

ROSSE PAPERS SUMMARY LIST: 17TH CENTURY CORRESPONDENCE

A/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-26	1595-1699: 1871	17th-century letters and papers of the two branches of the Parsons family, the Parsons of Bellamont, Co. Dublin, Viscounts Rosse, and the Parsons of Parsonstown, alias Birr, King's County. [N.B. The whole of this section is kept in the right-hand cupboard of the Muniment Room in Birr Castle. It has been microfilmed by the Carroll Institute, Carroll House, 2-6 Catherine Place, London SW1E 6HF. A copy of the microfilm is available in the Muniment Room at Birr Castle and in PRONI.]
1	1595-1699	Large folio volume containing c.125 very miscellaneous documents, amateurishly but sensibly attached to its pages, and referred to in other sub-sections of Section A as 'MSS ii'. This volume is described in R. J. Hayes, <i>Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation</i> , as 'A volume of documents relating to the Parsons family of Birr, Earls of Rosse, and lands in Offaly and property in Birr, 1595-1699', and has been microfilmed by the National Library of Ireland (n.526: p. 799). It includes letters of c.1640 from Rev. Richard Heaton, the early and important Irish botanist.
2	1595-1699	Late 19th-century, and not quite complete, table of contents to A/1 ('MSS ii') [in the handwriting of the 5th Earl of Rosse (d. 1918)], and including the following entries: '1. 1595. Elizabeth Regina, grant to Richard Hardinge (copia). ... 7. 1629. Agreement of sale from Samuel Smith of Birr to Lady Anne Parsons, relict of Sir Laurence Parsons, of cattle, "especially the cows of English breed". ... 15. 1636, 19th February. A schedule of the lands and hereditaments for which William Parsons Esq. compounded (5½ pages). ... 17. 1636. Grant of lands of Bogoin, Clonbrany and Shangallagh to Dame Anne Parsons (copy). ... 21. 1638, 15 June. Order for "the remedy of defective titles" to William Parsons, brother of the late Richard Parsons, son of the late Sir Laurence Parsons, Knt, to whom the original grant had been made, concerning lands in the barony of Fermoy, Co. Cork. ... 25. 1639. Royal examination of William Parsons and Capt. William Peisley concerning the finding of arms at the house of John Carroll of Clonlisk. ... 35. 1641, 30 August. Instructions from the freeholders of the King's County to their representatives, William Parsons of Parsonstown als Birr, King's County, and John Coghlan of Streamstown (original parchment, much strained, and paper copy - numerous autograph signatures). ... 39. 1641. List of properties (forfeited) in the Counties Cork, Tipperary, Westmeath, Limerick and Longford, with "proprietors in 1641, denominations and to whom granted, number of acres, and rent received; endorsed, "forfiters [sic] Sir George Preston". ... 59. 1650. A "dunning" letter from William Davys to William Parsons. 71. 1668, October 29. Letter of the Duchess of Ormond[e] to Sir George Preson at Dublin concerning his patent for the salmon weir [in dispute between Preston and the corporation of Limerick]. ... 125. Dressmaker's bill for "Madam Parshons", 1689. ... 133. Parchment deed -certificate stating the losses of Sir L[Laurence] P[arsons]

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2 (contd)		during the siege of Birr Castle in 1687 and 1688, signed by numerous inhabitants of King's County (gentry), 1690 (on back, list of houses burnt and pulled down). ... 154. Receipt for £55.12s.0d. by William P[arsons]'s officers, 25 July 1642 (copy). ... [155-189 are all similar documents, 1641-3.] 205. List of holdings in Cork with proprietors in 1641; endorsed, "A copy of the lot in which I am concerned". ... 207. Petition by Sir William P[arsons], 2nd Bt, ... to ... parliament; refers (a) to Sir Laurence P[arsons]'s imprisonment and sentence of death, also to William P[arson]'s services in 1641; endorsed, "late Duc Ormond [sic] told me not [to] give [in] this petition, and he'd serve me with the King". ... 211. 1680/81. Accounts of money lent to and paid for Sir Richard Parsons (of Bellamont? - 8½ pages foolscap ...). ... 219. Instructions for Capt. [Heward] Oxburgh, March 28, 1686 (7 pages foolscap). [221-247 also concern the Oxburgh affair, for which see the Introduction.] ... 251. 1641. King Charles I's letter concerning Concordatum money. 253. 1641. King Charles I's letter concerning Brian McConnell "of the King's footemen [sic]", to Sir William Parsons and Sir John Borlase. 255. Order of the Lords Justices of Ireland [Parsons and Borlase] concerning contribution for the fortification of Dublin by the parish of "St Michael's".
3	1607	[?Bond or lease] concerning John Netterville of [Dowth?], Co. Meath, [and probably relating to the senior branch of the Parsons family, as Frances, daughter of the 1st Viscount Rosse, married the 4th Viscount Netterville. For the Nettervilles, see also D/18 and F/11.]
4	1612-94: 1912: 1940	Tattered vellum-bound volume covering the period 1612-94, microfilmed by the National Library (n.5483: p.5650), and containing, according to the <i>Hayes</i> description: memoranda about Star Chamber procedure, with notes of cases heard c.1612-16; official letters relating to the plantations of Co. Longford and King's County, 1619-26; orders for the preservation of royal rents and revenues in Ireland, 1623; instructions to officers of the Exchequer as to their duties, 1623; instructions of Sir L. Parsons for his plantation at Birr and for markets in and the government of the town, 1626-7; near-contemporary particulars of the acreage of Ely O'Carroll; rentals of the estates of the Parsonses of Parsonstown, mostly in King's County, 1629-94; medical and kitchen recipés, 1645-52, including some to cure 'the stone'; and details of the births and baptisms of the children born to Sir Laurence Parsons, 1st Bt, and his wife, Frances, 1660-66; together with (and not covered by the microfilm) a lease of 1912 and legal papers of 1940 relating to the tolls, fairs and markets of Birr and reciting earlier grants back to the 1620s.*

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5	1617-94	Folio volume similar to A/1 and described in other sub-sections of A as 'MSS i', containing 94 very miscellaneous documents. This volume has been microfilmed by the National Library (n.527: p. 795), and is described in <i>Hayes</i> as 'A volume (marked vol. ii [sic - i]) of papers relating to the Parsons family of Birr, dealing with private and public affairs, Governing the period 1617-1692 [sic], ... mostly dated 1649-49'. In the appendix to the <i>First Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts</i> (London, 1870), p. 127, it is described (by Sir John Gilbert) as 'A volume in large folio containing about 90 original letters and documents connected with the affairs of Ireland from 1626 [sic] to 1694, and having special reference to the transactions in the King's County and its vicinage'. In the appendix to the <i>Second Report of the H.M.C.</i> (London, 1874), pp 217-23, a full description is given. The following is a brief summary of some of the documents in the volume:

