for sale and I would try and effect a bargain for you and how many good trees with clean stems could be had out of the oak. You mentioned I think some groves of beech in the direction of Eyrecourt. Mr Wilson has a buyer resident at Banagher and he would come out and see them and value them. It would be a great matter for your while I am in treaty with them to try and effect a sale so that please do not delay giving me the information, if possible by return of post. Postscript: 'I hope you have all the tenants noticed for Collection on Monday'.*
- 4pp
110. n/d Incomplete letter from Lawrence to Mahon regarding the payment of one year's interest to the Scotch Company, and reveals that he feels Mahon is not managing the estate well. *'It would have prevented much misunderstanding and mistakes if you had dealt personally with me in the management of this property. I have for a long time past felt much annoyed at your handing me over in such matter to an irresponsible person. It now appears that the Scotch Co. did not get the money your Clerk told me they would receive in a few days. I am sorry to perceive that the conditions under which you accepted the agency of this estate have not been fulfilled. A floating capital or a Bank credit of about seven hundred pounds would be necessary as you know for the successful management of this estate'...*
- '...I had confidingly reposed in you, and thus set me free to hand the business over to another party, who could mange the agency on the strength of his credit without appropriating my rents to "save his personal honour".'*



I note with regret both in your letter to my Solicitors as well as to myself a desire on your part to shift your responsibility in this matter from your own to other shoulders'. 'The patronising and admonitory tone of which under these circumstance do not in my judgement justify an agent in thus addressing either his principal or his solicitors. As you have not furnished me with an account since you took up my agency. May I now request you will do so at once'.

2pp

111. 1892-03-12 Mahon to Lawrence advising he is '*...still completely in the dark as to how things stand*', though he understands Lawrence has instructed them to prepare '*...further deed to secure me but they give me no particulars of the nature or value of it. I explained to you before the object in delaying the execution of the Receiver deed till after the 1st May which was to enable me to deal with the rents falling due on 1st May. It appears as the deed is now executed it will prevent us dealing with those rents falling due May day out of which all advances were to be taken up.*
Could you explain to me what would be the position of the Estate supposing it were possible to pay the ½ yr due at present to the Scotch Co. Would it give you the power of not executing the Receiver deed till the middle or end of May as the great part of the security for present advances appears to me to hinge on that point. I have written to Messrs Russell for this information but perhaps they have given you information which you could explain this to me.'
112. 1892-03-21 Mahon to Lawrence advising he has written to Russell asking for a '*...personal interview*' to ascertain what information they require. Also advising that his Clerk (Ewing) will visit tomorrow to get particulars of '*...the small tenant rents you hold to be settled out of the con-acre meadow bills*', and asking that Lawrence will send the particulars so that the tenants might pay.
113. 1892-03-28 Mahon to Lawrence advising that Russell thinks they should both meet with him regarding the Estate.
114. 1892-04-14 High Court of Justice notice in the matter of the estate of Lawrence (owner & petitioner) that Counsel for Lawrence shall apply for a Court order that George Ker Mahon, Receiver over the lands ordered to be sold in this matter do, until further order, out of such of the rents, issues, and profits of the Lands now in his hands or to be received by him as are respectively applicable thereto, pay to the several parties named on the Schedule attached the sums of money & arrears of interest therein mentioned & the several Incumbrances in the manner & priorities as stated in the Schedule.
The Schedule includes for example John Russell, for cost of motion and proceeding thereunder when taxed, Richard R Fulton, mortgage dated 1



August 1853, Joseph H Rogers & Francis William Rogers for indenture of 24 April 1882 relating to £1,000, William Duckett (representing John Lawrence deceased) in pursuance of indenture of settlement of 22 June 1848 and executed on the marriage of Walter Lawrence junior, with Miss Bellew, Walter Lawrence, senior, by deed dated 24 May 1864.

6pp

115. 1892-04-29 Copy letter from Lawrence to Mahon regarding the Deed on his charge on the Estate which his solicitors drew up to lodge with the Provincial Bank for the temporary advance in which Mahon joined him, he wished '*to state that in no way did I ever look or [wish] to look upon it was a mortgage to you but merely as a formal security for the Bank pending the repayment of the temporary advance out of the rents received from my tenants as has always been the custom on the estate*'.

2pp

See also No. /73.

116. 1892-05-05–
1892-05-06 Mahon to Lawrence advising that he has heard from Sutton, and wondering if Lawrence '*...would be coming over for Mr Maddens funeral tomorrow and could call here*', and recommends that he see Rev Madden personally '*...as there would be danger in your writing any letter which might be produced in Court against you. You could explain to Mr Madden that it is a personal request you make him and that owing to his brother's long connection with the Estate that you are sure he will acquiesce in thus far assisting you in a matter which in no way depreciates the value of his security on the estate*'. Includes on reserved reply from Lawrence to Mahon advising that he is unable to attend Madden's funeral but hope to '*...drive over*' to-morrow and '*...give you a call later in the day*'.

2pp

117. 1892-05-08 Mahon to Lawrence advising that he has just heard from Messrs Sutton that Mr Lambert has instructed '*Counsel to oppose the application to pay the Balance on the account of rents*'
'If Dr Healy says he has written on receipt of your letter to his Solicitors I think you should send on the wire to Sutton changing the word in it from "wired" to written.
Have tenants all in by 12 o'clock on Tuesday'.

2pp

118. 1892-05-26 Mahon to Lawrence advising that Ewing will go over the next day, and asking that he notify '*...the tenants who did not pay last day*'.

1p



119. 1893-02-14 Mahon (14 Clare Street, Dublin) to Lawrence advising that he met Sutton and that his proposal must be altered, and that he will send his Clerk over for the proposal and that he will need to make another verified Rental '*...placing all tenancies on the Rental*'.
4pp
120. 1893-03-01 Mahon to Lawrence advising that '*...no further time can be given to those (tenants) in arrear as the list must be sent out that day to Solicitor for proceedings*' and fearing that the '*Bank will give trouble about the Bills*' and advising Lawrence to take advantage of prices and sell as much hay as possible on the market.
3pp
121. 1893-03-08 Mahon to Lawrence asking him to respond to his previous letter and advising that the tenants have all been notified about the next collection.
1p
122. 1893-03-11 Mahon to Lawrence advising he will attend on Monday and that certain named tenants should '*...all pay the November Rent*'.
2pp
123. 1893-04-17 Mahon to Lawrence advising that Larkin will be served with a Notice to Quit before '*...the finish of May and that it is probable that he will then surrender*'.
1p
124. 1893-07-15 – Mahon to Lawrence including bills for £310.18.3 as they were not witnessed and asks him to do so now and to send them by registered post to the Manager of the National Bank at Loughrea.
1893-07-16? Include reply from Lawrence to Mahon advising that the eight bills for £310.18.3 have been witnessed, and states that '*Such tenants bills were never before witnessed except in the case of a marks man*'. Includes list of the eight tenants, and advises that two other tenants' bills were not returned for witnessing.
4pp
125. 1893-07-17 Mahon to Lawrence advising that '*I think you forget that I told you some time ago that the Bank gave direction that in future all these documents should be properly witnessed consequently they returned them all to me to have this done. I then forwarded them to you.*
The two tenants that you refer to have not been made [] of yet as they have corresponding one already not yet matured and paid.



You do not say if you have written to J Burke. I think it strange he has never replied to me'.

3pp

126. 1893-08-14 - Private letter from Mahon to Lawrence advising that *'The years rent for Connolly would be up to 1st November next '93. This rent must be punctually paid as it was cleared up in the rental for the Court up to-date of my appointment as Receiver.'*
1893-08-15
A postscript stated 'You did not reply with regard to the Paraffin cask, the matter is very urgent as the Court Ruling must be carried out at once. Please say if it can be removed to a safe place. I don't think the Court will allow it to be retained in such a dangerous proximity to the mansion House'. Copy reply from Lawrence to Mahon advising he has '...filled up a place in the garden for the cask of paraffin and 10 o'clock tomorrow morning it will be in its new place far away from dwelling house and offices. I was sorry to find Mrs Connolly was so impolite to you and against her own interest I have sent her word to make up her bill with me and that I shall not deal with her any more. The half year due May last I shall hope to pay at one of the coming fairs as it is due by me to her'.

2pp

127. 1893-08-29 Mahon to Lawrence regarding fire insurance, stating *'I enclose Fire Insurance Proposal form filled up which please sign at foot and return to me, only £2,000 is allowed for the mansion house and out offices so I propose to put £1,700 on the dwelling house and only £300 on the out offices were the risk of fire is much less. Please say if you think this division of the £2,000 sufficient or what division of it you would wish. I hope the paraffin cask has been removed to a safe distance.'*

2pp

128. 1893-08-30 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Mahon advising that Mr Russell has retired and that Mr Shannon will look after the firm until a younger member of the family is qualified, also regarding the mortgage and his claim to it, stating, *'Respecting the [] mortgage and my claim it was yesterday decided at a consultation that two very important points are most likely to turn out in my favour. The first is that I am entitled to interest on the £4,000, the Actuary who made the calculation for the court as to the amount due to me was yesterday very decided as to interest. The second point of inquiry relates to the time this interest should commence to be paid, after the Judges ruling last year or at the first instalment in 1864. They say that it was principal and not interest that was paid over to the Scotch Co for me, this view puts aside the idea of double interest for one and the same charge. When these questions are determined it is said that a notice for motion must be served in order to re-adjust the priority schedule. I return you the fire Insurance paper signed. The paraffin cask has been removed to the garden. There are no people living in either the Court House or Dispensary. The Court house stands over the Dispensary. There are no houses joining this building'.*

3pp



129. 1893-10-05 Mahon to Lawrence regarding the collection of rents, and mentions specific tenants.
1p
130. 1893-10-08 Mahon to Lawrence *'One of your Bills is due and my Clerk has neglected to see to it in time and therefore the Manager is much annoyed will you please see that it is arranged without delay otherwise it may put you in very serious trouble indeed.*
I can get no reply whatever from Mr Farnham Burke whether he has [done] with the Pedigree [] or not or if he wants any assistance from us. Is it not very odd that he would not be courteous enough to answer. I fear there would be no use in my calling at his office without his wishing me to do so or hearing from him.
Ask tenants who passed Bills should at once be noticed to pay at maturity'.
3pp
131. 1893-10-11- Mahon (12 Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, London W) to Lawrence advising
1893-10-14 that a Bill of £150 will *'...be due at Guinness & Mahon on 13th. They have again written me on the subject...'*

*Include reply from Lawrence to Mahon advising he *'...signed two bills for Mr Ewing on Wednesday...Probably one of them will have been the one you are looking out for. I think you ought to call at the Heralds Office you will find Mr Farnham Burke a thorough Gentleman. Do not mind the fact of his not answering your letter. A great literary undertaking a feature peculiar to all Sir Burke's works has to pass through many hands. I was sorry to hear you were in trouble of mind. Nothing can be more consoling and edifying than the testimony of the dying believer. I am afraid it would be hoping against hope to venture a prayerful hope that your Mother Mrs Mahon may still be spared to witness for Him who has Redeemed and blest her soul...'**
4pp
132. 1893-10-21 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Mahon (12 Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, London) *'As political matters have turned out so favourably do you think the Lendor might be approached on the subject of a Loan on this property. Would you put the matter in motion if you thought well. Some of the small creditors are pressing on very hard.*
Trusting that your mother Mrs Mahon is still sustained on her bed of weakness in truthful and confiding hope...'
1p



133. 1893-10-25 Lawrence to Mahon regarding the implications for him of the overthrow of Gladstone's Home Rule Bill¹⁹, stating '*The regaining of public confidence and the overthrow of the Gladstonian Home Rule bill might induce your money Lendor to advance the ten or twelve thousand pounds you alluded to some time ago at four and a half per cent. The security for this sum would be as you know of first class character. The untenanted portion of the demesne £630 and the three small solvent holdings within the demesne making in all a rental of £730. This with the Townlands of Craighwell, Laurencetown, Caoliney and Lissafarsoone. Would give a valid and undoubted security paying the interest on £1,200 at four and a half per cent twice over. When I allude to so large a portion of the demesne being untenanted I mean to convey to the Lender that this portion of the property is not subject to the recent Acts of Parliament which fact adds immensely to his security. It would be my wish as you know to keep the estate in the hands of the court so that your hands might be quite free in paying the interest. Perhaps you might meet with some parties in London disposed to lend, and to lend at even four per cent, your official position over the property would have great weight*'.
4pp
134. 1893-10-28 Mahon (12 Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, London) to Lawrence, advising that his '*...poor mother's death and interment prevented*' him from writing sooner, and '*With regard to the loan I will again approach the parties but I [partly] fear [when] this Ministry retires no confidence can be [wanted] on. Any thing I can do will be done*'.
2pp
135. 1893-11-13 Mahon (14 Clare St, Dublin) to Lawrence, '*I think I have succeeded in getting you a loan of £8,000 and the party will do their utmost to [let] £2,000 more to make it £10,000 if this be carried though I think it will finance matters properly. But I must make it a condition that all the advances on my account are paid off*'.
2pp
136. 1893-11-28 Mahon to Lawrence, '*Banagher fair is over I think this week, if so will you please have the tenants noticed for Monday next. Notice John Colohan of Lispharson also and Pat Marlin, James Hynes, Luke Stanton, Denis Keating (weaver) P Kilkenny Jnr. Fahy & Callagy of Craughwell. Kindly also have Mrs Connollys rents. I sent Mr Shannon a list of interests due on the charges and in connection with same I mentioned the payments made to Capt Rogers & Mr Fulton which cannot be entered in the Court Account for credit till the Scotch Com arrears are paid. I told him they were paid out of your personal funds to save penal interest*'.
2pp

¹⁹ Irish Government Bill, 1893 (known generally as the Second Home Rule Bill) was the second attempt made by William E Gladstone, as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to enact a system of home rule for Ireland. Unlike the first attempt, which was defeated in the House of Commons, the second Bill was passed by the Commons on 1 September 1893, by 301 votes to 267, but was vetoed by the House of Lords. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Irish_Home_Rule_Bill



137. 1894-01-19 Mahon to Lawrence regarding tenants bills and asking that Lawrence return to him £300 stamp by tomorrow's post as I have to get it signed by Mr Ryan. 2pp
138. 1894-02-05 Lawrence to Mahon *'Enclosed are the receipts J McLoughlins rep J Stanton, P Kilkenny Jnr, Thomas Brennan, Michael Brennan and M Guinness.*
- Pat Kilkennys Snr and Martin Brennan are promised and are to follow. Not one of the above names were asked to produce receipts or any documents whatever, they would have considered such a request as intrusion. His appearance amongst them excited their suspicion after the lapse of 19 years. In the village however he reported that he had come to inspect receipts to see if the tenants had paid their rent as no rents can be got at since the Land League began. This he said in his Reverences excuse for they not getting their interest.*
- He asked no one in the village about their rent or receipts. He was observed to spend three hours at [Bill] Connors house. The nature of the interview has not transpired. There has been no opportunity as yet of interviewing W Connor. Mr J Blake who accompanied Mr H Lawrence was heard by Michael Brennan in Craughwell to ask where is Coaleny to which Mr H L replied that place is three miles from us. Quirke is giving notice to tenants for Thursday'.* 3pp
139. 1894-05-16 Mahon to Lawrence, marked Private, advising that Cooke & Williams have paid their Bills, and that Ludlow is interested in hiring the Kellysgrove Machine and enquiring if this can be done. He also advised that the *'Chief Receiver was most particular about the Demesne rent being paid punctually'.* 2pp
140. 1894-05-17? – Partial letter from Mahon to Lawrence *'Michael Guinness Bill is due £20.12.0*
1894-05-18 *Quirke should go round all the tenants at once and let me know who will pay next week.*
Proceeding must be taken for June Sessions'.
Includes copy of reply from Lawrence to Mahon *'I beg to enclose receipts signed which you sent me for Cooke & Williams. The two widow Stauntons, W Connor, Pat, Larkin, the School Master Colahan of Lissfarsoon and Hugh Stanton are to have their rents. Quirke also says he would like to know the day you are coming in order to Notice. M Downey saw Armstrong and Walsh who had a letter from Pierce in England yesterday morning telling them to hire out the hay presser*



- to Ladlow at the rate of 10 shillings [per ton]. Pierce funding wire and men to work it. Armstrong posted a letter to Ludlow last night to this effect. I enclose your Golding receipt for Corless'.*
- 2pp
141. 1894-06-08 – Covering letter from Mahon to Lawrence requesting him to sign an enclosure '*...for renewal of Bill at Guinnesses*'.
- 1894-06-09 On reverse note stating '*...accepted enclosed and returned bill this day*'. 2p
142. 1894-06-13 – Covering letter from Mahon to Lawrence, enclosing a letter from Guinness Mahon to him advising that they will not renew for £100 part of the £150. 1894-06-16 Also advising that as oats are getting a high price he should dispose of them immediately, and asks Lawrence to reply by return '*...so that I can give reply which I hope will be a satisfactory one to Messrs Guinness, as it is a matter of very great inconvenience to me at this time of the year*' and advises him also to put the sale of the hay in Mr Graham's hands (Solicitor, Loughrea), '*...being local he would be able to deal with it better than a Dublin Solicitor*
- Include letter from Guinness Mahon (17 College Green, Dublin) to Mahon, G.K. (1894-06-13) Lawrence stating that '*it was distinctly understood that the £150 bill of Mr Lawrence endorsed by Mr James Ryan should be met in cash at maturity. We regret we do not see our way to accept the enclosed renewal for £100 and must ask you kindly to send a cheque to take up the £150 bill with interest from 29 May..*'.
- Also include copy of reply from Lawrence to Mahon (1894-06-16) regarding the expected sale of hay.
- 2 items/ 5pp
143. 1894-06-18 Mahon to Lawrence advising he will call tomorrow and wonder why there was no mention of the £100 bill in his (Lawrence's) letter and asked '*Cannot you make sale of oats immediately now as suggested the price is so good. I fear the delay in getting in the funds from sale of the hay to meet the balance of last rent may raise serious difficulty with the court, quite recently new Rules have come out, most stringent as to statement of funds and the paying out of same*'.
- P.S. the other bill at Messrs Guinness's £140 will be due tomorrow. I am in hopes they will renew this one on payment of £10 so I enclose you stamp filled for £130 which please accept across the face and send on to them direct in enclosed envelope as I have perfected the Bill*'.
- 3pp
144. 1894-06-19 Notification from Guinness Mahon & Co to Lawrence that his acceptance for £140 endorsed by G K Mahon '*...lies here dishonoured*' and requesting immediate attention.
- 1p



145. 1894-06-30 Mahon to Lawrence requesting him to sign the enclosed Bill to meet the £400 bill due at Loughrea, and asking that the tenants are noticed for either Thursday or Friday whichever day suits after Ballinasloe fair, and to letter named tenants that the rent 'must be paid'.
2pp
146. 1894-07-20 Mahon to Lawrence advising that '*The tenants should all have the rent promised by this time. Please let me know by return if they can all pay by Monday. I must have a full report on every case in the coming week why the rent is not paid*'.
Includes a list of tenants on the reverse of the letter.
1p
147. (1894-04-02) Covering letter from Lawrence to Mahon, '*I am in receipt of your letter received this day. I shall have H Stantons and the two widows and others noticed to meet you here on Monday. I enclose you Church property papers, on another page of this letter I send copy of Kelly's agreement from which you see that he has not told you the truth*'.
1894-07-28
Includes Copy of Agreement between John Kelly & Lawrence, '*I propose to take the grazing of Ballinamoda farm from this 1st of April 1894 till 1st of April 1895 for which grazing I shall pay you the bulk sum of £60 sterling. I shall promise to pay a half years rent on the 1st day of October next and the remaining half year on the first day of April 1895 when my tenancy terminates. This taking is for grazing purposes only.*
Signed: John Kelly
Witness: Thomas Downey
3pp
148. 1894? Mahon to Lawrence asking if some of the named tenants can pay, and that the '*Bill is due at Guinness's and I am writing them*'.
1p
149. 1894-08-04 Mahon to Lawrence advising that he has written to Shannon on the matter but '*...he has taken no notice of my letter*' and asks Lawrence to write to Shannon to ascertain if he received Mahon's letter and if so to respond to it.
2pp
150. 1894-09-25 - Mahon to Lawrence regarding various cheques and Bills. Includes
1894-09-26 annotation by Lawrence noting what actions he took on foot of the Mahon's letter, such as that he sent the cheque and accepted bill.
2pp



151. 1894-10-15 Mahon (13 Brighton Vale, Monkstown, Co. Dublin) to Lawrence returning cheque as it was unsigned, and asking him to sign and return it. 2pp
152. 1894-10-18 Mahon to Lawrence requesting a cheque for Patrick Kilkenny's bill and other payments, also advising that *'Mrs Persse is seriously ill here and we fear the worst.'* 2pp

*iv. Copy Letter from Mahon to Russell (Solicitor), 1891?*

153. 1891? -05-30 Copy of Letter from regarding the Scotch Company advising that it would appear they will accept nothing '*...but the full amount of the arrears due*' and asking if he is likely to be successful '*...in resisting the appointment of a Receiver the proceedings for which must I suppose go on unless you can convince the Scotch Company that within the 3 months they will be entirely paid off in which case I don't think they could scarcely proceed with the hostile action they have threatened...*'.

1p

v. R. Ewing, (Ballydonal Castle, Loughrea, Clerk to Mahon) and Lawrence, 1891 - 1894

154. 1891-10-21 Ewing to Lawrence advising that cheques for five of the family charges have been sent to Mr Mahon ((Agent) in Bath, England) for signature but not yet received back and fearing that unless Mr Russell '*...calls personally on the Manager of the Provincial there will be further delay as the Bank write to say they will hold the money lodged against the £500 Bill which will be very shortly due*' (pp1-2). He suggests that Russell call to the Provincial to facilitate matter. and stating the he must hold the collection on 2nd November so asks that all the tenants be noticed for that day, stressing that '*funds are very urgently wanted for the first week in November*' (p3).

4pp

155. 1891-10-31 Ewing to Lawrence stating that he would be at Belview on Monday at 1.30pm, and he hopes that the Tenants have been noticed, and advises he has been absent from Ballydonlan for the past few days due to business.

1p

156. 1891-11-06 Ewing to Lawrence advising he has received letter from Russell and Affidavit regarding Mr Lambert's application which he sent onto Russell, and advising that '*...every rent that can possibly be got in will required*'.

2pp

157. 1891-11-16 Ewing to Lawrence enclosing two '*...four Shilling Bill stamps. One for the £400 at National Loughrea and the other for the Provincial Balance £380 if they will renew for this which is yet uncertain – It was unfortunate Mr. Russell did not call personally at the Bank and I understand he is now laid up. Kindly return the stamps signed. I received the 2nd half noted and paid the Insurance premium and Mr. Fulton*'.

2pp



158. 1891?-11-26 Ewing to Lawrence advising he hopes to 'go over' tomorrow and asks if the tenants can attend. 1p
159. 1891-12 28?
1891-12-29 Ewing to Lawrence enclosing '*Stamp across the face to send on to Mr Mahon for family charges and send to me by tonight's post. Also say if any cash has been paid on grass meadow bills*', and advising that the collection '*...must be held after Ballinasloe fair*'. Includes copy of a reply from Lawrence to Ewing concerning the enclosed bill stamp accepted '*...to meet children's charges as requested*', and also advising that he hopes to have some of the meadow bills collected after the fair. Enclosed is a Certificate of posting of a registered postal packet to G Mahon or Mr R Ewing, Ballydonlan Castle, Loughrea, stamped in Lawrencetown. 2 items/ 2pp
160. 1892-01-09 Ewing (for Mahon) to Lawrence asking him to have tenants noticed for Tuesday, and that he will '*...attend and kindly drop a line to say so*'. 1p
161. 1892-01-18 Ewing to Lawrence regarding the collection date for rents, and advising that certain named tenants should be '*...noticed at once*' to '*square up and signed new bill*' 2pp
162. 1892-01-30 Ewing to Lawrence regarding receipts for rents collected and rents due by Mrs Connolly, who should be '*...pressed to pay this as soon as possible as funds are very urgently required*', and enquiring if he demands payments from other named tenants. 2pp
163. 1892-02-15 Ewing to Lawrence advising he will send the Bill for some more of the tenants but expected cash from several (which are named). Encloses four bills for signature of witness to tenants' marks and returns. 2pp
164. 1892-03-15 Ewing to Lawrence arranging a new date and time to meet and asking if '*...tenants will attend that day*'. 1p



165. 1892-05-14 Ewing to Lawrence apologising that he was unable to attend to-day, and hopes to go over on Tuesday. 1p
166. 1893-02-20 Private letter from Ewing to Lawrence regarding the Court granting abatements to tenants and advising that *'Mr Mahon can only ask the Court to give the abatement or require the tenants to go into the Land Court. I think you should instruct Messrs Russell to appear before the Chief Receiver and get the abatement allowed without letting the tenants go into Land Court...'*. 2pp
167. 1893-03-18 Ewing to Lawrence advising when he will be next in Belview and hoping that two named tenants will have their rent. 1p
168. 1893 – 1893-06-02 Ewing to Lawrence regarding outstanding tenant payments. Includes copy of reply from Lawrence to Ewing advising that the tenants who are outstanding will be noticed, and asks for the details on the others who are due. 2pp
169. 1894-07-21 Ewing to Lawrence advising that he will be over on Monday and hopes that *'...the Brennans, Stanton etc will have their rents'*. 1p
170. 1894-10-24 Ewing to Lawrence writing that he did not get the [judicial] rent papers in cases of *'John Colohan or William Connor'* and asking him to send particulars on to Mr Shannon, Solicitor. 1p



II. Russell & Sons, Solicitors (39 Mountjoy Square, Dublin)

i. Correspondence with Lawrence, 1879 – 1893

See also /354-362

171. (1879-11-12) 1879-11-13 Covering letter from Russell to Lawrence enclosing copy of Counsel's opinion, and copy of a letter which he sent to Dalton & Smith.
- Includes copy of letter from Russell to Messrs. Dalton & Smith regarding the Brennan Minors advising that Lawrence has taken steps for taking up personal possession of the premises at Bellevue.
- 'Dear Sir, In reply to your letter of the 8th inst to the Rev. Charles Lawrence I am directed by him to state he is taking steps for getting up personal possession of the premises at Bellvue and that in the event of his failing to do so he will as at present advised being such a friendly unopposed ejection as you suggest [without] delay.'*
- 2 items/2pp
172. 1885-08-10 Russell to Lawrence forwarding copy '*...result of our search in Record Building*' (not included).
- 1p
173. 1885? Partial letter from Lawrence to [possibly Russell] (beginning of letter missing). Remainder of letter states '*...Which became payable at my Fathers death 21st September 1873 obtained a release of half this money from his brothers and sisters. Vice Chancellor O'Sullivan in 1879 or thereabouts strongly maintained the justness and fairness of this Deed of release. The Court of Appeal reversed this decision ... "there being no consideration mentioned in the Deed etc. etc. etc." It was ordered to be destroyed.*
- I shall hope to be in town tomorrow and call at your office at 1.30 with the affidavit as you did not send down bill for renewal. I suppose you were able to manage by handing in the £300. Will you kindly look over the Scotch Deed before I call and the schedule particularly and ascertain its bearing on the points alluded to in this letter'.*
- 2pp
174. 1889?-08-31 Russell to Lawrence regarding unpaid interest due to [Ropers] and asking him to attend to the matter.
- 1p
175. 1891-01-27 (1891-01-25) William Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising he has served Notice of Motion and suspecting the Court will not refuse '*...so reasonable a proposition*' (p1), and advising that the Deed securing Mr Duckett the draft will be executed shortly. It assigns Russell all available property '*...upon trust to secure Mr Duckett from any loss consequent upon his advance of £1,500*' (p1).



- Transcript of letter from Mr MacDermott to Russell is attached regarding converting a equitable deposit into a legal mortgage and advising that he (MacDermott) has a '*...right of action against Mr Madden making Mr Lawrence also party to the same*'.
- 4pp
176. 1891-04-18 John Russell to Lawrence enclosing letter from the Stamp Office which demands immediate attention.
- 1p
177. 1891-05-28 John Russell to Lawrence asking if Rev. Henry McHale is still alive and if not it may be necessary to appoint a Trustee in his place to the Deed of 29 May 1876.
- 1p
178. 1891-06-03 John Russell to Lawrence enclosing copy letter received from Mr G K Mahon.
- 1p
179. 1891-06-05 John Russell to Lawrence enclosing draft mortgage to secure advance in connection with his Agency.
- 1p
180. 1891-06-10
(1891-06-08) John Russell to Lawrence attaching transcription of letter from Messrs. Carson & McDowell (51 Royal Avenue, Belfast) who advise their clients consider '*...they have been very badly treated and will not wait. The proceedings for sale must go on as rapidly as possible. Russell advises they fear there is little hope your obtaining the time asked for. Our only course therefore is to undertake to push on the proceedings in the Land Judges Court as rapidly as possible*'.
- 2pp
181. 1891-06-24 Russell to Lawrence enclosing the Engrossment of Mortgage and asking him to execute '*...in strict conformity with the instructions pinned to the engrossment*'.
- 1p
182. 1891-07-04 Lawrence to Russell concerning a dispute with the Scotch Company and a mistake made by their Dublin and Belfast Solicitors '*...as the £400 was received and acknowledged by them and the time for the £200 has not yet expired. The affidavit will require to be recast and made much stronger. The company accused all through in the delay in sending them their statements by accepting interest for same as they fell due. Strictly speaking the present years interest became due last month and no Court of justice in my judgement would under the circumstances in this peculiar*



case tolerate such harsh and sharp practice. I therefore think on the part of the Company there must have been a mistake between their Belfast and Dublin Solicitors what I require is reasonable time and shall I rely on the court granting me this reasonable request if the company are really determined to push on this matter. It should further be noticed that the charge is now a small one and a first charge. Mr Mahon will send you up the Stamp accepted by me and endorsed. I shall hope to be in town by the early train on Monday between twelve and one'.

4pp

183. 1891-07-24 Russell to Lawrence concerning Madden's visit to their office, who seemed '*...very much annoyed at not receiving his money*' and that they advised him they would write to Lawrence. 1p
184. 1891-08-18 John Russell to Lawrence advising they received a '*...very pressing letter from Captain Rogers with reference to his principal and interest*'. 1p
185. 1891-09-08 John Russell to Lawrence advising there was '*...every probability that we shall be able to obtain a loan*' (p1), and when discussing the term of security a question arose of much interest, namely that '*you having out of the rents of your life estate paid a large sum on account of the principle sum of £8,000 are entitled to have same charged on the fee of the property. We consider the question one of great magnitude and when we receive Counsel's opinion thereon we shall let you have same*' (2p). 2pp
186. 1891-10-12 John Russell to Lawrence asking him to come to town on a matter of importance. 1p
187. 1891-10-21 John Russell to Lawrence advising they have just heard from Mr Ewing (Mahon's Clerk) stating that the '*Provincial Bank would require payment of the £500 Bill immediately when same matured and complaining that rents had not been lodged since account was opened*' and advise that a loan should be raised immediately, and that Mr Brooks, who has been negotiating the loan, is prepared to place the matter before his clients but is '*indisposed to do so until a definite arrangement is come to with him*' and stating it would be '*most disastrous if the threatened application for Receivership was made by your brothers or sisters, or any other of the parties and in the event of the interest to the Scotch Company being in arrear, we have been put under terms to proceed with the sale of the Estate, this must if possible be averted*' (pp2-3).