Agreement between Richard Roche Fitzdavid and Sir Laurence Parsons for the lands of Shinanagh, Co. Cork, 1620; acquittance from R. Smith and J. Knollis to L. Parsons for £84 for the redemption of two ploughlands in White's Island which Capt. Tent sold, 23 October 1625; order of composition between William Parsons and the Commissioners on Defective Titles, 4 April 1636; certificate of Sir B. Mayart, Justice of the King's Bench, of the acknowledgement by H. Sacheverell of Ballingtagort, Co. Armagh, of £50 due by him to Anne Parsons, 24 June 1636; order to William Parsons concerning Birr and other lands in King's County, signed by Ri. Bolton, Trinity 1636; similar order concerning Newtown and other lands in King's County, 1636; indenture between Lady Anne Parsons of Parsonstown and D. O'Kenedy of Tirreglasse, Co. Tipperary, and E. O'Kenedy of Portlaghan, Co. Tipperary, concerning the lands of Lackenboy, barony of Lower Ormond, 14 January 1636[7]; schedule of the lands and hereditaments for which William Parsons compounded with the Commissioners for Defective Titles, 15 June 1638; order by the Lords Justices and Privy Council to Capt. W. Peisley and William Parsons for searching the house of John O'Carroll of Clounlish, 13 November 1639; acquittance from Donnell MacCahirr O'Molloy to Lady Anne Parsons for £100 in redemption of a mortgage, 25 March 1640 [41]; commission from the Lords Justices and Privy Council to William Parsons for raising footmen and horsemen in the country of Ely O'Carroll, 12 November 1641; letter from Phelem Molloy, Catholique [sic] camp, Eglis, to William Parsons asking him to join the King's [ie. Confederate] party rather than the Puritans, and offering him protection, 17 March 1641[2?]; account of sums due to William Parsons for the garrisons at Birr from November 1641 to January 1642, April 1642; order by the Lords Justices and Privy Council for 25 horse for Capt. William Parsons and 100 foot for Capt. Chidley Coote, for the defence of the castle of Parsonstown and the town and country thereabouts, 1 April 1642; letter from Farrell O'Kennedy to William Parsons offering to arrange a meeting with Colonel Richard Butler and discussing the military situation, 28 July 1642;

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5 (contd)		letter from Ro. Moore [a Confederate colonel] to Lady Anne Parsons discussing her request for the restoration of her captured coach-horses, 5 September 1642; receipt from Chidley Coote, J. Williams and Simon Tench for money received from William Parsons, commander-in-chief of Ely O'Carroll, 29 October 1642; note of money paid by William Parsons to the soldiers under Capt. Carroll and to the garrisons at Parsonstown, Ballyndarow and Cloynakill from November 1641 to January 1642[3]; articles of surrender for Birr Castle signed by T. Preston [the Confederate General of Leinster] and William Parsons, 20 January 1642[3?]; order by the Lords Justices and Privy Council for the repayment to William Parsons of sums spent by him for Capt. Chidley Coote's company, 3 June 1643; orders from Ormonde to Capt. William Parsons to march with his troops to Jobstown, Monasterevin and Kilgobbane, 3 and 20 June and 5 July respectively; letter from R. Southwell to Capt. William Parsons about the land of Ballyage and other lands round Kinsale, 11 June 1647; various papers relating to the military services of Capt. William Parsons, 1643-8; debenture under the Act of Settlement awarding to Capt. William Parsons £1,112-odd for arrears of pay from November 1641 to September 1643, 10 March 1663[4]; terms of Birr Castle's surrender to the Jacobites, signed by Colonel H. Oxburgh and Lieutenant-Colonel R. Grace, of the one part, and Sir Laurence Parsons, Bt, of the other, 27 February 1688 [9?]; warrant from James II to Francis Coghlan, High Sheriff of King's County, reprieving for one month Sir Laurence Parsons, James Roscoe and Jonathan Darby, lately indicted at Philipstown for rebellion, and sentenced to death, 29 April 1689; further grant of reprieve, 22 May and 7 August 1689 respectively; Colonel Garret Moore's certificate to the Duke of Tyrconnell concerning Sir Laurence Parsons's actions at Birr Castle, 8 March 1689[90?]; and petition from Sir Laurence Parsons to the commissioners for the management of the forfeited estates, with the commissioners' order on it, September 1690.*
6	1617-94	Late 19th-century list of contents of A/5, similar to A/2.
7/1-2	July 1619	Document recorded in the <i>Fist Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'Letters patent on parchment, from George, Duke [recte: Marquess] of Buckingham [Lord High Admiral], dated 28th of July 1619, containing grant of Admiralty to Laurence Parsons, with seal and autograph of Buckingham'; together with a deputation to Parsons from George Lowe, Vice-Admiral of Munster and Leinster, 23 July 1619.
8	1620-40: 1660-66	Clutch of papers, crudely bound with a parchment cover, microfilmed by the National Library (n.5483: p. 5650), and described in <i>Hayes</i> as 'Abstracts of leases of holdings in Parsonstown Manor made by Sir L. Parsons, 1620-40 ...'.

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8 (contd)		The volume was turned upside down and used by the first Sir Laurence Parsons to record accounts for the period 1627-8. These last have been transcribed (1983) by Miss Frances Wilson, and the MS. and typescript of her transcript are included with the volume.*
8A	1620-21	Volume, not at present to be found in Birr Castle and probably missing since the period 1826-75, described in the second edition of Cooke's <i>Picture of Parsonstown</i> , which was published in the latter year under the title <i>The Early History of the Town of Birr or Parsonstown</i> ..., as an account book kept by Sir Laurence Parsons's steward, Francis Morley, and recording among other things the "... prices of provisions, work and materials for building in Birr and the end of 1620 and beginning of 1621 ...".*
9	18 Oct. 1641- 20 Jan. 1642[/3]	[Capt. William Parsons's?] diary of the siege of Birr Castle in 1643 and other military events during the early years of the wars of the 1640s. re-bound in half calf in the early 19th century, and some pages of it detached with a view, apparently, to conservation, but without having so far been conserved (these pages have been placed loose between the front end-papers). The diary has been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13667). The rest of the volume consists of 44 pages of copies of deeds relating to the Savage family of Cottenhoe, Buckinghamshire, and to Sir Arthur Savage of Raban Castle [grandfather of Frances Savage, wife of Parsons's son, Sir Laurence, 1st Bt? - see T/1], 1609-35.*
9A	18 Oct. 1641- 20 Jan. 1642[/3]	Late 19th-century transcript of the diary, together with notes on it and on other MSS in Birr Castle and elsewhere, [all in the 5th Earl of Rosse's hand].
10	1646	Captain's commission in Colonel [Michael] Jones's regiment of horse for William Parsons of Birr, signed by Viscount Lisle.
11	1651: 1653	Copy, made c.1820, of the will of Sir William Parsons, Knight [and 1st Bt, the former Lord Justice], proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, together with an incomplete, typescript copy (made by Rolf Loeber, [c.1990]) of the will of William Parsons of Parsonstown, proved 1653, and typescript notes by Loeber on both wills.
12	1652-96	Volume described in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'A thick folio volume of accounts of money, debts, payments,