- 3pp
- [188.] 1891-10-22 Lawrence to Russell regarding arrangements for Brooks to obtain a loan, and asking for clarification on his understanding on the matter, as he understands it Brooks is to obtain a loan and then advance £1,000 to Lawrence to enable his Agent work the estate.
189.
- 'Did we not talk over the whole matter respecting the loan on Friday and Saturday last you said there was no need to see Mr. Brooks, and I quite agreed with you. Will you please write and say what am I to understand by that position of your letter [namely], That Mr. Brooks requires a definite arrangement before he gets the loan. I am not opposed by any means as to a reasonable consideration for his obtaining this loan. I think you and I are quite agreed on this point. Am I to understand from the latter portion of your letter to day that Mr. Brooks is prepared to advance through his Clients the sum of one thousand pounds so much needed to enable my Agent to work this Estate, as a first instalment to meet pressing requirements. Will you please advise me as to a definite arrangement and suggest the course you think proper for me to adopt will you answer this letter by return of post so that no time may be lost'.*
- 2pp
189. 1891-10-23 – Russell to Lawrence stating that as Brooks proposes to borrow the security of the Mortgage to the Scotch Company '*...as also on the security of the £5,000 charge, a sum of in or about £10,000 and with this sum to pay off all existing charges, secure the repayment of the instalments to the Scotch Company and leave you to considerable balance in hand (p1)*'. And discusses the remuneration which should be given to Brooks, and that '*we do not hesitate in saying that the person who procures the loan under existing circumstances, should be very well remunerate (p2)*'.
1891-10-25 Includes reply from Lawrence to Russell advising of when he hopes to be able to call to his office.
- 4pp
190. 1891-11-03 Russell to Lawrence enclosing transcript of letter from Peter Lambert, (22 Nassau Street, Dublin) which advises his clients have accepted the £120 offer and is proceeding to have a Receiver appointed. In addition Russell advised he has seen Mr Brooks (Agent) who is making every effort to '*...raise the temporary loan to meet present exigencies*'.
1891-11-03
- 2pp
191. 1891-11-04 Letter from Lawrence to Russell regarding the Scotch Deed of Mortgage, the various scenarios regarding the value of the property and the security of the younger children.
1891-11-04
- "Following the discovery of the high probability that the £8,000 Scotch charge is mine arises another question strengthening my hold on the rents of this resale and diminishing to a fair and more just proposition the charges for younger children.*



If the Scotch Deed of Mortgage is to be taken as the bases of the Rental and Valuation of this Estate while it secures the Scotch and subsequent charges it destroys the security of the charge for younger children. The late Captain Lawrence is set forth in this Deed as the occupying tenant with two or three others [of] [the] [whole] of Bellview or Lisreaghan Demesne at a [near] nominal rent. John succeeds his brother Captain Lawrence as occupying tenant and I succeed John [in] my skill and industry as an occupying tenant and life tenant to be made responsible for a [Junior] charge on this property. If the Scotch Deed is by its schedule, which sets forth the tenancies and payments of rent to secure its own Mortgage, it does not seem from the way it is drafted to anticipate the payment of tail creditors. It is true that the Deed of Conveyance to the Scotch Co. was made "subject" to the uses and trusts of the marriage settlements of 1848" but the Deed of Mortgage to the same company it would appear should be held to govern the Rental of this Estate in which case there would be no rents forthcoming to pay Tail Creditors. It is true on the other hand by my skill and industry not only as tenant for life but also as an Occupying tenant succeeding my brother Walter who is declared and set forth in this Scotch Deed as an occupying tenant. I have by the outlay of my own capital raised the rental of this estate. Is my skill and industry in improving this property beyond the limits of the Scotch Deed to be held responsible for the payment of the charges for Tail creditors. In the year 1864 my brother John succeeding his brother Captain Lawrence in view of this enormous charge of £13,000 for younger children'.

4pp

192. 1891-11-05 Russell to Lawrence advising Mr Lambert served Notice of Motion for Receiver, and sending Affidavit for Lawrence's approval. 2pp
193. 1891-11-18 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence thanking him for agreeing to sign the guarantee required by the Bank, and requesting him to go to the Bank of Ireland in Ballinasloe to sign it. He also advised he has not yet received the rental from Mr Mahon. 2pp
- (193.) 1891-11-20 Lawrence to Russell agreeing to sign a guarantee for £500, but considers there may be some misunderstanding as to which Bank he is to find the Guarantee. He also requested to see a copy of the draft guarantee and to understand the basis on which it rests. 2pp



194. 1891-11-20 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence enclosing copy of the Guarantee, and confirming it is the Bank of Ireland where he guarantee '*...awaits your signature*'. He further advised he received the Rental from Mr Brooks. 2pp
195. 1891-12-01 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising that he has arranged for a timber dealer, Mr John Smith, to inspect Lawrence's trees, that he should mark the difference trees with chalk or paint, and also that Smith may make an offer following his inspection, and '*I think it would be wise that no discussion between him and you as to price should be entered upon so that we may have everything in writing*'. 2pp
- (195.) 1891-12-07 Lawrence to Russell advising that Mr. Smith (timber dealer of 70 North King's Street, Dublin) came and only looked at 200 of the trees in question, but was due to stay in Banagher for the night and return the following day to inspect the remaining 800 trees. Lawrence wrote that '*He seemed to me not to have had his mind made up to purchase so large a quantity of timber. I do not therefore expect after seeing only about 200 trees he would venture to make me a bid till he first inspects the remaining 800.*' 1p
196. 1891-12-12 Lawrence to Russell stating he has '*...no confidence in that Gentleman's (Smith) ability, either to value or to purchase my timber*' and giving his analysis of the other two dealers who are expected to submit tenders for the timber, and concluding that he found '*...on selling my timber twenty years ago that Irish timber Merchants were wanting in both capital and enterprise...*' (pp1-2). 2pp
197. 1891-12-14 John Russell to Lawrence referring to the '*...dispensing of timber*' and advising that '*they are fully convinced that the most advantageous way of dispensing of same, is as your suggest*', also stating '*We are glad to find that you are certain that the trees are "Cedars of Lebanon", because the parties who have been examining them up to the present day deny that they are such*', and asking if the Scotch Co. have '*Written yet of their interest*'. 2pp



198. 1891-12-29 (1891-12-24) Houghton Russell to Lawrence enclosing transcript of letter from Peter Lambert (9 Eustace Street, Dublin) to Mahon, Ballydonlan Castle, Loughrea, asking if Lawrence, owner of the Estate, is under any rent in respect of the portion of the Estate including the Mansion House, which he occupies. If not Lambert has been instructed to apply to the Court. Russell seeks Lawrence's view on the letter.
- 3pp
199. 1892 Lawrence to Russell requesting get him to get the Consent of Captain Rogers and Mr Eustace to Mahon *'...being allowed to repay himself the amount of the present advance which was sold for the benefit of the Incumbrancers out of the first rents coming in as I understand they are wishful to give every assistance – it is to their interest as well as my own that this should be done and that you will at once get their consent'*.
- 2pp
200. 1892-01-04 (1891-12-05) Russell to Lawrence enclosing joint opinion of the MacDermott and Mr S. Walker with reference to the £8,000 mortgage, and requesting Lawrence to *'...give same your best consideration and let us hear from you thereon at your early convenience'*.
- Includes Opinion (1891-12-05) advising that the £8,000 Mortgage *'...in question does not occupy the position of an ordinary incumbrance on the Inheritance'* and that they have *'been unable to come to the conclusion that the rule which prevails in respect of ordinary Incumbrances on the inheritance, and which enables limited owners to keep alive charges paid off by them for the benefit of the limited owner so paying them applies to a case like the present'.....* and *'It is competent to Querist to obtain an authoritative decision on the question by instituting an action in The Chancery Division to have the portion of Capital already paid off by him or by Captain M Lawrence declared a charge'*.
- 2items / 4pp
201. 1892-01-08 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising that Mahon had just called to his office and advised he would resign the Lawrence's agency if he was not in a position to finance the estate, and that he will be available should Lawrence wish to interview him.
- 2pp
202. 1892-01-15 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence regarding the Receivership Deed and its Schedule, on reviewing some papers he found *'that your brother John predeceased your father, which makes it very doubtful if he ever took on interest in the £1,000 charge, and as you are aware Mr Ducketts security mainly depends upon the validity of that charge, I think it would be*



well that a Deed should be prepared giving Mr Duckett a place on the £5,000 charge....I also think it would be well, as your Estate is in the court, that an application should be made for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of the Judge to the proposed Receivership Deed, this will strengthen our position, and given those parties who are disposed to be contentious an opportunity of setting their views before the Judge, who, I have very little doubt, will sanction so fair and equitable an arrangement, as that embodied in the Deed....'.

2pp

203. 1892-01-22 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence requesting response to his previous letter.

1p

See also /98.

204. 1892-01-30
(1892-01-05 –
1892-01-26) Covering letter from William Houghton Russell to Lawrence regarding the Receivership Deed enclosing a copy of his Affidavit and copy of letter sent to MacDermott. In the event that Lawrence does not wish to read the Deed he outlines its main points, advising that it '*...assigns to me as Trustee for Mr Duckett and with the view of indemnifying him against any possible loss the following properties (1) The principal which you have paid to the Scottish Amicable Company, and which I hope to have you declared entitled to (2) The £1,000 charge in your favour as younger child (3) Balance of £500 charge, and subject to the trusts in favour of Mr Duckett*' (30/01/1892).

Russell's Affidavit confirms that Lawrence the owner is tenant for life for the lands and subject of the Petition in the matter of the Estate of The Reverend Charles Lawrence, and is beneficial owner of several of the incumbrances affecting the lands. The petition was presented on 5 May 1880 but was not prosecuted. The gross Rental of the Estate is £1,543.7.0, the gross Poor Law Valuation is £1,260.8.0. The total incumbrances amounted to £26,500, the total annual payment for interest on the charge is £1,217.9.7. He has been requested by Lawrence to propose that a Receivership Deed be executed by him '*...to his present Agent Mr George Ker Mahon authorising the said George Ker Mahon to pay the interest on the several incumbrances according to their several priority and containing the clauses usual under such circumstances.*' (p2) (26/01/1892).

Also includes copy of letter from MacDermott to Russell regarding the Estate's outstanding debts of £700 plus interest and other costs relating to an incomplete mortgage, stating that if Mr Lawrence requires further time '*...he must make certain of my satisfaction, that I shall be paid off the amount of my debt on or before a certain fixed date*', and stating that he must have Power of Attorney to cover '*...amount of my charge and interest*'. (05/01/1892).

3 items/8ppp



205. 1892-02-01 William Houghton Russell to Lawrence requesting information on Fitzsimon's offer for the timber. 1p
206. 1892-02-04 Lawrence to Russell regarding the (Receivership) Deed which was sent to him for execution, and stating that a draft should have been sent first for his '*...approval and sufficient time allowed me for corrections...*' (p1) and discusses Mr Duckets security stating '*Mr Duckets security had nothing to do with the £5,000 deed. It was borrowed on the security of my brother John's £1,000 and my own. Counsel might approve of this Deed for Mr Ducket but he should have suggested another course instead of making such a large and unreasonable demand on me*' (p2). 3pp
207. 1892-02-04 Russell to Lawrence stating that he is '*...quite astonished with reference to the Timber*' as he had understood '*Mr Fitzsimons had sent you an offer*', and advising that he has '*...issued a Writ for the purpose of having you declared entitled to the principal paid on foot of the Scotch Mortgage*', and that he thinks it a '*...a prudent course*' to have his brother [Henry] named as a defendant. 2pp
208. 1892-02-09 Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising that the '*...motion to approve of Receivership Deed was in the list today, but on the application of the Scottish Amicable Co., consented to by the other Incumbrancers, it was adjourned until Monday next*', and suggesting Mahon (Agent) draw up an Affidavit stating his qualification for the position of Receiver. 1p
- (208.) 1892-02-10 Lawrence to Russell regarding the Receivership Deed, and advising that '*Mr Mahon has many Agencies. He is himself a Receiver under the Court of Chancery and an Agency to Lord Ardilaun and other gentlemen in this County. There being no money due to my sisters and brother It would be hardly fair that their voice should be allowed to go against my interest...*' (p3). 2pp
209. 1892-02-15 – Houghton Russell to Lawrence and his reply regarding the Receivers Deed, 1892-02-17 which the Judge stated Lawrence was '*...quite at liberty to execute*'. In his reply Lawrence requested Russell '*...not to engross the Receiver's Deed in such a hurry*' as he is '*...quite in the dark on all its essential points, you have not explained one single circumstance to me as to the proceedings in the Court*', and asks several questions regarding the matter, such as about the Scotch Co.'s approach to the matter, particularly on his claim on the £8,000, also what his sisters and brother had to say on the same claim and



on his charge for £5,000, asking if '*...all parties are now bound to accept payment as set forth in the Draft Deed, Sisters and Brother having received copy of same thorough their solicitor*'.

2pp

210. 1892-02-16 - Copy of correspondence between Russell, Lawrence and Carson &
1892-02-20 McDowell relating to the Scottish Amicable.
- Includes, covering letter from Russell to Lawrence attaching copy of letter from Carson & McDowell, and advising that if the Scottish Amicable carry out its threat of applying '*...for carriage of the proceedings, we shall resist them, as we cannot but feel that it would be most inequitable, provided of course that their instalments are regularly paid, that the sale should be forced on by them*' (1892-02-19), includes copy of letter from Carson & McDowell to Russell advising that their clients '*...have made up their minds to realise their security in this*' and asking why there is a delay and requesting that '*you will proceed with the sale with due dispatch*' (1892-02-16).
- Copy of letter from Russell to Carson & McDowell advising that so long as the instalment of principal and interest were punctually paid '*...the equities incident to their position, preclude them from pressing the Estate to a sale...*' and suggesting that given all the facts that their clients should '*...wait until the Chancery matter is decided and we hereby undertaken to press on the proceedings as rapidly as possible*' (1892-02-18).
- Also includes copy of letter from Lawrence to Russell asking Russell to respond to his previous letter of 17th February and '*...answer my questions as far as your think you can do so with consistency...*' (1892-02-20).
- 1 item / 4pp

211. 1892-02-22 Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising there is no hurry to having the
(1892-02-19) Receiver Deed engrossed '*...my only object being to have it ready in case any step was taken towards appointing a Receiver by the incumbrances, the Judge having clearly intimated on the hearing of the motion that if any application of the above nature was made after Deed was executed, it would not be to the advantage of the applicant, or records to that effect. The Scotch Company and your brothers and sisters had really nothing to say with reference to your claim, or with reference to the £500 mortgage...*'. '*When the Deed is executed the position of affairs will stand thus. Mr Mahon will pay the several incumbrancers according to their priority, and should any of these incumbrancers make any attempt in the direction of appointing a Receiver, we have every little doubt the Judge will treat them as they deserve*'.
- Also includes copy of letter from Carson & McDowell to Russell advising that they disagree with your view and that their '*...clients will not consent to the proceedings in the Land Judges Court being delayed*' (1892-02-19),



and copy of Russell's reply advising that their '*...client has no wish to unnecessarily delay the prosecution of this matter but he has been and is still seeking a loan sufficiently large to pay off your clients claim, but before he can present his security in a desirable form he must have a judicial decision with reference to the principal money paid by him on account of your clients mortgage.....*', and also points out that '*...in the present transitory condition of land it would be perfectly disastrous to force on the proceedings to a sale and we still think that your clients position with reference to this estate is such that the Court will regard very searchingly any step your may taken which may be considered prejudicial to the trust reposed in them by the incumbered Estates Court Conveyance*' (1892-02-22).

4pp

- (106.) 1892-02-24 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Russell advising that he had forward to him on 14th February a Bill which he had hoped he (Russell) have arranged for '*...the present, the Bill now due at the Provincial Bank. As you did not return the bill I concluded you had settled the matter for me, May I ask you as a personal favour that you will arrange this matter for me for the present. We will see you all right about it.*

1p

212. 1892-02-26 Russell to Lawrence advising that the '*Provincial Bank have returned the Renewal Bill of £300*' and stating '*It is a great pity there is such difficulty in keeping the Estate properly financed, of course on the question of a Receiver, Messrs. Maxwell & Weldon we apprehend, could not succeed for the reasons we have already stated, but this question of priority may give them a locus standi, which they otherwise would not possess.*', he also encloses copy of a letter directed to Rev. McHale enclosing formal Notice of Assignment.

Includes, copy of letter from Maxwell Weldon & Co. (40 North Great Georges Street, Dublin) to Russell advising that there is a year and a half interest due to their clients from the Lawrence Estate, but that there are apparently no funds to the credit of the estate, and asks that Russell '*...have provision made for the payment to use within a fortnight of a years interest or else to appoint a Receiver*'. They understand no progress has been made on the sale of the estate since 1881, except an undertaking in 1887 that it would proceed without delay. They also express their concern about the priority of their clients charge over the equitable deposit (1892-02-24).

Letter from John Russell & Son to Revd Henry Hale, The Rectory, Folksworth, near Peterborough, trustee on behalf of Lawrence for a sum of £5,000 by deed of 29 May 1876, sending him '*Notice of the several charges*' (1892-02-17), and

Notice from Russell to Revd Henry Wale, The Rectory, Folksworth, near Peterboro, England.



Whereas by indenture of 29 May 1876 between
1st Part : William Abbott Woods and Arthur Harvey Barron
2nd Part Charles Lawrence
3rd Revd Henry Wale
£5,000 charged upon and payable out of the lands in co. Galway of which
Lawrence is tenant for life was assigned to Wale for the use of Lawrence,
NOW you are hereby required to take notice that the several mortgages &
other incumbrances specified in the Schedule hereunder written have been
legally executed and created and do now affect the sum of £5000 –
schedule included (1892).

4 items / 9pp

213. 1892-03-03 Russell to Lawrence advising *'I think it prudent that you should be kept
(1892-02-27 - advised of our correspondence with the different Incumbrancers who are
1892-03-03) seeking to force on the Estate to a sale.
Accordingly I give you copies correspondence with Messrs Carson &
McDowell and Messrs Maxwell Weldon & Co.'*
Copy correspondence regarding Landed Estate Court proceedings includes
letter from Carson & McDowell to Russell & Son stating their dissatisfaction
with the proposed undertaking, *'It simply means that the proceedings are to
be hung up until it suits Mr Lawrence's convenience. Seeing that our
clients interest has run in arrear and having regard to the difficulties which
have been already experienced in relation to the payment of interest, the
Directors, while not wishing to do anything that would appear harsh, cannot
in the interests of the Society allow the matter to drift on in its present
aimless state. Unless you give an undertaking that you will now press on
the proceedings for sale at once, we must make an application to the court
for carriage'* (29 February 1892).
Letter from Russell & Son to Maxwell Weldon & Co. advising that his client
(Lawrence) *'...has been making the most strenuous efforts to raise
sufficient money to pay off the pressing claims, and amongst others your
clients, and we have every hope that he will succeed, especially if he is
successful in obtaining a judicial decision with reference to a large sum of
money he has paid on foot of the Scotch Mortgage, but should his efforts in
this direction prove unsuccessful it will be very easy to have the Survey
made, Rental settled, and the property set up for sale within a very short
time'* (1 March 1892).
Also includes Russell's reply to Carson & McDowell disagreeing with their
approach concluding that *'We cannot conclude without saying that in our
opinion it is not now open to your clients having accept the instalments of
principal and interest for 37 years and assumed the responsibility as
Trustees for that period to take the course which your letters indicate'* (3
March 1892).

2 items/ 6pp



214. 1892-03-04 Lawrence to Russell enclosing letter to Madden advising he handed the bill to Mahon, and that you '*...did not send me copy of your replies. Two copy of letters this day received. I shall send you Mr Madden's reply as soon as it reaches me. I shall hope to be in town early next week*'.

Includes copy of letter from Lawrence to Madden noting that Madden '*...has assigned your charge to your brother and the Bishop. Will you kindly ask them not to call it in, as I am negotiating a loan for the purpose. I have made arrangements under Receiver Deed that the interest will be paid in priority. This will present the Tail Creditors from forcing payment of interest out of their proper place, You know how they did this on a former occasion. I reply on your meeting my request as my trusted friend*' (1892-03-04).

2 items /2pp
215. 1892-03-07 Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising that as Mr MacDermott has served Notice for a Receiver it become most important that the Receiver Deed should be executed and enclosed same for signature.

1p
216. 1892-03-21 Houghton Russell to Lawrence requesting that a car meet Mr Harte at the Station the following day.

1p
217. 1892-03-25 Houghton Russell to Lawrence enclosing transcript of letter from Carson & McDowell, 51 Royal Avenue, Belfast regarding the sale of the Lawrence Estate.

2pp
218. 1892-04-01 Houghton Russell to Lawrence asking if he had ever been paid interest on the several charges vested in him, if not now would be a good time to make a claim.

1p
219. 1892-04-04 Lawrence to Russell requesting clarification of charges he referred to, and stating that '*I did not know that I could as owner put in a charge for interest for the unassigned portions of these charge. I have not been paid any interest on these charges as such and therefore cannot fix amount or date of payment*' (p2).

3pp
220. 1892-04-07 Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising he will prepare the Notice fixing priorities putting forward a claim by you for interest due on the several charges vested in you.

2pp



221. 1892-04-11 Houghton Russell to Lawrence advising that with regard to the claim which they are making against the Scotch Company he thinks it would be '*...unwise and might probably imperil our case, if we made any claim under the charges except one years interest*' (p1), adding that since 1874 the '*...estate nearly balanced itself*'.
2pp
222. 1892-04-14 Russell to Lawrence enclosing Notice regarding the fixing of payment priorities (not included).
1p
223. 1893-02-09 Russell to Lawrence enclosing '*...form of letter*' which he asks him to sign and forward to Mahon.
Includes letter from Lawrence to [Mahon] advising that he is prepared to give a 1st class charge on the Lawrencetown estate for [£1,000].
2pp
224. 1893-02-23 Russell to Lawrence advising that he will '*...attend before Chief Receiver at the proper time, and let you know with what result*'.
1p
225. 1893-02-27 Russell to Lawrence sending Notice of Motion which they expect will be heard on the following Wednesday, and advising that the Receiver wrote to Mr Mahon requesting that Lawrence's proposal be on printed form, '*...but we called and explained that you could not sign the usual proposal having regard to Mr Blake's agreement. We expect he will therefore dispense with it*'.
2pp
226. 1893-02-28 Russell to Lawrence advising he has met with the Chief Receiver and found that Mr St. George '*...has taxed a Bill of Costs, amounting to over £70 in connection with some Petty Session business*' and asks if he may consent to the Receiver paying Mr St. George's costs.
2pp
227. 1893-03-01 Russell to Lawrence advising that '*...we had a long and rather stormy meeting before the Chief Receiver today, who adjourned further discussion till next Wednesday. Your brother (Henry) was present, and seemed to make a great deal of his conacre point*'. He has little doubt that the Judge will appoint an independent valuator whose decision will be final and '*We hardly think you will be damnified by this course*'.
2pp



228. 1893-03-03 Russell to Lawrence advising that the Motion was before the Judge today and '*...we think [he] will grant same*'. The Scottish Amicable applied for an adjournment and Maxwell & Co. were the only Solicitors who gave serious opposition but he thinks the judge will '*...rule in our favour notwithstanding*'.
1p
229. 1893-03-09 Russell to Lawrence advising that the Scottish company '*..have agreed to our figures, as to the principal amount due t them. We need expect therefore no opposition to our motion from this quarter*'.
1p
230. 1893-03-10 Russell to Lawrence advising that Judge Munroe made the necessary Order but not in the exact terms they had applied for. Maxwell & Co. on behalf of Madden Trustees opposed the motion '*...but we are quite at a loss to understand why they should have done so, as it was our intention on obtaining the contemplated loan to pay them off. Indeed their opposition seemed to us very like the case of a man cutting off his nose to please his face*'.
2pp
231. 1893-03-14 Lawrence to Russell advising that he had just heard that Lambert had served papers in the High Court of Justice against the Lawrence Estate, and that the Agent who '*privately gave me this information has had the paper recalled and taken back from him. He does not remember any more if its contents. He says it was neither a Write nor a process but seemed to him to be a Deed of Chancery papers*', and asks if Russell can find out what the matter is about.
3pp
232. 1893-03-16 Russell to Lawrence advising that he thinks the Papers mentioned in his previous letter was an Order with '*...respect to the occupation rent, service of which we have already accepted*', and also state that they agree with Lawrence regarding the appointment of a independent valuer, as whatever rent is arrived at will '*...be above suspicion and be useful to us afterwards in view of a sale.*'
2pp
233. 1893-03-24 Russell to Lawrence advising that Lawrence's proposal came before the Chief Receiver, and that his brother '*...insisted upon going over the same ground as before, again emphasising his con-acre point. The Chief Receiver had seen the Judge who suggested that you should take the place for one year on the terms mentioned in your proposal, or in the alternative that an independent valuation should be made*'



'We of course agreed to this suggestion but your brother was perfectly intractable, and insisted that the case should be put into the Judge's list'.

2pp

- (233.) 1893? Note on the reverse by Lawrence describing the usual terms applied for the con-acre, describing con-acre meadow as *'the selling or letting of one acre or more of summer grass the purchaser cuts it, saves it, pays for it and takes it away. For this grass thirty, forty and fifty years ago the purchaser used to pay from £4 to £6 per acre. This sort of conacre system is now quite broken down owing to several causes...'*. And writes that *Mr H Lawrence's inconsiderate statement as to the principal of conacre be the income either large or small would deprive the tenant of his legitimate income and means of existence....'*
234. 1893-03-30 Russell to Lawrence advising that the Chief Receiver made a formal ruling accepting Lawrence's proposal for one year.
235. 1893-04-05 Russell to Lawrence asking if Mr F [Francis] Blake, who together with Walter Seymour was appointed executor of his brother John's Will is still living.
236. 1893-04-29 Russell to Lawrence regarding a guarantee for Northern Bank advising that he *'..need not be uneasy about it as I shall see that it is all right'*.
237. 1893-05-06
(1893-05-03) Covering letter from Russell to Lawrence enclosing correspondence between Russell and Messrs Carson & McDowell wherein the latter request no further delays in proceeding with the sale, their clients *'...have been treated to so many promises, none of which the owner has performed that they refuse to believe in them any more and they insist on the proceedings for sale going on as rapidly as the forms of the court will allow'* (1893-05-04). Russell responded advising that the proposed Lendor's will not sign the agreement for a loan until it is *definitely known what will become of the Bill at present before Parliament for the "better government of Ireland"*. *We do not think this is unreasonable and we will therefore expect that you will not unduly press on a sale under the circumstances'* (1893-05-03).
- 2 items / 3pp



238. 1893-05-16 Russell to Lawrence advising that he met with the Chief Receiver
*'...convened at the instance of Messrs Maxwell & Co, who have been complaining that their clients have to received interest on their charge'
'Your brother was also present and seemed greatly subdued, and said very little'*. The Chief Receiver was to communicate direct with Mr Mahon, who is dealing with these matters.
2pp
239. 1893-05-20 Russell to Lawrence enclosing copy of letter from Charles C Blake
(1893-04-20) (Windham Club, St. James' Square) to him, regarding John Lawrence's will, advising that he sent a copy of Russell's letter to his solicitor, when he hears back from him his brother Francis will *'...communicate with you, that is if Mr Robinson (his solicitor) consider it necessary to take any further notice of your letter. My opinion is that you have thought fit (on good advice no doubt) to take action in Landed Estates Court, without making either the Executor of John Lawrence's will a party or without making the heiress presumptive the personal representatives of Walter Lawrence the Owner by purchase with his wife's fortune a party to your nice arrangement, that it is not necessary for either Mr Francis Blake or myself or rather my daughter to notice you further than to look on till the time comes for us to act, and to insist that as we were not parties to, we cannot be bound by any proceeding which you have taken'*.
4pp
240. 1893-05-26 Russell to Lawrence enclosing Affidavit for verification.
1p
241. 1893-06-01 Russell to Lawrence regarding the Affidavit, advising that the Commissioner made a mistake and that the document has been forwarded to him for correction, and also refers to Junior Creditors.
2pp
242. 1893-06-06 Russell to Lawrence enclosing printed High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Lands Judges Notice advising that Lawrence's Counsel will apply for an *'Order that the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society be restrained from pressing the Estate to a sale so long as the instalments of £400 per annum.....are regularly and punctually paid...'*.
2 items/ 2pp
243. 1893-06-12 Russell to Lawrence advising that they think it advisable for Lawrence to attend the Motion due to be held the following Wednesday *'...as doubtless you will wish to follow the arguments of Counsel on this interesting and important motion'*.
2pp



244. 1893-06-14 Russell to Lawrence advising that the motion was refused, though the court '*...has been put in full possession of the facts, and the Attorney General and Mr White strongly commented on the conduction of the Scotch Company in pressing for their claim*'. He also advised that Counsel are against appealing. 2pp
245. 1893-06-20 Russell to Lawrence advising that the Ordnance office have appointed the 18th & 19th days of July to survey the estate, and asking '*What do you propose we should do. We give you on the other side copy letter just received from Mr Mahon, We do not suppose the Home Rule Bill will be thrown out before September or October next*'. In Mahon's copy letter to Russell he states that '*It is only waste of time seeking a loan till this Home Rule bill is thrown out, as I told you I know where the money can be had and would have been firm only for this measure*'. 2pp
(1893-06-19)
- (245.) 1893-06-21 Lawrence to Russell asking that they put the Ordnance Department '*...off until about the middle of October or the first week of the same. The matter would then be in their hands in full time before term begins. To meet any hostile motion and it would also give the longest time for the Home Rule question to work itself out. It is not likely I trust as you have suggested that the Scotch Co. will take any [fresh] action during the present term*'. 1p
246. 1893-06-23 Russell to Lawrence advising that they have written to the Ordnance Office. 2pp
247. 1893-06-24 Houghton Russell to Lawrence enclosing copy letter from Mahon requesting his view on it. 3pp
(1893-06-22) Includes copy of letter from Mahon (Altona, Bray) to Russell advising that '*There would be no use whatever in entering into a conditional agreement with the proposed Lenders. I think but if you choose to set forth your conditions I will send it on to the parties. I have offered grass farms for sale to tenants of means which do not come within the meaning of the act and they have refused to buy owing to the measures before the country, and a short time ago for same land they would have given a fancy price, I think myself you would be injuring the chance of a loan eventually bringing it forward again, but you can try. If you send me particulars don't put name of Estate or your firm. I would bring it forward simply as a loan I know is wanted as conditionally stated. I shall be here till 1st July*'.



248. 1893-06-29 Russell to Lawrence advising that the Ordnance Department have '*...acceded to our request and have appointed the 17th & 18th of October to survey the estate*'.
1p
249. 1893-07-03 – Russell to Lawrence advising that they are still waiting to hear from you
1893-07-05 regarding arranging to meet. Includes reply from Lawrence advising that he cannot remember getting any letter requesting him to meet and asks for a copy of it and advises that he does '*not feel strong enough to get to town at present.*'
2pp
250. 1893-07-07 - Russell to Lawrence advising that they have written to Mr Mitchell,
1893-07-08 Solicitor, Parsonstown requesting him to meet Lawrence at Alts Hotel, Banagher for the '*...purpose of signing a Deed, which we have approved of, and which he (Mr Mitchell) will explain*'. A postscript advised that Mr Brooks is going to England to place '*your loan with other before friends of his there*'.
Includes reply from Lawrence agreeing to meet Mr Mitchell.
3pp
251. 1893-07-10 Russell to Lawrence in reply to his of 8th July advising that the Deed referred is '*...simply confirmatory of Mr Brookes charge, who is raising the amount from Mr Mitchell*'.
1p
252. 1893-07-13 Russell to Lawrence explaining how Mitchell & Son Solicitors missed meeting him in Banagher.
1p
253. 1893-08-14 John Russell to Lawrence advising that he is to take a long vacation and a '*...temporary suspension of business*' and that '*Inconsequence of matters which I need not here allude to but with which possibly you may have become acquainted Mr William Russell has resolved to retire from the profession, a step the wisdom of which some may question but all must appreciate.*

It is generally felt that to allow the business of this old established office to become scattered would be a grave mistake, but when I tell you without reserve that the widow and family of the late highly respected senior John Russell is entirely dependent for their maintenance on its preservation I think I have said quite enough to enlist your warmest sympathy and support, under the very painful circumstances that have arisen Mr William James Shannon of 19 upper Ormond Quay, a young, able, industrious and



I believe single-minded solicitor has with great kindness offered to take over and manage the business pending the admission to the profession of Mr Charles W Russell (a very promising young fellow who will be admitted in about a year hence or probably sooner) and apply the profits towards the support of Mrs Russell and her family...'

9pp

254. 1893-12-02 Affidavit of Lawrence confirming that by order dated 16 May 1892 George Ker Mahon was appointed Receiver of the lands of Lisreaghan, otherwise Bellview, Lisafroon, otherwise Lisafarsoon²⁰, Ohillmore otherwise Lawrencetown, Cooleney and Craughwell, situated in the Barony of Longford and county of Galway were ordered to be sold.
- By order of 11 May 1892 the Receiver was directed to pay interest on several incumbrances.
- By order of 31 October 1892 it was referred to the Examiner of the court to ascertain and report the several sums paid to him and his predecessor in Title as tenants for life for principal money on foot of a mortgage of 30 May 1858 for £8,000, made between Walter Lawrence Junior (1 part) and The Scottish Amicable Insurance Company (2nd Part).
- By report of 9 January 1893 the Examiner found the several sums paid on foot of such principal money paid to Lawrence and his predecessors in title.
- As a result of the latter Lawrence now believes that '*...it will be necessary to have the said order of 11 May of 1892 varied and to have the questions of priority resettled*' (p2).
- He sets out, in priority, a Schedule of incumbrances and the sums due for arrears of interest and the rate, and he has calculated the arrear of interest due to himself on '*...foot of the principal money ascertained to have been paid by my brother John, and myself in respect of the said mortgage of the 30th of May 1853 and I have in the second Schedule to this Affidavit set forth the particulars of such interest which is correct according to the best of my knowledge*' (pp2-3).