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12 (contd)		prices of articles, clothes, allowance, and other matters connected with the family of Parsons, from 1652-1696'.
13	1660	Power of attorney from Dame Catherine Parsons of Bellamont, Co. Dublin, mother and guardian of Sir Richard Parsons, [3rd] Bt [and future 1st Viscount Rosse], to the Earl of Cork, Lord Digby and Sir John Cole, Bt, apparently to act as guardians on her behalf.
14	1662	Rules prescribed by the mayor and corporation of Galway for the regulation of one of the companies (or guilds) of the town. [The document is badly damaged, and the name of the company, among other things, is missing.]
15	[1666?]	Volume of near-contemporary copies of State Papers, etc, concerning the terms of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, briefly described in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'A folio volume of 90 pages containing copies of documents concerning Irish matters, from 1641-1666', and calendared in the Second Report.*
16	1668-75	Account book, of uncertain provenance, belonging to one David Johnston of Dublin, recording payments to him for such diverse commodities and services as deal-boards, iron, sugar, indigo, calicoes and funeral expenses; among the clients mentioned are Capt. Claud Hamilton, Thomas Bligh and 'Mr Westenra' [presumably Peter Westenra, ancestor of the Lords Rossmore, as Bligh was the ancestor of the Earls of Darnley].
17	1668[-c.1720]	Small quarto volume containing medical and kitchen recipes, of Dorothy Parsons [daughter of Sir Laurence Parsons, 1st Bt. of Parsonstown], and incorporating some suggestions of 'Lady Elizabeth Parsons' [wife of Sir William Parsons, 2nd Bt, of Parsonstown?], with, loose in the fly-leaves, a pen and pencil drawing of 'Parsonstown House, 1668', showing alterations which appear to have been carried out and which, clearly, were intended to render the old castle more amenable to domestic living; the sketch is wittily headed, 'An excellent receipt to spend 4,000 pound [sic]'. [A photocopy of the 1668 drawing is present in PRONI, ref. T/3498/1. For other receipt books, see E/13A, G/20 and M/18.]
18/1-9	1669: 1671-3: N.D.: 1688: 1692: 1694	Miscellaneous, loose letters and papers of Sir Laurence Parsons, 1st Bt, including a copy of the Chancery bill in Parsons v L'Estrange, 1669, a county treasurer's computation

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18/1-9 (contd)		of the number of acres in King's County, N.D., a copy of a letter from Sir Laurence Parsons to the [2nd] Duke of Ormonde about money due Parsons out of the estate of Lady Preston [see A/1] 1688, etc. [Much of this sub-section is in a bad state of repair.]
19	1672-9: 1688-9	Parchment-bound volume described in some detail in the First Report of the H.M.C., as follows: 'A book of orders and rules of commissioners for assessment on the King's County, 1672-1679. In this volume are entered particulars of assessments and levies in various baronies [sic], including Meath, Dublin, Louth, Ossory, Rathdown, Wicklow, Shillelagh, Salt, Ikeathy and Oughterany. There are also contained rules and orders of the commissioners of array in the King's County, notes of their meetings, copies of letters, accounts of money laid out for exercising and training the militia, distribution of two troops and their companies upon the several baronies of that county allowing 600 acres for a horseman and 300 acres for a foot soldier. Two leaves are filled with a journal narrative, in very small writing, of local transactions of 1688-9.'
20	2 July 1681	Illuminated document recorded in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'Letters patent granting to Richard Parsons of Bellamont in the county of Dublin the dignities of Baron of Oxmantown and Viscount Ross[e], dated at Dublin, 2nd July in the 33rd year of Charles II, 1681'.
21	1682	The same - 'Grant of arms to Sir William [sic - Laurence] Parsons from Richard St George, Ulster King at Arms, 1682'.
22	[c.1688]	Copy of a Chancery bill filed by Richard, [1st] Viscount Rosse, and an apparently related memorandum about the disputes within that branch of the Parsons family which engendered the bill.
23	c.1691	Volume, not now to be found in Birr Castle, described in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'A volume in small quarto, of 130 pages, written in a very minute current hand about 1691, containing a narrative of the affairs of Sir Laurence Parsons from April 1687 to 1691, detailing circumstances connected with the wars of James and William in Ireland, the siege of Birr Castle by Jacobites in 1688, and of that castle and town in 1690'.*