24pp

²⁰ Lissapharson



ii. *Letters from the Inland Revenue to Russell regarding Olivia Lawrence [nee Dillon Bellew], deceased, 1891*

255. 1891-04-15 Advising that they are to apply to the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland for a Writ of attachment to enforce a settlement of the 'Crown's claim for duty arising upon the death of the above named deceased'.

1p

256. 1891-04-15 - 1891-04-23 Advising that they are to apply to the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland for a Writ of attachment to enforce a settlement of the 'Crown's claim for duty arising upon the death of the above named deceased'.

Includes copy of letter on behalf of Lawrence to Furlong, Solicitor for the Inland Revenue, advising that Lawrence recognises the intention of the Department '*...in extending over a lengthened period the payment of duty due to the Crown. The month of January as selected was a most difficult time for him to pay the first instalment it would be easier for him to pay the town instalments required within the year in November and he hopes that further indulgence will be extended to him in this respect.*

Recent legislation has very much injured his financial credit by the compulsory reduction of his rents...'

2pp



iii. *Russell to J. E. MacDermott (Solicitor) 1892*

257. 1892-01-27 Copy of letter advising that Lawrence has decided to appoint a '....receiver over his Estate as the best and in fact only way of securing a proper adjustment of the rents of his Estate...'.
1p

iv. *Correspondence between John Cash (from Russell's office) and Lawrence, 1892 - 1894*

258. 1892-02-05 Cash to Lawrence advising that Mr Russell is currently unwell but that he (Cash) hopes to travel to Ballinasloe on the following day, and writes that '*I am sorry that you should feel annoyed, and trust to give you such an explanation, as will entirely satisfy you*'.
2pp
259. 1893-04-03 Cash (10 Alphonus Road, Drumcondra) to Lawrence thanking him for the '*...nice books*'.
4pp
260. 1893-08-18 Lawrence to Cash '*I was sorry to hear what had taken place and trust that your efforts may meet with success. I have had a letter from Mr Peeble, 9 North Frederick Street about the guarantee and the bill for three hundred. What was done with my acceptance for renewal of the [Sames]. Please write me a line about the maker as I feel most troubled. I wrote in reply to Mr Peeble that I thought the matter had been settled*'.
2pp
261. 1893-08-19 Cash to Lawrence advising that '*...you need have no cause for uneasiness at present when there is such a cause (which I trust may be never), I will let you know*'.
2pp
262. 1893-09-01 – 1893-09-02 Cash to Lawrence asking him to forward the amount claimed by Mr Brooks, and to sign and return the authority to Mr Brooks to raise a loan.
Includes reply from Lawrence to Cash advising that it is not convenient to pay Mr Brooks, until he gets some money in, and also wondering if Brooks would be able to get £5,000 for the books to be sold by the ton weight, that men in England who buy in bulk might give such a price for '*such splendid and beautiful works of Art*'. He also advises that the letter he has been requested to sign requires '*...to be qualified because as you are aware other parties have entertained the idea of lending the money. It would not*



- be treating Mr Brooks kindly if I withheld from him Mr Mahon's statement as to the probability of his obtaining the money for me. In fact it comes to this the first man will be the best'.*
- 3pp
263. 1893-09-22 Cash to Lawrence asking for particulars of the profits of the demesne, '*...in other words a statement what it is capable of producing one year with another. This will be most important in presenting the security to a Lendor...'*
- 1p
264. 1893-09-23 Lawrence to Cash advising that the value of the '*...demesne in owners hands was valued for him as an occupying tenant by the valutors as worth £360 a year by careful management and judicious letting a profit of £250 a year might be made.....The value of the demesne would therefore be in owners hands £610 per year, in the hands of occupying tenants about £100 a year less four shillings abatement in the round £710'.*
- 2pp
- (264.) 1893-09-23 Lawrence to Cash advising that Mr Brooks had asked him to send him the '*...note of authority as to the loan to be raised to carry out the purchase completed. I cannot lay my hand on his letter which you handed to me, will you ask him to send me another and in order to gain time you could recast it and thereby qualify the statement to which he asks me to affix my signature...'*
- 1p
265. 1893-10-02
(1893-09-28) Lawrence to Cash forwarding copy of his letter to Brooks which advises Brooks that his letters have been answered and that '*There seems to be a doubt as to my being entitled to interest on the Scotch money, you however seem to be strongly of opinion that I am entitled to this interest'*, and asking him to outline his argument in this regard (1893-10-02).
- 2pp
266. 1893-10-02 Cash to Lawrence requesting him to sign, so that Mr Shannon may be properly instructed.
- Includes Lawrence's reply returning the letter for Mr Shannon signed authorising Shannon to act as his Solicitor (copy attached) and advising that he wrote to Shannon '*...to look after the costs of the Scotch Co.'*
- 2pp



267. 1893-10-03 Cash to Lawrence regarding Mr Shannon's opinion of matters which are under discussion. 2pp
268. [1893-10] Lawrence to Cash *'The Security Deposits in the Northern Bank are more than sufficient to meet the guarantee. Will you call on Mr Shannon to whom I have forwarded Original from Mr Peeble'*. 1p
269. 1893-11-18 Lawrence to Cash asking him to send to him the Final Notices to tenants and adjoining owners and occupiers, and advising the a Mr Moloney, who has a large charge on the property has received from the Courts the carriage of sale.
'You will very much oblige if you could obtain and send to me by Monday's post the Final notice to tenants and adjoining owners and occupiers. In the matter of Walter Seymour of Ballymore Castle, Co. Galway and Petitioner Mr Peter Lambert, 22 Nassau Street, Solicitor having carriage of sale this Final Notice was published as far back as 1885 and is still alive it not being found convenient to see the property at present.
A Mr Moloney Solicitor having a large charge on the property has now got from the Courts the carriage of sale. If Mr J Lambert has not got these notices he will give you Mr Moloney's address from whom you can obtain say five or six copies and post them to me as requested by Monday's post for private reasons I would not wish the parties to hear of my name.
Mr Mahon was here yesterday and is much pleased with Mr Shannon he has the £10,000 for me. Pray do not fail sending me the notices by Mondays post. You are perhaps aware Mr Lambert has changed his address'. 3pp
270. 1893-11-20 Cash to Lawrence stating he is *'...so glad to find that the £10,000 is within reach and we can therefore at least for the present do without Mr Brooks. I am also pleased to find that you and Mr Mahon find Mr Shannon satisfactory'*. 2pp
271. 1894? Cash to Lawrence advising that *'Mr Jackson was not able to go down but my father-in-law Mr Cooper will do the needful, be belongs to the same family'*. 1p



272. 1894-01-25 Cash (10 Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra, Dublin) to Lawrence regarding the Motion for Priorities which was '*...very hotly contested but I have every reason to hope the Judge will decide with us on the interest question which will completely checkmate the junior chargeants*'. He advises that Mr Lambert offered terms of settlement '*...in a sort of informal way*', and also asks if Lawrence knows of any '*...friendly creditor of your brother Walter he would be of great service to us at present...*'.
- 6pp
273. 1894-01-27 Lawrence to Cash asking for details of the terms offered by Mr Lambert and that he has asked Mr Shannon for the result of Judge Munroe's decision which is due on Monday.
- 2pp



III. Joseph Edward MacDermott, Solicitors (13 Nassau Street, Dublin)

i. Correspondence with Lawrence, 1891-1891

274. 1891-06-26 MacDermott to Lawrence directing his attention to the fact that he owes him (MacDermott) a year's interest on the sum £700 and requesting that he make payment forthwith. 1p
275. 1891-07-04 MacDermott to Lawrence stating he had expected '*...payment of the years interest due*' and requesting Lawrence to remind his Agent of it and asking for a printed copy of the Settlement of 1848 and a copy of the mortgage of the Scottish Insurance Company. 1p
276. 1891-07-11 Lawrence to MacDermott stating that '*I spoke to Mr. Russell about your charge. Do you think you can see your way to make it £1500. Would you kindly let me hear from you in course of a post or two*'. 1p
277. 1891-09-11 MacDermott to Lawrence advising he has written to Mr Russell regarding the money outstanding on the mortgage of £700 and stating he does not feel '*...warranted in allowing the money to remain longer outstanding unless Mr Madden joins in the deed and the legal requirements of my Counsel are complied with..*'(2p). 2pp
278. 1891-09-17 – MacDermott to Lawrence stating '*Sir, As you have not thought fit to reply to either of my letters of 1st August last nor to that of the 11th ins, I have to request immediate payment of £700 and all interest due to date and accruing interest. I have always tried to be considerate in my dealings with you and I regret now to be forced to take this course. I have however to complain of the discourteous manner in which I have been treated lately and to the necessary trouble I have been put to. Indeed your conduct has left me no alternative except to enforce payment and if the amount due is not paid on or before Monday next I must institute proceedings for recovery without further notice. Yours truly....*'.
1891-09-18
Include reply from Lawrence advising that the '*letter referred to has not reached me. It may possibly do so in the course of a post or two. I am often very much inconvenienced by my letters going to Laurencetown in the North of Ireland....*' and proceed to thank him for his kindness. 2pp



279. 1891-12-01 – MacDermott to Lawrence requesting payment of interest now due, *'Any time that I allowed was on the understanding that the interest would meanwhile be paid'*.
1891-12-05
- Includes copy of reply Lawrence to MacDermott stating that Mr. Mahon (his agent) *'...has been in Typhoid fever for some months'*, otherwise he would have attended to business before now, *'The latest account states that he (Mahon) is moving homeward by slow stages. I shall see that your wishes shall be attended to as promptly as possible'*.
- 2pp
280. 1891-12-07 MacDermott to Lawrence thanking him for his letter and that he hopes Mr. Mahon will be able to make him a remittance before the end of the year. Advising also that *'Mr Russell informs me that he is carrying out arrangements for the loan of a sum sufficient to pay off mine amongst the other charges affecting your £5,000. I suppose this is the case and that I may take it for granted that payment of the whole amount will be made between the ensuing six or seven weeks.'*
- 1p
281. 1891-12-22 MacDermott, to Lawrence requesting immediate payment of interest before the end of the year.
- 1p
- (281.) 1891-12-29 Copy of letter from Lawrence to MacDermott advising that his agent, Mahon, is returning home by slow stage and asking him to let the *'matter stand over for a little while'*.
- 1p
282. 1891-12-30 MacDermott to Lawrence advising he will let the matter of the interest stand over for a few weeks *'...pending the return of your agent'*.
- 1p
283. 1892-01-05 MacDermott to Lawrence advising that *'Your bill for £400 part of the debt of £700 for which I have an equitable charge on the estate became due today'*, and requests immediately payment, *'If it is a fact that you are receiving money for the sale of timber, the power of attorney or part assignment of the purchase money must be given to me forthwith and failing same I institute proceedings as stated in my letter'*.
- 2pp



IV. Correspondence between J. W. Brooks (Brighton Road, Rathgar, Dublin) and Lawrence, 1891 - 1893

See also no. /22, /24, /29, /120, /125, /131 & /237

284. 1891-11-20 – Brooks to Lawrence regarding the timber growing in the domain, advising
1891-11-22 that the ‘...gentlemen before whom the Security has been placed ask me to give them particulars of this timber, and Mr Russell asks me to write to your direct on the subject...’ (p1), he requests details on the number and sizes of the Cedar trees, and how far they stand from the nearest Railway Station or canal. He goes on to advise that ‘*If this timber matter shows well it will considerably aid in getting money readily*’ (p3).
- Includes copy of letter from Lawrence in reply to Brooks giving as near a calculation of the bulk of timber fit for sale, and advising that the Canal is within 3 miles of the Lawrencetown, while it is 7 miles from the Great Western Railway in Ballinasloe and 7 from the Great Southern Railway in Banagher.
- 4pp
285. 1891-11-24 - Brooks to Lawrence regarding the cedar trees, and requesting details on a
1891-11-26 former sale, some 20 years previous, of trees.
- Includes copy of letter from Lawrence in reply to Brooks advising no cedars were sold in 1873 when the ‘...*sale of my timber commenced*’. He also, as requested, gives numbers on the other specimen of trees which would be fit for sale.
- 6pp
286. 1891-11-27- Brooks to Lawrence requesting as soon as possible details pertaining to the
1891-11-28 size of the other specimen of trees.
- Includes copy of letter from Lawrence in reply to Brooks responding to his request for further details, advising ‘*The Cedar of Lebanon were planted by my Grand Uncle Admiral Lawrence between the years 1740 and 1850 and during the minority of his nephew Col. Walter Lawrence, my Grand Father, who was born 1729 and died 1796*’. He also gives an indication of the size of various quantities of trees.
- 5pp
287. 1891-12-01 Brooks to Lawrence advising he has arranged for Mr John Smith, the timber dealer, to go down to Lawrencetown to inspect the trees and then make an offer, and requesting that the trees be marked with paint or chalk so there is no difficulty in locating them.
- 2pp



288. 1891-12-05 Brooks to Lawrence advising that John Smith has postponed his inspection until the following week. 3pp
- (197.) 1891-12-11 Brooks to Lawrence advising that Smith will make a second inspection of the trees next week, and that he (Brooks) will seek alternative quotations from two other timber dealers. 2pp
289. 1891-12-14 Brooks to Lawrence on the matter of English timber merchants. 3pp
290. 1891-12-28 Letter from Brooks to Lawrence advising that Fitzsimon (Dublin timber merchants) have a contract in the Athlone district which will enable them to dispose of both oak and beech, *'They should be in a position therefore to take a good deal of the timber at Lawrencetown at fair prices'* (pp1-2). 3pp
291. 1892-01-27 Brooks to Lawrence advising Fitzsimons have given a price for the timber. 2pp
292. 1892-02-01 Brooks to Lawrence regarding a request for loan of £11,000 advising that the proposed lenders have been advised that the lands if sold would *'...in all probability realise the amount of the loan, without resorting to other parts of the Estate'*, and a(188sking several questions in relation to the land, such as enquiring if lettings for the coming season have been made and what they amount to. 3pp
293. 1892-04-02 Brooks to Lawrence requesting that he look up any letters or papers relating to the Canova²¹ Statuary *'so that something like a history may be prepared and 'If we can get anything like a circumstantial account of these works of art, the prices to be obtained will be very favourably affected'* (p2). 2pp
294. 1892-04-07 Brooks to Lawrence advising that he has no doubt the Minerva and Mars²² are *'...excellent works of art, and in the course of a few days I hope to bring*

²¹ Antonia Canova (1757-1822) was an Italian sculptor who became famous for his marble sculptures. His work marked a return to classical refinement after the theatrical excesses of Baroque sculpture. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_Canova

²² According to the Lawrence Album (GS01/1) the two busts, the Bust of Mars, The Goddess of War, and the Bust of Minerva, The Goddess of Minerva were presented to Col. Lawrence by Canova, and *"arrived at Lawrencetown, from Italy, during the visit, of this*



myself in touch with some of the men I mentioned. The first thing to be done is to ascertain whether they are Canova's own, or from the chisel of another artist, and if so, whose. The works I have seen by Canova are less florid, but these may have been some of his earliest, before his style became fixed. I saw the Volunteers' Gate. As soon as it can be managed there should be a little money spent in under-pinning the lower courses. A few days work would save it from much further damage.' (p1)

3pp

295. 1893-09-22 Brooks to Lawrence saying he has been '*...expecting to receive the cheque for the interest and the note of authority as to the sum to be raised to carry out the purchase contemplated*'.

1p

(265.) 1893-09-28 Brooks to Lawrence requesting a reply to his letters.

1p

Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales (afterwards George the Fourth) between the years 1780 and 1790. (see http://www.askaboutireland.ie/show_narrative_page_by_place.do?page_id=1291)



V. Banking Correspondence

i. National Bank to James Ryan, 1891

See also /383

296. 1891-10-30 Notification from the National Bank to James Ryan, Ashbook, Woodlawn advising that the [acceptance] of Lawrence for £400 endorsed by Ryan was presented to the Bank for payment and dishonoured.

1p

ii. Letters from the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Dublin to Lawrence, 1891-1892

297. 1891-11-05 Regarding his '*...acceptance to J M Mahon in our hand, for £500 will fall due*' on 9th inst. [demand for payment of bill?]

1 item

298. 1891-11-17 Advising that his acceptance to Mahon of £500 remains unpaid, and stating that when '*...this was discounted it was distinctly understood that it was to be paid when due*' and requesting that he do so immediately.