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24	1685-91: 1695	Folio volume, falling apart, containing a late 19th-century transcription of A/23; together with a [c.1800?] copy of a 'Plan of the castle and town of the Burre [sic] as besieged by General Sarsfield in 1691, taken from the account given in Harris's Life of William III', a photocopy of the respite of Sir Laurence Parsons's execution, signed by James II, 8 March 1690[/91], the originals of two near-contemporary military commissions, one signed by James II and Lord Sunderland appointing Wentworth Harman a lieutenant in the Horse Guards, 1685, the other by William III and the Duke of Shrewsbury appointing one Anthony Shepherd a captain in Fairfax's Foot, 1695; etc. [The commissions are both framed and hanging in the Muniment Room.]
25/1-13	1604: 1611: 1621: 1625: 1629: 1632: 1634: 1639: 1643: [1666?]: 1680: 1682: 1694: 1696	Highly artificial bundle of title and settlement deeds: the items of 1611, 1621, 1625, 1627, 1632 and 1643 are King's County title deeds, three of them to the lands of Ballindarragh and Crinkle, one of them a deed of settlement on the younger children of Sir Laurence Parsons, and others certified copies of the grants to him of fairs and markets at Parsonstown; the deeds of 1639 are a post-nuptial settlement on Capt. William Parsons, and a fine of the lands of Reban, Co. Kildare, the property of Thomas Savage [who presumably was a brother of Frances Savage, wife of Sir Laurence Parsons, 1st Bt]; the remaining title deeds concern the Co. Wexford estate, settled in 1634 by Sir William Parsons [the Lord Justice] on Arthur Parsons of Tomduff, Co. Wexford, and his descendants [who died out between 1708 and 1711, when this Wexford estate passed to Sir William Parsons, 2nd Bt, of Parsonstown. There were two components of this estate: Tomduff (also known as 'Parsonstown'), barony of Ballaghkeen North, near Courtown, and St John's, barony of Bantry, near Enniscorthy. In the first half of the century, the Co. Wexford Parsons seem to have been 'of Tomduff: the deed of 1696 describes the then Co. Wexford Parsons, William, as 'of St John's. For the manorial lordship of, and other papers about, St John's, see B/12.]
26/1-12	1850: 1871: 1922: 1955: 1973: 1982-6: 1990	Artificial sub-section made up of subsequent communications concerning the events covered by Section A, as follows: letter from Eliot Warburton (the novelist and minor historian) to the 3rd Earl of Rosse asking if he possesses any MS. information about Lord Justice Parsons or can think of any one redeeming feature possessed by the latter, 1851; letter from [Sir] J[ohn] T. Gilbert to the 4th Earl of Rosse about the MS. diary of the siege of Birr Castle in 1642 [A/9], which had been mislaid at the time of Gilbert's First Report, but which he will report upon next time if it has since come to light; photocopies of reminiscences of Leap Castle, Co. Offaly, 1922, sent subsequently to the 6th Earl of Rosse; carbon, typescript copy of Norman D. Atkinson's M.A. thesis, 'The Plantation of Ely O'Carroll, 1619-1693' (T.C.D., June 1955), with accompanying letter; envelope of papers about the

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1-15	1705-1887	Letters and papers documenting the eighteenth-century history of both branches of the Parsons family (the Earls of Rosse of the first creation and the Parsonses of Parsonstown), excluding the papers of Sir Laurence Parsons, 5th Bt, later 2nd Earl of Rosse, which constitute Sections C-F. [Section B, and everything else, unless otherwise stated, is kept on the shelves of the Muniment Room in Birr Castle.]
1/1-13	1705: 1708: 1714-16: 1721: [c.1724]: 1728-9: 1733: 1739: N.D.	Letters and papers of Sir William Parsons, 2nd Bt, including: a copy of a letter from him to Ormonde, the Lord Lieutenant, about the financial embarrassments of Parsons's kinsman, 'Mr Phillips,' 1705; a badly damaged deed of settlement, 1708; a copy of a letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to [Parsons, in the absence of the Governor of King's County, Lord Shelburne], about the invasion scare of January 1716; a division list recording the names of the 152 M.P.s (Parsons among them) who voted against the proposed national bank for Ireland, and the 98 who voted for it, December 1721 [a different division list from the one in the Midleton Papers, Guildford Muniment Room, MS. 1248/5, ff105-6, although both are on the same issue]; a copy of Parsons's will, 1733; and a copy of Lady Parsons's [his second wife, nee Elizabeth St George of Dunmore, Co. Galway] will, 1739.*
2/1-12	1713: N.D.: 1741: 1760: c.1983-6: 1990: 1998	Papers of or about [the 2nd Viscount, later 1st Earl of] Rosse, and his son and successor, the 2nd Earl, two of them the originals of letters written by the 1st Earl to 'Your Grace [Ormonde?]' seeking guidance about Rosse's career at Oxford, another of them a photocopy of the relevant section of a c.1930s history of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland, of which the 1st Earl was the first Grand Master (1725-30), and a notice of the death of the 2nd Earl in 1764 recorded in <i>The Irish Genealogist</i> for 1998.
3/1-5	23 Sept. 1715- 22 Oct. 1715	Rolled parchment draft or copy of a bill empowering the 1st Earl of Rosse to charge his estates with a jointure for his wife and to make a settlement on the issue of his marriage [on 25 June 1714 to Mary, daughter of Lord William Powlett], which previous family settlements did not permit because he had married her when he was under-age, together with a printed (7 pages) copy of the act, 2 copies of the act as passed, 22 October 1715, and 2 copies of the post-nuptial settlement authorised by the act, 23 September 1715. [The rolled parchment was not originally at Birr Castle, but is docketed as having been '... received from Colonel W.A. King-Harman, Newcastle, Ballymahon, Mullingar, on 11th July 1944'. For further material concerning the Earls of Rosse of the first creation, see B/15 and M/20.]

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4/1-26	1730: 1732: 1734-41: 1746-9: 1753: N.D.	Letters and papers of Sir Laurence Parsons of Parsonstown, 3rd Bt, including: his commission as a J.P. for King's County, [1732]; copies of an exchange between the [3rd] Viscount Doneraile and the Bishop of Sodor and Man about Doneraile's profligate way of life, 1734; some form of licence or official document signed at Madrid by Cardinal de Molina, [?1734 - and quite possibly having nothing to do with Sir Laurence Parsons]; a letter from Parsons, then in Hamburg, to Trevor Lloyd [of Gloster, his King's County neighbour and the grandfather of the 2nd Earl of Rosse's wife] describing his continental travels, 1737; papers relating to the sale of part of the Parsons estate in Co. Tipperary, 1738; short, verbal survey of the Sprigge estate, inherited by Parsons's wife Mary, the co-heiress of William Sprigge of Clonivoe, King's County (Lisclooney, Clonivoe, etc, totalling nearly 2,600 acres in King's County with a rental of £281, and lands in Kildare and Westmeath with a combined rental of £266), [1738]; a fragment of a rental of the Parsons estate, showing a total of £1,304 per annum for the Tipperary estate, and at least £1,039 for the King's County [possibly this total is incomplete], N.D.; a letter from T[revor] Lloyd, Gloster [King's County], to Parsons complaining of the tyranny of Lords Belfield and Molesworth in invading rights secured to Lloyd by royal patent, 1739; estimates from the sculptors, John and Henry Cheere of Hyde Park, London, for, and other papers concerning the erection of the statue of the Duke of Cumberland in Cumberland Square, Birr, 1746-9, including copies of an account, in a 19th-century book on Freemasons, of the laying of the foundation stone for the column on which the statue was to be erected; an extract from a printed copy of the <i>Journal of John Wesley</i> , recording his visit to Birr and Gloster, where 'Sir Laurence Parsons and his lady dined with us, whether coming by accident or by design I know not' (Wesley also notes how Miss Acton [daughter of William Acton and niece of the 1st Earl of Rosse], 'a cultivated lady, had become a Methodist'); a poem about the victory of 17 December [1753] on the Money Bill issue; and an account for 'Work done for Laurence Parsons, Baronet, by James Norriss and Henry Barton at the Castle of Birr ..., [including the erection of] 2 square ceiling[s] and a cumpass [sic] in the ballroom', N.D.
5	Sep. 1745- Mar. 1746: 1771: late 19th century	Papers [of? and] about William Parsons, younger brother of Sir Laurence Parsons, 3rd Bt, including a late 19th-century copy of his will, dated 1771, and late 19th-century notes on his military career, which show (among other things) that he was gazetted 2nd Ensign in Colonel John Folliott's Regiment of Foot on 31 October 1745, and 2nd Lieutenant in the same regiment on 21 November 1747. These facts and dates may explain the presence in Birr Castle and, provisionally, in this sub-section of the Rosse Papers, of a '45 Rebellion journal kept by Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Wentworth, K.B., chief of staff or second-in-command to Field Marshall Wade, who died at Turin in December 1747. The journal, which is partly in shorthand, documents the out-manoeuving of Wade's Northern Army by Bonnie Prince Charlie, the lack of