1p

299. 1892-02-22 Advising '*Your acceptance to Mr Geo Kerr Mahon's £380 is lying here unpaid since 12th inst. Will you kindly arrange to have it settled without further delay. I cannot hold it longer*'.

1p

iii. Correspondence between the Northern Banking Co. Ltd and Lawrence, 1891 - 1894

300. 1891-11-23 Letter of guarantee from Lawrence to Northern Banking Co. Ltd, Belfast, Witnessed by John Kennedy
- 'In consideration that you will open and continue a banking account with William Russell & Sol (Borrower) for so long and to such an extent as you shall think fit and give credit to the Borrower...I Rev/d Charles Lawrence of Lisreaghan, Laurencetown hereby guarantee to you the due payment of all and every such sum and sums of money as are or shall at any time and from time to time be due from the Borrower either alone or jointly with any person or persons to you on the general balance of any account or accounts of the borrower with you, provided that my liability shall not exceed £500 for principal besides interest'*

4pp



301. 1893-04-13 Northern Banking Co. Ltd to Lawrence advising that his *'acceptance to Messrs John Russell Son for £300 will become due on 15th inst.'* and ask that it be paid here.

1p

302. 1893-04-26 Northern Banking Co. Ltd to Lawrence referring to their interview a few days earlier and informing him that the *'Directors have now instructed me to apply to you for the amount due on foot of your guarantee for the account of John Russell & Son. I would also inform you that Mr Russell has taken no steps with reference to your acceptance for £300 due 15th inst.'*

1p

iv. *Robert W. Pebbles (9 North Frederick Street, Dublin) (Solicitor for the Northern Bank) to Lawrence, 1893*

See also /315

303. 1893-08-02 Pebbles to Lawrence regarding Lawrence's Guarantee to Northern Bank for W. H. Russell advising that the Bank have requested him to apply to Lawrence for *'...payment of your guarantee of £500 given to the Bank in this matter as Mr Russell's account is turning out most unsatisfactory. You will kindly let me know what arrangements you are making, as the Bank, from the way the account is being conducted, are anxious to have it closed at once. There is also a bill for £300 which you spoke about when lat in the Bank. We would like to know what arrangement is being made about this.*

1p

304. 1893-08-10 Pebbles to Lawrence regarding Russell, advising that Russell's account is *'...at present over drawn to the extent of £1,565.4.11. Do you wish to pay your £5000 and take over the securities and realise them yourself or would you prefer the Bank to realise them. Of course you are aware the Bank is in a position to call upon you to pay the £500 at once, but this is a thing they would be very slow to do. If you will kindly make some arrangements however so as to meet a portion of your guarantee I would be much obliged.*

2pp



305. 1893-08-25 Pebbles to Lawrence saying he is surprised Lawrence did not call as promised. *'One of the Directors of the Northern Bank is in town at present, and he instructed me to obtain from you a written reply to my letter of 10th inst., and to insist upon an immediate settlement of the Bill upon which there is a balance of £150 still due.*
- 2pp
- (268.) 1893-10-13 Pebbles to Lawrence advising that the Northern Bank will *'...have to call on you to pay up the amount of your guarantee. You will please make arrangement to pay with as little delay as possible...'*
- 1p

III. Letters from William [Spears], Secretary, Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, St. Vincent's Place, Glasgow to Lawrence, 1891

306. 1891-07-06 Advising that Lawrence's telegram did not reach them until their office had closed on Saturday but they are forwarding it now to their Solicitors, Messrs. Carson and McDowell, *'...in whose hands we must and regret to say leave the matter'*.
- 2pp

IV. Correspondence between William James Shannon, Solicitor (19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin), and Lawrence, 1893 - 1894

- (268.) 1893-10-14 Copy of letter from Lawrence to [Shannon] enclosing a note from Mr Peeble *'Probably you are aware of the transaction I do not understand why I should be addressed on the subject, when the Bank hold ample Security Deposits. Mr Cash will explain the matter to you'*
- 1p
307. 1893-09-25 – 1893-10-21 File of letters pinned together regarding the costs owed to Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, and Lawrence's brother Henry's charge on the estate, and advertising in the English papers for a loan.
- Includes letter from Carson & McDowell (McDowell (51 Royal Avenue, Belfast) to Lawrence *'Under the order dated 14th June 1893 you were directed to pay the costs of our clients, the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society connected with that application so soon as the cost were taxed and ascertained.*



The costs have been taxed to £8.11.1. We have applied to your Solicitors several times for payment but have not yet got the amount. We now beg to apply to yourself personally for the amount and to inform you that if default is made in paying same forthwith judgement will be marked and execution issued' (1893-09-25)

Reply from Thomas Downey (Laurencetown, Lawrence's clerk) to Carson & McDowell *'Mr Lawrence has duly received your letter on this return home and is sorry to find you have been inconvenienced he has not seen nor heard anything about your bill of costs. He shall attend to the mater at once without delay.'* (1893-10-23).

Shannon to Lawrence *'I duly received your letter of 7th inst and on receipt I forwarded cheque to Messrs Carson & McDowell for the amount of their taxed costs.*

Will retain their receipt for same here amount £8.11.1' (1893-10-11), and

Lawrence to Shannon asking *'Would you think it well to arrange for an interview with Mr H Lawrence in his representative character and his Solicitor and ascertain definitely if he will or will not fall back on the Deed of 1864. You are probably aware of the reasonableness and justice of such a step on my behalf. Mr Brooks did not write to me since about the Guarantee five per cent on the loan for £14,000 perhaps you wrote to him on the subject. He is said to be actually in touch with English money lenders. If the Lenders were disposed to lend on the securities which will be offered could they be got to give a guarantee for the Loan lending the [time] necessary for putting the estate in a position to receive the loan. Do you think an advertisement in some of the leading provincial papers in England would be useful in seeking for a loan? I presume you are in correspondence with Mr Pebbles on the subject of his letter as I have not heard from you on the matter.'* (1893-10-21)

4 items / 6pp

308. 1893-10-16 Shannon to Lawrence regarding arrangements to meet with Mr Pebbles.

1p

309. 1893-10-25 Shannon to Lawrence regarding a survey of the estate, and about obtaining a loan

'In reply to your letter of 21st inst I beg to state at present I am in communication with the different solicitors interested in this estate with a view to obtaining their sanction to the postponement of the survey until next February.

Do not think we ought to take any steps with regard to the loan which you may require until we see whether we can get the adjournment now sought. In any case it would be useless negotiating for the loan you mention until the proceedings for a sale were more advanced than at present, as no lender would keep the money un-invested until you were ready to take it. I would strongly advise you not to approach with Lawrence or his solicitor in this matter.

If we were in a position to do so the Estate could be purchased or such



portion of it as you require, without regard to the claims of Mr H Lawrence who could then only look to the purchase money for his demand. This course, if we were able to carry it out would be the best I have written to Mr Peebles in reference to this latter but I am informed that that Gentleman is out of town and accordingly my notes retains unanswered up to the present'.

3pp

310. 1893-11-01 Shannon to Lawrence regarding the outstanding payments of interest due by the Receiver (Mahon) to Maxwell & Weldon's clients, and also regarding the postponement of the survey.

'I have heard from Mr Lambert's Solicitor and I have also seen him and I gather from our conversation that his clients are not inclined to press on the sale of this estate. I also had a nice letter from Messrs Maxwell and Weldon agreeing to the survey being delayed provided their interest was paid, but these Gentlemen complain that the Receiver is not paying their client his interest. On this point I would like to communicate with the Receiver, would you kindly give me his name and address, and perhaps you might at the same time inform me why it is Messrs Maxwell and Weldon's clients have not been paid any interest since the appointment of the Receiver.

I have today also heard from Messrs Carson & McDowell. They write stating that their client would agree to the postponement of the survey to December but no longer. These gentlemen seem to think that they have not been well treated by you or your solicitors in the past and they are apparently anxious to have the sale pressed on without any delay.

I have not heard from Mr McDermott but I am now writing him on this matter.

Our object ought clearly to be to delay the sale as much as possible, but on account of the delay which has already arisen it may be difficult to do this unless the amount due the Insurance company was paid off.

P.S. I have not heard yet from Mr Peebles with copy of the letter of guarantee from which I asked him'.

4pp

311. 1893-11-04 Lawrence to Shannon advising that senior creditors have not yet being paid their interest because the '*Junior Estate creditors enforced payment out of their turn by treats of Law and the putting on of a Receiver. It was in order to protect the Senior creditors that I found it necessary with the Sanction of the Judge to appoint my Agent Mr Mahon, Receiver under Deed*'. The Receiver is now bound by the Schedule of priorities. He proceeds to give some detail on how the estate's current status came about. He also advised that if £9,000 or £10,000 were borrowed at 4 to 4.5%, the sum would pay off all the charges, and thus take the property out of the court and put off the sale for the time being. It would also be



necessary for the Junior creditors to fall back on the Deed of 1864, and '*...thus procure for themselves a smaller income and prevent by so doing the sale of the estate, in which case they might not be able to get more than £100 a piece*' (p3).

'The younger children having succeeded on an appeal in breaking the Deed of 1865 by which we all took £500 each instead of £1,000 provided for us under the Settlements of 1848. The necessity for this step was due to the fact that a very large position of the property was sold in 1851. Thus reducing the area over which the £13,000 for younger children was spread. The late Captain Lawrence purchased that estate in 1853. The most of his brothers and sisters were under age and unable to sign a release of their charge at that time. In order to preserve the inheritance the property was bought by Captain Lawrence subject to the uses and trusts of the Settlement of 1848. My brother John succeeded in 1863 when he carried out the Original intention of Captain Lawrence as contained in the Deed of Release known as the 1864 Deed. When this Deed was broken on appeal in 1880 the property was unable to meet the new charge and had to come out of my private means which quiet swallowed up my charge of £5,000. This fact with the Act of 1881²³ the no rent manifesto, bad rents etc made it a difficult matter to meet the Interest on the £13,000. It was not until Mr Mahon took up the Agency that I saw the perilous position in which I was placed'. (p2)

4pp

312. 1893-11-04 Lawrence to Shannon regarding the matter of his entitlement to interest and arrear of interest on the £4,000 paid by his predecessor and himself out of the Life Estate, stating he is '*...anxious to understand clearly my true position in this matter. It would be of immense advantage to me if I was legally entitled to this interest, it would enable me to recoup my self for the loss I have sustained*', and asks that Counsel be asked to advise on the case for and against the payment of interest.

2pp

313. 1893-11-29 Shannon to Lawrence advising he has been busy '*...endeavouring to work up, with Mr Cash's aid, all matters connected with the estate. You are, I presume, aware that Mr Mahon believes he could find the sum of £10,000 provided same could be made a first charge on your estate.*
- In order that you should be in a position to accept this offer it will be necessary for you to get advice of eminent Counsel with regard to the many charges on the Estate which would have to be paid or arrange for and in the event of £10,000 being advances one difficulty would appear to be with regard to the Scotch Company's deed, because no lender would consent to be bound by the Covenants in that Deed especially those which oblige the Lender to accept instalments off principal each year.*
- Under those circumstance I am engaged drafting, with Mr Cash, a case to be*

²³ Land Law (Ireland) Act 1881 which gave tenants real security. Alternatively it could be referring to the Conveyancing Act, 1881. An Act for simplifying and improving the practice of conveyancing: and for vesting in trustees, mortgagees, and others various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in settlements, mortgages, wills, and other instruments: and for amending in various particulars the law of property: and for other purposes.



submitted to Counsel and I would strongly advise that this case should be sent to Mr William Kenny .Q.C. M.P. He in my opinion is the best man at the Irish Bar on such a matter. It will be necessary to give him a fee of in or about £10.0.0 as the case will be a heavy one.

I have also settled notice of motion to fix priorities or rather to amend the order I had made fixing priorities on this Estate. This will be a heavy motion and I hope that on the hearing the question of payment of interest to you on foot of the amount which you were declared entitled to under the examiners report may be settled....'

4pp

314. 1893-12-01 Shannon to Lawrence asking him to sign the Affidavit and '*...make before Commissioner as soon as possible although I have not heard from you as time presses I sent case to Mr Kenny this evening*'.

2pp

See also /303-305

315. 1894-01-13 Shannon to Lawrence regarding amounts outstanding to the Northern Bank, and advising that it '*...would be absolutely necessary in order to avoid proceedings that the amount due the Bank should be raised*'. Includes copy of letter from William Peebles to Shannon advising that he has been instructed to '*...commence legal proceedings to recover the amount due by Mr Lawrence*'.

2 items / 4pp

316. 1894-01-13 Shannon to Lawrence regarding an adjourned hearing of '*...the motion to fix priorities*', and '*...when the priorities are fixed we must push on the loan and work it through if possible*'.

1p

317. 1894-01-18 Shannon to Lawrence advising that he is unable to leave Dublin at present but will arrange to '*...interview the Tenants in a few weeks time when I hope to be in a position to deal with them if they will come to terms*'. Also that the Northern Bank require payment of £400, and suggests that Lawrence '*...offer to give them a charge on your interest in the Estate similar to that given to me. Will you let me know as to this as I must write at once to the Solicitor in order to avoid proceedings being taken against you*'.

4pp



318. 1894-01-24 Shannon to Lawrence advising that their application to '*...fix priorities was on before the Judge and occupied the day*', and that Counsel argued strongly '*...on your favour on the interest question and I have great hopes the judge may decide in your favour*', but that the case stands adjourned until Monday.
- 3pp
- (273.) 1894-01-27 Lawrence to Shannon asking for Counsel's opinion on the case and also for a report on the results of the case which '*...now stands adjourned for decision*'.
- 2pp
- See also /365
319. 1894-04-16 – 1894-04-17 Lawrence to Shannon enclosing copy of two reports regarding the sewage at the house requesting him to ask the Chief Receiver to allow the required works to be carried out '*...at the cost of the estate. It would be unfair to expect me to do this at my own expense*' but offers to contribute one fifth the cost if Maguire & Son carry out the work, '*But perhaps I may not be required to pay anything if the necessity and justice of the case were fully pointed out to the Chief Receiver*'.
- Copy report by Robert Fair, Medical Officer, Lawrencetown Dispensary confirming he inspected the sewerage at Lisreaghan and considers the whole '*...system of drainage and disposal of sewage hitherto in connection with the house most unsanitary and very injurious to health*' and proceeds to set the reasons for his finding.
- Copy report by James Rickard, Registered Plumber (for Maguire & Son, 10 Dawson Street, Dublin) regarding the drainage system at Lisreaghan, stating it was '*...the worst I have met with for some time*'.
- 3 items / 5pp
320. 1894-04-19 Shannon to Lawrence advising he met with the Chief Receiver and '*...consented to Hynes application*' and that he has lodged an application with the Chief Receiver regarding the sanitary repairs required in Lisreaghan.
- 2pp
321. 1894-04-20 Shannon to Lawrence advising that he has asked for an early appointment with the Chief Receiver.
- 2pp



322. 1894-05-16 Shannon to Lawrence regarding the date for the survey, advising,
*'The survey has been fixed for 29th and 30th inst.
On consideration I do not think that any advantage will be gained by applying to have the survey dispensed with, as the parties could immediately on such an order being made compel us to proceed with the Final Notice to Tenants.
Four days notice will have to be given of the survey and I would be glad to know how you would wish to have them served. Arrangements must be made at once as to this'*
- 3pp
- (322.) 1894-05 Lawrence to Shannon *'Please send the notices for Survey to me, and my man, Thomas Downey, will serve the proper parties in due time. He will also be the one to accompany the Ordnance surveyor and point out the proper boundary and all other requirements.
P.S. I received your letter containing a copy of Mr Lamberts offer on the part of his clients'*
- 1p
323. 1894-05-22 Shannon to Lawrence asking to be kept informed about *'...how the services are proceeding'* and advising that as he has not sent the notices to a Civil Bill Officer they must be *'doubly careful'*
- 2pp
324. 1894-05-24 Lawrence to Shannon, *'My man, Thomas Downey, has been for the last three days Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday serving the Notices of survey on the required number of tenants on each townland on this estate. He has also served notices on the occupying tenants of the adjoining properties together with the required postings. I presume the adjoining owners and agents have been served by post as they are all out of reach of T Downey'*
- 2pp
325. 1894-05-25 Shannon to Lawrence *'Your letter of 24th to hand informing me that Thomas Downey has been serving notices of survey. When he has completed services please let me have the original back marked.
I have served the adjoining owners thro the notice office.
Have you done anything further with regard to Booklet'*
- 2pp



326. 1894-05-30 Shannon to Lawrence; '*On the other side I give you copy of application forwarded to me by the Chief Receiver which appears to be satisfactory*'.
(1894-05-29) Includes copy of letter from Edmund Murphy, Chief Receiver, to Shannon advising '*...the Receiver having forwarded an [application] submitting estimate for sanitary improvements at Lawrencetown House amounting to £88.15.0 and recommending that same be accepted I have to inform you that this matter will come before me for consideration on next Friday the 1st day of June 1894 between 12 and 1 o'clock and will be ruled on by the Judge on that day*'.
3pp
327. 1894-06-01 Shannon to Lawrence advising he had '*...attended before the Chief Receiver*' who directed that Lawrence and the Sanitary Officer should provide affidavits clearly showing the '*...absolute necessity for the Sanitary repairs being executed*'.
2pp
328. 1894-06-08 Shannon, Solicitor to Lawrence acknowledging receipt of documents for lodgement with the Chief Receiver, Edmund Murphy.
1p
329. 1894-06-18 Shannon to Lawrence asking him to return the draft mortgage previously forward to him for approval, and advising that Affidavit has been lodged with the Chief Receiver.
2pp
330. 1894-06-29 Shannon to Lawrence advising that he attended before the Chief Receiver and that after a consultation with the Judge the Receiver '*...has decided to grant our application except so far as regards the Policy Barracks*'.
2pp
331. 1894-07-24 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Shannon advising that Mr Mahon will be in touch regarding '*...the subject of your costs and another matters*'.
1p
- (331.) 1894-07-25 Shannon to Lawrence advising he has replied to Mr Mahon's letter '*...giving him the information he asked for*'.
1p
332. 1894-09-22 Shannon to Lawrence advising of his availability should Lawrence wish to meet him.
1p



333. 1894-10-03 Shannon to Lawrence advising that before the Final notices issued that Lawrence '*...should open negotiations with the Tenants on the outlying townlands in view of a purchase through the Land Commission*'. Also that the Deed of 1876 was a covenant for payment of interest and not Principal, so they must therefore pay this.