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5 (contd)		planning on the part of Wade and his advisers, the failure to move promptly on Hexham when it was realised that the rebels were outside Carlisle, and a rejected proposal that Wade should endeavour to make contact with General Ligonier in Staffordshire. [The attribution to Wentworth, and these comments on the significance of the journal, were made by the British Library in 1958: the suggested association between Wentworth and William Parsons is purely hypothetical, although there would seem to be no more plausible explanation for the presence of the journal in Birr Castle.]
6/1-14	1754-62: 1774: 1787: 1789	Estate and financial papers of Sir William Parsons, 4th Bt, including: a draft or copy of a private act of parliament empowering him to sell part of the Co. Tipperary property of the late John Clere of Kilbury, whose daughter and heiress, Mary, Parsons had married in 1754 [see B/14], in order to clear the debts of Parsons's father-in-law; a small quarto personal account book of Parsons, 1754-61; rentals of Parsons's Birr estate [excluding the townlands comprising the inheritance from the Sprigge family and possibly other parts of the King's County estate], 1760 onwards, giving a figure of £2,096 a year, subject to £660 (the interest on debts totalling £11,000); a bill presented to Parsons for mirrors and other glassware [for Birr Castle], 1757; and a schedule of the judgement debts owed by Parsons just before his death, 1788 onwards.
7/1-6	1756-7: 1779: 1782	Formal documents appointing Sir William Parsons to various local offices in King's County, 1756-7, 1779 and 1782, and as a J.P. for Co. Tipperary in 1779, together with a return of his King's County troop of dragoons, [c.1757].*
8/1-14	1761: 1768: N.D.: [1774]: 1780-81: 1784-6: 1790-91: 1912: 1963: [1983?]	Letters, poems and other papers of Sir William Parsons concerning personal, political and local administrative matters, including: a letter from his namesake [and cousin], William Parsons, [elder son of the William Parsons (d. 1771) described in B/5] giving an hilarious description of a banquet held in [Robert Adam's fantastically elaborate temporary building erected in the grounds of The Oaks, Epsom, Surrey] for the wedding of Lord Stanley [later 10th Earl of Derby] and Lady Betty Hamilton [in 1774]; an address of thanks and compliment from the King's County grand jury to the county M.P.s, Sir William Parsons and John Lloyd, September 1780, declining to impose on them any instructions from their constituents; a letter from Major L[aurence] Parsons, [second son of the William who died in 1771], describing social life at Spa, 1781; a partly coloured 'Plan of the Volunteer army reviewed by General Sir William Parsons, Bt, at Parsons Town, September 20th 1784'; and a letter from Laurence Parsons [the future 5th Bt and 2nd Earl of Rosse] about

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8/1-14		prospects for the King's County general election of 1790 [at which Sir William Parsons, 4th Bt, who died in the following year, was the successful candidate].*
9/1-4	N.D.: 1778-81: [1783]: 1785-90	Four notebooks of Sir William Parsons, all of them containing accounts of personal, household and demesne expenditure, and three of them relating to other things as well: the earliest, and undated, notebook contains a journal of a tour in England, with architectural sketches of, and antiquarian observations on, Stourton, Glastonbury, etc, and the [1783] notebook contains rough minutes of the evidence heard [by the committee of the House of Commons appointed to try the Co. Sligo election petition of that year].*
10	1790-91	Original bundle of receipts and vouchers to Sir William Parsons, [preserved, presumably, because they became part and parcel of his executorship accounts after his death in May 1791. These papers have not been put in chronological order.]
11/1-4	1709: 1742: 1754: 1779	Three copies and one original of recoveries suffered by the Parsonses of Parsonstown, giving a good deal of information about the descent of their estates.
12/1-13	1704-5: 1708: 1711: 1715: 1718: 1737: 1739: 1753: 1771: 1997	Deeds of mortgage, settlement and conveyance of lands in the manor of Parsonstown, Co. Wexford [see A/25], which passed from the Parsonses of Tomduff to the Parsonses of Parsonstown between 1708 and 1711; the lands named in these deeds are Cullentrough, barony of Gorey, Ballyduff, Mangan, Killenagh, Howell's Lane, and Glascarrig, barony of Ballaghkeen; and all or part of the manor of St John's (Tomnegrano, Knockmarshal, etc), barony of Bantry. The papers of 1997 relate to the sale, by the 7th Earl of Rosse, of the lordships of the manors of St John's and Parsonstown, Co. Wexford.
13/1-7	1716: 1727: 1739: 1742: 1765: 1771: 1783	Deeds of settlement, resettlement and assignment in respect of lands in King's County, Co. Roscommon and Co. Tipperary. The Tipperary lands are part of the Clere inheritance - the burgage lands of Clonmel, 1716 - and a City of Cashel tenement [owned by the Lloyd family of Gloster, King's County], 1739; the Roscommon lands are the estate of the Persse family of Roxborough, resettled in 1727 with Sir William Parsons, 2nd Bt, as one of the trustees of the resettlement; and the King's County lands are the manor of Roscomroe and other Parsons estates, 1742, 1765 and 1783.

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14/1-18	1699: 1707: 1715: 1718: 1723: 1748: 1753-4: 1771: 1779: 1783: 1785: 1788	Original bundle of deeds, mainly relating to a frequently reassigned mortgage for £2,000 raised on the security of the King's County estate of the Parsons of Parsonstown, but including the settlement made on the marriage of Sir William Parsons, 4th Bt, and Mary Clere, 1754, and a long statement of title, 1683-1779, which shows among other things that the debts of the Parsons, Cleres and Sprigges were such that the Parsons gained little from their marriages to the heiresses of the latter two families.
15	[1619: 1641:] 1754: 1764 1773: 1785: 1804: 1828-87	Box containing an original bundle of deeds [not originally at Birr Castle, but bought at auction by the 7th Earl of Rosse in 2003] relating to the Wicklow estate of one Wentworth Erck of Herbert Place, Dublin (1862). This property comprised a small part of the Wicklow estate formerly owned by the Earls of Rosse of the first creation, particularly the manor of Croener, barony of Newcastle. Because of this Rosse derivation, the box contains non-contemporary copies of patents granting or confirming their Wicklow estate to Sir William Parsons and Richard Parsons, 20 October 17 James I [1619] and 22 April 17 Charles I [1641]; memorial of the marriage settlement of the 2nd Earl of Rosse and Olivia Edwards, 15 February 1754; will of Lord Rosse, 18 July 1764; and will of Lady Elizabeth Parsons, 16 July 1773. The 19th-century abstracts of the Erck title also recite various Rosse deeds and leases, 1698- c.1780. [For the Wicklow estate of the Earls of Rosse of the first creation, see also D/18.]

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1-17	1765-c.1820: 1855	Letters and papers of Sir Laurence Parsons, 5th Bt, who succeeded in 1807 as 2nd Earl of Rosse (of the second creation, the earldom in the elder branch of the Parsons family having died out in 1764), reflecting Parson's youthful intimacy with Henry Flood, and consisting of correspondence and speech-notes of Flood, letters to Parsons from and about Flood, and drafts for biographical and historical writings by Parsons on Flood.
1/1-16	1765: [1769]: 1771: N.D.: 1774: [1777]: 1780: 1782-3:	Letters to Flood from miscellaneous correspondents, including Edmund Burke, E[dmund] S[exten] Pery, [Speaker of the Irish House of Commons], Denis Daly [of Dunsandle. Co. Galway, M.P. for that county], the [1st Earl of] Charlemont, etc, etc, about Irish (and British) political affairs.*

(Apart from the letters to Flood in Birr Castle, Flood's surviving correspondence consists of c.110 letters in the British Library (Add. MS. 22930), about the provenance of which nothing is known except that they were purchased by the Norfolk botanist, bibliophile and antiquary, Dawson Turner (1775-1858), from a Mr Anderson in February 1833, and subsequently acquired (presumably by the British Library) at Turner's sale on 7 June 1859. Prior to coming into Turner's possession, they were edited and published anonymously, and somewhat inaccurately, in 1820 by T[homas] R[odd], in whose possession they then were, under the title *Original Letters Principally from Lord Charlemont, the Rt Hon. Edmund Burke, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, and Many Other Distinguished Noblemen and Gentlemen to the Rt Hon. Henry Flood ...* (London, 1820). A collated and corrected copy of this edition, together with a xerox of one letter in Add. MS. 22930 omitted from it, will be found at PRONI, T/3501.

For the next item, in point of chronology, relating to Flood, see F/21, which includes a long (c.30 pages) and very polished draft for a speech opposing the Address, (October 1765?), in which Flood maintains that the British ministry is bent on destroying the liberties of America, Ireland and England, warns the House against falling into the trap of exaggerating the gravity of the Whiteboy disturbances, and asserts the pre-Norman antiquity of the Irish constitution and the pre-Norman civilization of the Irish people.)

* See detailed calendar, and a transcript of C/1/1-2 published in *The English Historical Review*, 457 (June 1999). An offprint from this publication is present in the envelope.

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2/1-43	1767-80	Correspondence between Flood and Rev. Dr William Markham [his former tutor at Oxford], successively Bishop of Chester and Archbishop of York, consisting of originals of Markham's letters to Flood [only one other of which is in Add. MS. 22930] and drafts of Flood's letter to Markham, and concerning Anglo- Irish relations, Flood's complaints of ill-treatment and neglect in 1774 when he was passed over for the Provostship of Trinity in favour of John Hely-Hutchinson, his subsequent charges against the British government and justifications of himself, particularly in 1778-80, when Markham was endeavouring to restrain him and remind him of the paramount loyalty he owed to the British connection, etc, etc. [These letters are, even by the generally sorry standards of the 2nd Earl's papers, in urgent need of conservation.]*
3	[c.1770: c.1778: c.1784]	One printed copy of a pamphlet by Flood, with MS. corrections in his hand, one poem, and two MS. [and unpublished] pamphlets by Flood, as follows: the first (and printed) pamphlet is an attack on Lord Townshend [the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland] for the controversial prorogation of the Irish parliament at the end of 1769; the second pamphlet is a MS. 'Answer to [Dr Samuel Johnson's] "Taxation no tyranny"', [c.1778]; and the third pamphlet is an anti-Pitt the Younger account, by Flood, of 'The first session of Mr Pitt's administration', [1784].
4	[1770s-1780s]	Notes by Flood, and historical extracts made for Flood, concerning the history of Poynings's Law.
5	[1770S-1783?]	Folio volume containing drafts of speeches by Flood, including a 63-page draft for his speech on the Perpetual Mutiny Bill [on 28 April 1780, the first 50 pages of which coincide exactly with the fair copy in C/6], and a 34-page draft for his speech on Poynings's Law [on 11 December 1781 - for this, too, see the versions in C/6]. The last two items in the volume are of only a couple of pages each: the first is a draft for some tart observations on Grattan's Declaration of Right, [19 April 1782 - see C/6] ('One would have thought by Mr G - n's elaborate oration on the 16th of April, that the Declaration of Rights [sic] was a thing that would be contested. ...'); the second is a draft of some paragraphs in defence of his political consistency, [for use in his rebuttal of Grattan's charges on 31 October 1781 - see C/6. This volume is in dire need of conservation.]
6	1779-84	MS. reports of a number of Flood's major speeches in the Irish House of Commons, most of them corrected in his own hand. The speeches concerned are those on the Short Money