3pp

**V. Correspondence between Weldon C. Moloney, Solicitor
(28 South Frederick Street, Dublin) and the Lawrence Estate, 1894**

334. 1894-02-5 Moloney to Lawrence regarding the Estate of Walter Seymour Owner & Petitioner, stating '*I am the Solicitor having carriage of the sale of the above estate and I am about to serve the Final Notice to tenants. It is necessary that this notice should be served on all adjoining Landlords and also their agents as your property adjoins this Estate I would feel greatly obliged if you would let me know the name and address of your agent if any as I shall have to serve him with a copy of the final notice*'.

2pp

- (334.) 1894-02-07 Reply from Thomas Downey (Lawrence's clerk) to Moloney '*Your letter has been duly received at Lisreaghan and in reply to which I am to state that the Agent of the Laurencetown estate is G K Mahon, Ballydonlan Castle, Loughrea*'.

1p



G. Tenants

I. Letters and Records Relating to General Matters, 1867- 1893

335. 1867-05-21 Returns compiled by John Mullery listing various tasks, such as *'Sowing cabbage in Model Farm'* and the number and type of labour or animal used, such as trades[man], labourer, boys, horse or donkey, and also noting *'Sheering sheep 5 men'*.
1p
336. 1877-05-26 *'Servants accounts'* listing name and amount in shillings and pence, also *'Workmen's accounts'* which also includes the number of days worked or type of work carried out, such as *'weeds cutting'*, amounts are in pounds, shillings and pence.
1p
337. 1874-02-14 Letter from [Thos] J. [Keeley], [] House, [Hanley], to Lawrence concerned with his nephew and Lawrence's refusal to *'...let them have possession of the house in Lawrencetown'*.
'I have a letter from my nephew saying you refuse to let them have possession of the house in Lawrencetown. I cannot understand your object. If I am about to [depreciate] the value of your property there might be some reason, but you [] see from Cody's estimate I was about [] £55.0.0 on it, that is on the house alone, [besides] [what] I have already done to the outbuildings. I think I might wish [] [have] [] you to do some repairs. You quite misunderstand me if you think I am out to [take] any advantage, and I cannot help [hurt] [that] that you should show any unnecessary [hindrance] on my [way].'
2pp
338. 1879-11-13 Note from John Moran to [Lawrence] stating *'Sir, I promise on your allowing me to retain my crops on the ground to remove them at any time you call upon me to do so'*. Witnessed by John Hynes.
1p
339. 1881 Statement from Martin Brennan, Craughwell, where he proposes *'...to pay the Revd. Charles Lawrence the sum of eighteen pounds sterling for that Division known as the Deer Park from the first of November 1881 to first April 1882 excluding all taxes 18 £'*.
1p



340. 1881-10-11 Letter from James Cooke, Cornfield, Ballinasloe to Lawrence stating that he is going to pay Lawrence £20 for the grazing of Deer Park farm until the first of April 1882 '*...together with five cocks of hay that has grown on the acre where the pailing is in Deer Park to be used on the Land. Your obedient Tenant*'.
2pp
341. 1882-01-05 Letter from [Thomas Carn] PP, 76 Lower Mount St., Dublin to Lawrence regarding his inability to pay the money he owes.
'I got a letter from your Agent Mr Madden asking for 1/5 rent. I have no money now, nor can I get what is due to me to pay my way here. I thought the [big] [] given up to you before this. As I always was on the best terms, I might say of friendship, with every member of your family I [would] [wish] to give a [proof] [] but in [truth] I am not at present able to pay. When I got the [field] it was in a very poor state with briars and [brambles] at the north end and [same] in the middle of the field as John Hynes can tell you. I levelled the moat and cleared away all the rubbish and improved the field in every way. The late Mr John Lawrence allowed me two pounds per year as you also did, and [] hope you will consider me and take up the possession from my brother [returned] [authorised] to settle with you and give possession of the field. Of course he must pay you for the house [division] under lease, I did not get on penny from Fr [] yet, but I must soon. From the was I improved the field I think you might be good enough to be satisfied with the possession I would expect [so] much from the good old family of Lisreaghan. I need not however, give you any [trouble] I will leave the matter to your [] [] and good [will] Believe me with great respect and esteem.'
3pp
342. 1882-02-08 Letter from [Dill] (19 Regency Square, Brighton) to Lawrence advising that the date your cheque arrived '*I wrote actions and lodging it and sent you a cheque for £10, having had no reply I fear it has never reached you*'.
1p
343. 1882-02-28 Note from Thomas Connolly to Lawrence asking for a turf bank for the year.
1p



344. 1882-05-16 Letter from Thomas Denis O'Farrell, Solicitor, Loughrea to Lawrence regarding the case of the Estate of Revd Charles Lawrence, Coolahan, Tenant which is listed to be re-heard before the Chief Commissioners, and advising him to have the farm inspected and valued.
1p
345. 1882-06-23 Letter from John Staunton to Rev. Carr requesting Carr to act as 'mediator' between him and Lawrence as he has just received Ejectment Decree, but desires to be Lawrence's tenant and wishes Carr to meet Lawrence to agree terms for him, otherwise he will '*...be literally robbed of all my outstanding debts, besides being deprived of the means of making an honest livelihood*' (p4).
'I beg to apologise for intruding myself upon you, but the exceptional nature of my situation at the present time, is my humble apology for doing so. On Monday last, the 19th inst, the Rev. Mr Laurence obtained an Ejectment Decree against me which I regret very much, and would earnestly desire to have an amicable arrangement of the matter, if possible. I do not know exactly upon what terms such arrangements could be perfected, but, I would most willingly agree to anything reasonable. I have heard that the Rev Mr Laurence would wish me personally to become his tenant, instead of my father as it previously stood. If that were all, I would at once consent. Now, Rev Sirs, what I humbly request from you is that you would kindly act as mediator between us. I hope you will not consider me too presumptuous in this inviting your invaluable aid. I earnestly wish to be permitted to remain in possession, and if you would kindly see the Rev Mr Laurence at your earliest convenience, and use your good influence in effecting that object, you would confer a favour on me I will never forget. The entire arrangements I would leave with you, to get settled for me on the best terms you could, as, undoubtedly, if I be ejected I will be literally robbed of all my outstanding debts, besides being deprived of the means of making an honest livelihood. This is my short story, and request and I hope you will write your usual good grace and generosity befriend me, and I need not say Rev Sir, that I will always look upon your good services with lasting gratitude.'
4pp
346. [1894] Letter from Persse (Moyode Castle, Athenry) to Lawrence requesting a '*...male rabbit if you could spare one and I would be forever obliged*'
2pp
347. 1885-07-10 - 1892-03-11 File of copy of letters from various individuals and companies, such as J. E. McDermott and John Russell & Co., to Lawrence regarding ongoing estate matters, such as the collection of rents, interest due, and timber.
12 items



348. 1889-08-27 Copy of letter from Lawrence to H.L. [Rogers] stating that he forwarded his letter to his Agent, G. K. Mahon and writes '*...trust me this you will have received your interest. Thanking you for your kind forbearance.*'
1p
349. 1888-07-06 - List of rent payments made by F. Bookey for holdings in Lawrencetown, and copy of Mahon's receipt to Francis Bookey.
1890-05-09
2pp
350. 1890-05-26 Letter from William [Dundas], Abbey View, Foxfield, Carrick-on-Shannon, to Lawrence, regarding arrangements to travel to meet, and thanking Lawrence for agreeing to meet him.

'In consequences of Mr Clarke being obliged to leave home he desired me to reply to your letter of the 22nd as you kindly told me to fix the day and hour I would be in Ballinasloe I take the liberty of wiring to you. I hope to leave by Thursday the 29th by the half past seven in the morning from Dromod Station. I do not know what time the train arrives at Ballinasloe, I suppose about twelve or half past. Thanking you for sending to meet me.'
3pp
351. 1890-06-14 Letter from William [Dundas], Abbey View, Foxfield, Carrick-on-Shannon, to Lawrence advising that as there is '*...no house being on the farm and having cows & calves to bring with me, it would not suit me as I would require outhouses to carry on butter making and calf rearing. Thanks you for your kindness.*'
2pp
352. 1892-03-19 Note from Frederick D. Hart, Land Valuer and Arbitrator, Clontarf, Co. Dublin to Lawrence] calculating valuation of the Keating land holding.
1p
353. 1893 Summary report regarding the status of tenants' rent arrears, and work carried out in lieu of rent, noting for instance that Jacky Kemmies '*...last June and July has footed and heaped the turf on Deerpark bog by task work..*' (p1) and that Pat Whyte '*...has paid his rent in labour up to 1st of November 1892 and owes one years rent...*' (p4)
7pp



II. Correspondence Regarding the Brennan Farm & Orphans, 1871 – 1880

See also /379

354. 1871 Table of Reference compiled by John Kempster (surveyor) regarding property held by John Brennan at Lissareaghau, detailing name of holding, size (in acre, rood, and perch) of arable and pasture lands, cleared of timber, partly cleared, plantation untouched, reclaimed bog and so on. The total number of acres held was 124.3.16 (Irish plantation measure) and 202.0.37 (statute measure).
2 items
355. 1879 Draft letter of sympathy from Lawrence to Mrs Guinan (mother-in-law of Michael Brennan) on the '*...sudden death of your brother*' so soon following the loss of her daughter, and her husband Michael Brennan, and expressing his respect for Michael, a much respected tenant who '*...resided for generations on my property*' (p2), and advising that he feels '*...much concerned for his little orphan children and trust you will lose no time in applying in the proper quarter for the guardianship of them as you are in every respect the one who should have charge of them both as their nearest of kin and as residing yourself as a tenant on my estate. Where I hope that one of Michael's sons will one day also reside in his late father's home....(pp2-3)*', '*There is truly no one who could better love and care for them* (p4)'.
4pp
356. 1879-03-07 Probate Office copy of will of John Brennan where he appoints James Callanan of Skycur and Revd John Larkin of Cloncoe, Parish Priest, and Revd Thomas Coen of Laurencetown, PP, executors and trustees.
(1870-07-11)
He bequeaths to his son Michael his farm and lands of Ballydonagh, and thereafter if Michael has issue to his eldest son and to his '*...heirs male for ever*', together with a sum of £500 for younger children and directs '*...that my said son Michael Brennan and his son or their sons or daughters respectively shall be strict tenants for life and shall have no power to change or incumber or sell or assign any part of my said farm and lands of Ballydonagh except said sum of five hundred pounds for younger children*' (p4). If Michael dies without issue the farm goes to his Grandson Andrew Hardiman, son of Andrew Hardiman and Ellen Hardiman for life.
The trustees to invest £1,000 in good security the interest of which he bequeath to his wife Elizabeth, with the '*...use of the room in the West end of my dwelling house and such portion of my furniture, beds and*



bedding as my Executors and Trustees shall think necessary for her for and during the term of her natural life' (p6), after her death the interest is to be paid to his son Michael, should Michael dies without issue he leaves the £1,000 to his children, Mary Calahan, Ellen Hardiman, Kate Mullery, John Brennan and Honoria Brennan. He also leaves to his wife, Elizabeth the '*...best of his Milch cows²⁴ with liberty to graze and depasture hereon my farm...*' (p7), his daughter Honoria has '*...liberty to remain in and occupy said room with my dear wife so long as the said Honoria Brennan remains unmarried and shall also have a right to graze and fodder a cow on said lands...*' (p7). He bequests £600 to Honoria, and £50 to his daughter Catherine Mulry, £100 to his daughter Mary Colehan, and £50 to his grandson Michael Colahan, £100 to his daughter Ellen Hardiman, and £50 to his grandson Andrew, and £100 to his granddaughter Mary Brennan, £10 to Reverend Thomas Coen, PP, Lawrencetown, and to his son John for the term of his life one clear annuity or sum of £15 '*...to be issuing and payable out of my farm and lands of Ballydonagh..*' (p10), and £40 annuity payable out of the farm to his grandson Michael Colahan.

Includes affidavit confirming the witnessing of the Will, and annotation noting the Brennan died on 4th February 1871.

18pp

357. 1879-03-27 Letter from Hugh Bleahan (Executor of Brennan's will, also Brennan's brother-in-law) to [Lawrence] stating '*I received your letter this morning and see by it that you are going to [divide] the house division. I hope you will do no such thing to the double orphans as I can do nothing but as the Will allows me. I will bring the Will to you as soon as probate is taken out, there will be no second agreement unless you leave it to the children as it is left by will*'.

2pp

358. 1879-04-25 - **Brennan Farm:** file relating to the re-possession of and possible re-letting of the Farm to Bleahan, includes
1879-11-08 Notice to Quit issued by Lawrence to the Executor of the late Michael Brennan in respect of lands of Lisreaghan or Bellevue with the house and premises commonly known as Brennan's house Division, Kelly and Madden's farm and a portion of Martin Brennan's farm containing in all one hundred and twenty seven acres and eighteen perches (Irish measure) in the Barony of Longford, county Galway (1879-04-25). Letter from Hugh Bleahan, Lisreaghan, Lawrencetown to [] '*I propose and promise to pay the sum of [£1.10] per acre for the House division [or]*

²⁴ Cattle that are reared for their milk



[old] [take] of the late Michael Brennan deceased together with [half] [] and half [public] money' (n/d).

Copy of letter from Lawrence to Hugh Bleahan, Cromack, Kilconnell (executor to Brennan) advising that he cannot divide the farm but that '*I will for your convenience withdraw the Notice to Quit on 1 November next 1879'* (1879-10-06).

Letter from Dalton & Smith, Solicitors (11 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, Guardian of the Brennan Minors) to Lawrence regarding the Brennan Minors advising that it '*...would not be competent therefore for Mr Bleahan now to resume the possession of'* the lands in question. (1879-10-20).

Copy of letter from Lawrence to D'Alton & Smith advising that in accordance with the Notice to Quit he together with his man went to the house but that Mr Bleahan was not there but '*his caretaker Grady informed me that he had instruction from Mr Bleahan to give me possession of the lands. I found however that a quantity of crops were still on the land and cattle grazing together with a larger quantity of turf at Moran's house. Moran refused to surrender to Grady. I accordingly returned home without having received possession of the lands'* (1879-11-01).

Letters from D'alton & Smith to Lawrence (1879-11-03) advising that '*...the estate of the late M Brennan remains no longer liable for the rent of the lands as the over-holding if any is not the act of the Guardian of the Minors.*

You can of course at once recover the lands by an Ejectment which the Guardian will not defend' (1879-11-03), and letter asking what action Lawrence purposes to take (1879-11-08).

7 items / 14pp

See also /61

359. 1879-11-12 Query from Lawrence to Counsel, (Mr Ernest Swift, 16 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin) outlining the history of the tenancy and so forth of lands held by the late Michael Brennan, asking Counsel several questions relating to matter, such as if Bleahan is entitled to compensation for disturbance and following the withdrawal of Bleahan from a written agreement if Bleahan is liable for any interest the Minors might have in the farm? Includes Counsel's opinion.
- Brennan held a farm of 83 areas under Lawrence for which he paid rent £77.11.2 years. 3 Divisions of this land known as Ballinanudda, Sleve & Parknauraka contain over 68 acres for portions of which he paid £1.12.6. per acre. Bleahan agreed to rent the farm containing over 83 acres at £1.10 an acre, on a lease in trust for the minors of the late Brennan.



However, sometime later Bleahan withdrew from the agreement and afterwards threatened legal action if Lawrence entered the land. The Brennan children had been made wards in Chancery. Lawrence then served a Notice to quit on Bleahan. When he went to take possession of the property he found he could not as Mr Brennan's farm servant & cowherd were still on the farm and refused to give up possession of his house.

8pp

360. 1879-11-12 Copy of Opinion of Counsel (Mr Ernest Swifte, 16 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin) regarding a lease, advising that he met with Lawrence who told him that the aggregate Poor Law Valuation of the lands held from him by the late Michael Brennan amounts to over £100; Brennan was a yearly tenant, & tenancies all created before the passing of the Land Act of 1870...of opinion that Bleahan as executor of Mr Brennan is "prima facie"²⁵ entitled to compensation for disturbance in respect of each of these holdings but given intervening circumstances any disturbance '*...would be, if he claims at all a mere nominal sum or perhaps nothing*' (p2), he also thinks that '*...no surrender of the old tenancies was effected, and that in any event Bleahan remained liable to account to the minors in respect of the farms in his fiduciary capacity of executor, in which alone he was dealt with by Mr Lawrence*' (p3), and furthermore that '*Mr Lawrence was right in refusing such possession as was offered to him on the 1st inst. He cannot however recover another half years rent as from that date, but can if he chooses to bring an ejectment for overholding grounded on the notice to quite, ...I advise that such an ejectment should be brought against Bleahan in the Superior Courts as suggested...unless quiet a peaceable possession of the premises can be at once obtained...*'(p4).

5pp

361. 1879-11? Copy [draft] letter from J.R. [John Russell] to D'alton & Smith advising that he has been directed by Lawrence to state that he is taking steps for getting a peaceable possession of the premises at Bellevue and '*...in the event of his failing to do so he will as at present advised bring [about] a friendly unopposed ejectment as you suggest without delay*'.

1p

²⁵ Prima facie is a Latin expression meaning "on its first appearance", or "by first instance". It is used in modern legal English to signify that on first examination, a matter appears to be self-evident from the facts. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prima_facie



362. 1880-12-05 Copy of First Account of Guardian; Account of Receipts & Disbursements which was produced and shown to the Courts in the matter of John Patrick, Michael Joseph, Thomas, Hurbert and Mary Brennan, Minors, where Bleanhan, the executor, applied for leave to surrender the lands of Somerset, county Galway, and for an abatement of rent for the year ending 1st November last.
- Lists dates, names of persons from whom received, on what account received, such as *'Amount standing in name Michael Brennan Deceased on deposit receipt in the Bank'*, *'proceedings of oats'* *'sale of cattle stock and crops'*, and *'proceeds sale of 36 sheep..'* and amount. The Disbursements include *'...clothes for Minors brought in Testators lifetime'*, *'Necessaries for Funeral, 'Half Years Rent of Bellevue to 1st November 1878 (£63.2.1)'*, *'Half Labourers wages saving hay on Somerset and driving cattle to Fairs'*, *'Quite rent of Ballydonagh to May 1879 (£1.5.8)'*. Include copy of newspaper clipping reporting on the Case pasted into the Account (f4).

5ff

III. Dr William Rutherford (Dunlo Street, Ballinasloe), to Lawrence, 1894

See also /319

363. 1894-06-02 Copy of letter from Lawrence to Rutherford regarding the sanitary conditions of one of his houses, which is now being repaired and asking for *'...a few lines respecting the death of my late Servant J Hynes whom you attended some time ago. He further writes 'On discovering the unsanitary condition of my Servant's room it came upon me with great force as to how he contracted the disease he died of'*.
364. 1894-06-06 Letter from Rutherford to Lawrence regarding the unsanitary conditions of one of Lawrence's houses which resulted in the death of his *'...late Servant J Hynes: 'The state of the sewer running under his bed and the nearness of the cesspool unventilated outside his room would be sufficient to cause the illness from which he was suffering and which ended fatally'*.
365. 1894-07-03 Letter from Rutherford to Lawrence, advising that he will look up the case and enclosing copies of reports as requested.

3pp

2pp

1p



H. Ballinasloe Poor Law Union

I. Letters from Thomas Gill, Clerk to Union, 1875 - 1882

366. 1875-06-17 To John Madden (agent to Lawrence) stating *'Sir, I am directed by the Board of Guardians acting as the Sanitary Authority to [serve] you the enclosed copies of Reports made by Dr. [Brodie] Sanitary Officer, and the [annexed] copy of minute entered on the Minutes of the proceedings on the subject: and to request that you will be [good] enough to confer with Mr. Lawrence on the subject, By order, Thomas Gill'*.

Includes an extract from the Minutes *'That the cases of defective sewerage in the premises of Martin Lally, Martin Connolly and Pat Ryan in Laurencetown be referred to John J Madden and [Henry] Lawrence to have [re] if practicable.*

2pp

367. 1882-05-19 To Rev. Charles Lawrence concerning the chargeability of the inmate Pat Boland who was aged 79 years when he was admitted. *'Having brought the case of the chargeability of the pauper Pat Boland before the Board of Guardians today. I beg to state for your information that it was alleged that Boland who was aged 79 years when admitted 5th March 1877 was from Belleview, that Mr [] brought the subject before the Board last year but was unable to change the chargeability, however if any form of new evidence can be addressed the Board will hear it. Bridget Kelly is put down as 80 years old when admitted 3^d March 1879 and is stated to be from the townland of Sheenagheighty'*.

2pp

II. Brodie to Lawrence Regarding the Dispensary Committee, 1878

368. 1878-06-08 Letter from [Brodie], [Lissmany] Ballinasloe, to Rev. Charles Lawrence asking him to attend a Laurencetown Dispensary Committee meeting. *'Dear Mr Lawrence, If convenient will you kindly attend a meet of the Laurencetown Dispensary Committee on Monday next that 10th inst, at 12 o'clock'*.

1p



II. Letters from James J. Delahunt to Lawrence, Chairman of the Laurencetown Dispensary Committee with the Union

- 369(a) 1880-05-18 Requesting Lawrence to sign a requisition for medicines which are '*...sadly needed*'.
1p
- 369(b) 1880-05-19 (13 North Vincent St., Dublin) advising that he was '*...suddenly obliged to come here (Dublin) this evening on business. I had not time to get leave from the Committee. Perhaps you might be able to get John Corcoran to meet you and give me leave for a week. Dr. Brennan has agreed to do duty for me for that time. I trust you'll excuse my being so troublesome and remain your much obliged...*'.
2pp
370. 1882-04-28 Regarding Delahunt's use of a cottage belonging to Lawrence, advising that '*Mr Madden when speaking to me this day fortnight said I ought to take your cottage. I told him if it were vacant I should but that I am bound here till 1st July. Of course I couldn't pay the rent of two houses at the same time. If the cottage be unlet at that time I'll give up my residence here, at the same time if an eligible tenant offer in the meantime I'd much rather you'd set to him than hold it over for me as I contemplate leaving Laurencetown as soon as any vacant occurs in Ballinasloe, that I can be appointed to. Thanking you for your kindness in offering to hold over the cottage for me*'.
2pp
371. 1882-06-30 Asking him if he can rent the house and plot which was recently held by the late Mr. [Flannedy], for £14 per annum, '*...you being good enough to allow me the oat crop at present growing there*'.
2pp



I. Church Related material, 1826? – 1889

372. n/d Leather bound new testament bound by Christopher Wyly, 39 St. Andrew's Hill, Doctors' Commons ([Maria Gannon] written on the inside cover. 332pp
373. n/d Partial letter from John Hewson (rector of Kilmore [Erris]) to Earl of Clancarty '*...I return then, most earnestly and respectfully to select your Lordships [vote] and kind influence in his behalf,...*'. Includes note in Irish dated 13 June 1926. 1p
- (373.) n/d On the reserve include extracts from the Gospel of St John 14, 13-14 followed by what maybe a draft sermon, which states '*Such are the words of the Lord ...his disciples, such the encouragement he gave us to pay to him, andno mistake as to way of approaching God.....expressly says there is but one mediator between God and him, ...*'. . 1p
374. n/d Copy Declaration from various 'Churchmen', including Lawrence, to the Reverend the Principal of St. Aiden's College outlining their reasons for objecting to and absenting themselves from the proposed Choral Service on 13th November, while also '*...testifying our deep appreciation of the truly Protestant liberty granted by you the Revd Principal to us, to express at all times our opinion freely, or without alluding to the truly sculptural remarks that have already fallen from your lips on the subject. ...*' (p2), and '*In conclusion we would add that our non-co-operation with a certain portion of our fellow students on the coming service does not proceed from any unchristian feeling whatsoever or from a what of liberality on our part in allowing others to entertain their own [sentiments] but solely because we wish to maintain the present simple, excellent and scriptural mode of conducting our beautiful service.*' (pp2-3) 3pp
375. [1826 – 1827] Envelop (file) with various items, generally notes, possibly draft sermons, and notes relating to religious lessons, such as '*What shall we say of Pastors? Paul not only speaks of himself but of all who bear that office....*' Notes [summarising court proceedings], such as regarding the movement of sheep and hoggets by either Patrick Broderick or Geoghegan, wages to various individuals [defendants], the sending of children to school. 6 items / 11pp



376. 1889-07 – Borrower's register for St. Brendan's Church Library, in the Parish of
1899-01 Portumna, recording details under the headings of number, name of book,
subscription, date of lending, name of borrower, and date of return.
Includes name of the Committee, (the Patron was Most Rev. Dr Healy), and
rules of the Library (pp1-3).

At the back of the volume also includes catalogue of the library in
alphabetical order and a list of books '*...got in September 1896*'.

Approx 300pp

J. Miscellaneous Material, 1874-1891

377. 1874-04-14 Covering Letter from [W] Blake, Galway to Lawrence enclosing '*Lease of
1818 and Civil Bill Ejectment*' (not enclosed).

1p
- See also /24 & 34/
378. 1874-04-18 Letter from [D'arcy] (Prospect Hill) to Lawrence thanking him for his
'generosity'.

*'My dear Charlie
I have just received your kind letter of yesterday with its enclosure but more than to
acknowledge how I really am unable to do [instruct] [your] generosity and kindest
quite over powers me and I must write again at present all I can say is God bless
you and yours.'*

2pp
- See also /354
379. 1875-12-23 Invoice from J Kempster, Ballinasloe (surveyor) to Lawrence for attending
'...at Lisresaghan by request and inspecting site of disputed drain, meeting
Mr Galbraith & Mr Seymour. Inspecting the disputed pier of wall at new
entrance £3.3.0'.

1p
380. 1881-05-17 Letter from [J H Cunfield], Portumna, to Rev. Charles Lawrence stating '*I
will be at Lawrence on Thursday next and bring my books [] when I will
give you any [licences] for you may require.
Many thanks for your invitation to lunch but I fear I will be too late in Court
to accept it*'.

1p



381. 1891-07-08 Letter from Edward J. O'Kelly, Gallagher²⁶, Tuam to Lawrence arranging a date and time to meet. 2pp
- See also /296
382. n/d Note regarding Bill Stamp. 1p
383. 1891-08-27 Covering note from Dixie Wood, Kilnaborris, Banager to Lawrence, enclosing a Personal Demand & Notice Prior to Distraint in respect of Income Tax for 1889/90 advising that he is compelled to send an attached notice that the *'The amount is very small I have applied to your Agent very often for it without results'* and asking that the account be settled otherwise he will *'...carry it into effect'*. The amount due was £3.13.9. 2 items / 2pp
384. n/d Note regarding acreage and value for various properties, such as at Bellview, Lisfarsoon, Lawrencetown and Feaghbeg. 2pp
385. n/d Note possibly taken from the Galway Down Survey, relating to property in Killonan Parish, signed James D'arcy. 1p
386. n/d Letter from [B] to Rev. Charles Lawrence regarding fire works. *'[Beta] is in a state to see some fire works – will you come over this evening, I hear the [fair] has [] [matter]....some fireworks. [Will you give Fraser some shrubs for me....]'*. 2pp

²⁶ See <http://www.landedestates.ie/LandedEstates/jsp/estate-show.jsp?id=794> for details on the O'Kelly property at Gallagh



L. Golding Papers, Shrule, Co. Mayo, 1916

387. ???/ 01/28 Letter from Ivan (Mayfair, Ballinasloe) to Eric (on lined blue paper, in large childish handwriting) stating that he cannot write every Sunday but will write when he can, and that he went to '*...Ballinasloe with Mama and got new boots and we went to Mrs O'Shaughnessy and we had a very pleasant visit. I have a grand little coast for the donkey made of a box*'.
- 2pp
388. 1916-09-09 Letter from 'Your loving Godmother Kate Golding' (Shrule) to darling May, with family news, such as '*That was grand news about Eric. Please God he will get strong now before the vacation ends. You heard I am sure of their pleasant day they had on the Lake. I think as the result Neillie has a cold. I feel rather better today thank God. I am a shade rather better at eating but except the egg I have not taken any solid found. I like to thank my darling that you pray for me. I know they are loving prayers thank God and I have you in my heart of hearts. I must finish now. Aunt Ellen sends found love – she minds me as well as you would do – Teresa is as usual but in bad spirits about my affairs...*'.
- 2pp
389. 1916-10-22 Letter from 'Your fond Aunt Ellen [Golding]' to 'Dear Eric' ([Thylen Morris], [Banagher], King's Co., Ireland), regarding the peaceful death of Aunt Rose, stating,
- 'You will be surprised to see my address. Your most kind welcome and letters of sympathy [hastened] from Shrule which I got yesterday. Indeed I must thank you for writing to me. I know...how grieved you felt on hearing from Mother of dear Aunt [Rose's] death but sincerely she had a peaceful happy death....No words can express the devoted love Mother showed her in very possible way and again Father Michael was by her side the last week she was with us. How you would have loved to see Michael praying with her and for her by her bed side. Mother I must say was always by their side. You see my not [hearing] I has not of much good. Mother was always ready to answer her the prayers. The last morning [] sister called, Michael & Mother (I slept in the room) We saw she was dying, before the end she gave a sweet smile. [A] [Rose] left us at 6.30, Michael was getting [anxious] about is Mass at 9 o'clock and asked [] Father [FI] of [] to help him. He gave dear Aunt [Rose] the last blessing and she died and he was in time for his Mass and said it for her...' Mother [] asked me to return with her and Michael was anxious I should do so I could not refuse. You really cannot image the kindness andof Father or Mother to me since I came. You know [we] came back together. Of course Mother has told you everything about dear Aunt Rose, certainly if any one was loved another Mother did Aunt Rose always so faithfully & devoted in very possible way. Mother I fear will miss her letters. You are right I shall*



indeed [] when I return. We have had awful weather, & wet & dull on our return from Banagher we went [met] a terrible storm from the Shannon [] [] are had together. Eric's name is so often mentioned. Thank you a 1,000 times for your letter...'

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(388.) ?? [Partial letter] from ? to ?'writing that about her recent car journey to Birr, Co. Offaly, and other family news, '*...she motored us to Birr on Tuesday to the 11.00 o'clock train...and little Julia and Eva were charmed. But the train was so late coming home that I missed Sally and had to pay 7/6 for a car! A great pity, poor Sally told Niall and Mary at the [gate] that he waited 20 minutes for me.....Mrs Faller sent [Sheen] over 2 lovely boxes of chocolates to wish Sheen a happy term at school. I asked leave for Eva to be let dance her Bolero every week... I asked leave for Eva to be let dance her Bolero every week, or the 25s/ dance as her Father calls it. This amused the [] and they liked the dance immensely. I [] she may dance it at [] [] Feast...'*

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