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6 (contd)		<p>Bill, [24-5 November 1779?], on [Grattan's] Declaration of Right, [19 April 1780], on the Perpetual Mutiny Bill, [28 April 1780], on Flood's own conduct in retaining [the Vice Treasurership] while opposing the Irish administration, [October 1781?], on Poynings's Law, 11 December 1781 [one copy of this speech is corrected in Flood's hand, and there are two other and fairer copies, both entirely in Parsons's hand and both apparently incomplete], on Renunciation [this version consisting of a rough draft in Flood's hand for the latter part of the speech, and notes by him of mistakes made in the version printed in the first volume of the <i>Irish Parliamentary Register</i>, pp 407-14, 11 June 1782], on Flood's own conduct [in response to Grattan's attack on him, and this version titled by Parsons, 'Second defence', that of 1781 being the 'First defence'], 31 October 1783, and 'Speech of Mr Flood on the Address' [in effect, on parliamentary reform, in the wake of the rejection of the Volunteer plan, October 1784]. Several of these copies are prefaced by a summary of the 'Argument' in Parsons's hand, so that it looks as if he was preparing an edition of Flood's speeches. The later material in this sub-section is in dire need of conservation.*</p>

The collation which has so far been made between these and other contemporary reports shows that the first version of the Poynings's Law speech of 11 December 1781 in C/6, which is in a clerical hand and is corrected extensively in Flood's hand, is verbatim the same as the version in vol. 23, pp 105-94 of Sir Henry Cavendish's MS. reports of debates in the Irish House of Commons (originals in the Library of Congress, Washington: photocopies available in PRONI, MIC/12 and T/3435/A/1). This is an important discovery, on two counts. First, it shows that, given a choice between Cavendish's version and the version which he must have known had been made for publication in the forthcoming first volume of the *Irish Parliamentary Register*, Flood referred to Cavendish's version, presumably because he regarded it as more accurate. Second, a comparison between the Cavendish version, which like almost all the rest of Cavendish's Irish reports remain unedited, with Flood's earlier draft (C/5) and his subsequent corrections and alterations, will provide a unique opportunity to access the accuracy of Cavendish in the eyes of someone whose speech he had reported - although it is no doubt probable that Flood will have 'corrected' Cavendish to the point of introducing things which Flood omitted to say at the time! Further comparison with Cavendish shows that the C/6 version of the 'Second defence' (which Cavendish dates as 1 November 1783, presumably because it was delivered after midnight on the 31st) is almost verbatim the same as Cavendish's; and that Cavendish's report of the part of the 11 June 1782 speech on Renunciation which exists in rough draft in C/6 follows the draft fairly closely. There is no Cavendish version of the other speeches in C/6. However, from October 1781 there is an *Irish Parliamentary Register* version,

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6 (contd)		except for the 'First defence'. Parsons's 'Argument' states that this was delivered 'in the year 1781 ..., just before he [Flood] was removed from his office' -which can only mean October 1781. Possibly it was delivered in committee, and therefore was outside the scope of both the <i>Irish Parliamentary Register</i> and Cavendish.
		The draft for the 11 December 1781 speech in C/5, and the first version of the same speech in C/6, have been photocopied by PRONI, T/3498/2-3.]
7	1785: 1787-8: 1790	Corrected MS. and printed reports of Flood's speeches in the British House of Commons, on the Slave Trade, [1787?], the commercial treaty with France, 15 February 1787, the India Bill, [12 March 1788], and British parliamentary reform, 4 March 1790. [This version of the India Bill speech appears to be in Flood's hand, and looks more like an autograph draft than a subsequent copy; the versions of the French commercial treaty and the parliamentary reform speeches are pamphlet-publications with MS. corrections, and there are two different printed copies of the latter.]
8/1-85	1784-91	Correspondence between Flood and Parsons, consisting of original letters on both sides, but only a couple of them from Parsons to Flood. A large portion of the letters relate to Flood's chequered pursuit of seats in the British House of Commons, in which he was assisted by or associated with Parsons. The letters supplement those in Add. MS. 22930 concerning Flood's bitter and protracted dispute with the Duke of Chandos over the return for Winchester in 1784, and break new ground by documenting Flood's and Parsons's ultimately unsuccessful bid to be returned for Seaford, Sussex, their mustering of witnesses and marshalling of evidence for production before an election committee, etc, 1784-7. There are some references to Irish parliamentary affairs, including a number of cutting comments by Flood about Grattan, and a discussion of Parsons's attack on Grattan in the aftermath of the regency crisis in 1789, as a man who had already been paid too much for selling his country short and now over the regency had blundered yet again. The concluding letters relate to the hunt for seats, both for Flood and for Parsons, in the Irish parliament of 1790, [which was unsuccessful in Flood's case, because his death occurred before a seat could be found. Conservation is, again, an urgent priority.]*
9	[1785]	Notes by Flood for speeches [in the Irish or British House of Commons or both?] on the Commercial Propositions.

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10	1791: 1794: 1797: 1815	Letters to Parsons from Edmund Malone [a friend and literary correspondent of Flood], General Charles Vallancey [the then expert on ancient Ireland] and others about Flood's death, his will (with its bequest of much of his property to the founding of a professorship of Erse at Trinity and to the purchase of old manuscripts in the Irish language), his memory generally, etc. The letter of 1815 describes the distressing circumstances of the death of Lady Frances Flood, Flood's widow.
11	[1795]	Papers, not now to be found in Birr Castle, but described in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. as 'the MSS of "Observations on the Bequest of Henry Flood to Trinity College, Dublin, with a Defence of the Ancient History of Ireland"', a pamphlet written by Parsons and published in Dublin in 1795. [Since there are a good many MSS in Parsons's handwriting on the subject of Flood, it is possible that Sir John Gilbert jumped to the erroneous conclusion that all or some of them related to this particular publication, the more so as the others, which constitute the concluding sub-sections of Section C, appear not to have been published. However, see also F/7.]
12	[Paper-marked 1813]	Small octavo volume, not quite full, containing an account in Parsons's [now 2nd Earl of Rosse] hand of the life of Flood up to 1778, including some unique background information about the Flood family in relation to the parliamentary borough of Callan [over which Flood fought a fatal duel in 1769]. This account, though obviously incomplete, seems to be too short to be intended as a publication in its own right: possibly it was intended as an introduction to an edition of Flood's speeches or to the 2nd Earl's work identifying Flood as the author of the <i>Letters of Junius</i> .*
13	[c.1810-20]	Voluminous rough drafts and jottings, in the 2nd Earl's handwriting and on paper variously marked 1809-19, all on the subject of Flood and Junius.

Atkinson gives the following account of the background to these papers ('The 2nd Earl of Rosse', p. 75): '... In 1812 the suggestion of Burke's authorship [of the *Letters of Junius*] was revived by Daniel O'Connell, for reasons of personal enmity. At this point, ... [the 2nd Earl] intervened in the controversy. He wrote to [George] Woodfall in London, who had come into possession of the original letters of Junius [and was about to publish them in an enlarged, three-volume edition], enclosing a manuscript which he declared would establish the true identity of the author and vindicate Burke's character. Although he refused to give Woodfall permission to reveal the author's name, he urged him to make an examination of the manuscript, and

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13 (contd)		<p>intimated that an article on the subject, by a writer named Roche, would shortly be published in the <i>Quarterly Review</i>. ... Roche [however] never published his article in the <i>Quarterly Review</i>, although he subsequently made some observations on the matter in an article which appeared in the <i>Cork Magazine</i> in September 1848. ...'</p> <p>At the top of this pile of papers has been placed a copy of another letter from the 2nd Earl, Fulham, to 'Sir' [Woodfall?], 29 June 1812, in which he argues ingeniously that Junius must have been an Irishman, because he refers to the repairing 'of a country bridge or a decayed hosital' by means of a lottery, at a time when lotteries flourished in Ireland, but only the state lottery was permitted in England. He then goes on to point out that it is easy to ascertain Flood's whereabouts on the dates on which each successive letter of Junius was published, 'As he was the leader of the opposition at that period, and as it was the custom to appoint the most distinguished speaker on all great questions teller, [with the result that] his name appears in the [Irish] journals on such occasions', and on other occasions he could easily have been in London. An enclosure in this letter illustrates the striking coincidence between the publication of each letter of Junius and periods when the Irish parliament was not in session; and there are numerous other papers in the sub-section to the same purport. [See also D/2/14.]</p>
14/1-5	[c.1810-15]	<p>Loose-leaf clutch of 300 pages of octavo, consisting of an autograph MS. in the 2nd Earl's hand on the subject of Flood and Junius: together with 4 small quarto volumes, the first 3 containing c.200 pages and the fourth c.100, being a fair, clerical copy of the same work. The 300 pages of autograph are some of them paper-marked 1809, while the paper-mark on the 4 volumes is 1814. Since the 2nd Earl's object was, not only to prove that Flood was Junius, but to repel the assertion that Junius was 'an assassin', much of the material relates to Flood's devotion to the cause of liberty, his attachment to the constitution, etc, and in effect turns into a political biography of, or apology for, Flood.*</p>
15	[c.1820]	<p>Small quarto 20-page series of anecdotes, by the 2nd Earl, of Flood and other contemporary orators and parliamentarians.*</p>
16	[c.1820?]	<p>Duplicate copies of the concluding pages (pp 37-52) of a printed pamphlet [by the 2nd Earl?] on the authorship of the <i>Letters of Junius</i>.</p>
17/1-2	1855	<p>Letter, and enclosure, from Telford McDonagh to the 3rd Earl of Rosse about Flood's bequest to T.C.D.</p>

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1-24	1791-1834	Letters to Sir Laurence Parsons, 2nd Earl of Rosse, from his principal correspondents, on all manner of personal, political and business matters, arranged as follows:
1/1-6	1791: 1794-5	Letters to Parsons from [the 1st Marquess of] Lansdowne [great-nephew of the Lord Shelburne who was Governor of King's County in 1716 - see B/1] about the support given to Parsons by Lord Lansdowne's King's County freeholders in parliamentary elections, about county politics generally, about the Lord Lieutenancy of Earl Fitzwilliam, 1794-5, the war, the state of Ireland, etc.*
2/1-18	1792: 1796-7: 1800: 1804: 1808: 1812: 1814: 1828	Letters to Parsons from Peter Burrowes, [his friend and political associate, an Irish barrister and M.P., who as early as 1784 had written a pamphlet advocating the restoration of the Irish Roman Catholics to the franchise on a£50 freehold franchise, as the only means whereby Irish Protestants could secure parliamentary reform], about Catholic Relief and Emancipation, 1792, Co. Dublin politics, 1796, the rapprochement between Parsons and the Irish administration (which was conducted via Burrowes and Richard Griffith of Millicent, Co. Kildare, [and which came to nothing because of the complaint brought against Parsons as Colonel of the King's County Militia in 1798], 1797, the Orangemen and the consequences of the Union as far as the future government of Ireland and the future discussion of the Catholic Question is concerned, 1800, and with references to Lady Frances Flood, the mystery over the authorship of Junius, Sir Frederick Flood, Caesar Colclough (who in 1814 returned from poverty in France to find himself in possession of £6,500 a year in Co. Wexford), 1804-14. [For an earlier letter from Burrowes about Parsons's candidature for Seaford, Sussex, see C/8/36. The letters up to 1800 have been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13840, part), and a second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals.]
3/1-3	1793: 1797	Letters to Parsons from Burke, the letter of 1793 thanking him for and commenting upon Parsons's <i>Thoughts on Liberty and Equality</i> (Dublin, 1793), the second, of 1797, discussing the war, the expected French invasion, the fact that Ireland is maintained in a state of siege whilst Europe is conquered, the use to which the British fleet should and should not be put, etc, and the third, also of 1797, asking if Parsons has received its predecessor. [The first two of these letters were photostated by the National Library (MS. 13547), and the second was published in <i>The English Historical Review</i> , no. 457 (June 1999), a copy of which will be found at C/1. For Parsons's <i>Thoughts on Liberty and Equality</i> , see F/8.]

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3/1-3 (contd)		<p>R.B. McDowell writes, in <i>Ireland in the Age of Imperialism and Revolution, 1760-1801</i> (Oxford, 1979), p. 360: Parsons's '<i>... Thoughts on Liberty and Equality</i> (Dublin, 1793), was published in the wake of the pamphlet warfare over the French Revolution which Burke had opened in 1790. ... One revolutionary dogma, constantly proclaimed in France and fervently assented to by radicals all over Europe, equality, seemed to conservatives to be the root of much political evil. Conservatives perhaps perceived its implications sooner than some radicals, arguing that political and economic equality tended in practice to be closely related. Early in 1793 Sir Lawrence Parsons ... published a clear, compact pamphlet in which he tried to demonstrate that inequality was requisite to social progress. Man, Parsons wrote, was "a progressive animal" and "the great stimulation to progress" was property. Property, acquired by industry and ability, was "the great prime mover everywhere". Obviously all men could not progress equally, and this was just as well, because with a vast number of tasks of varying difficulties and importance to be performed, "a great and various inequality" was absolutely necessary "to sublime man to the highest degree we know he is capable of". Political power was annexed to property because every man had a right to the acquisitions of his own labour, and ought to have the means to protect them. Parsons was also convinced that democracy was absurd. The peasant, who had spent his days digging the earth and who had been educated as "a mere machine", could not be expected to understand political issues. Even a strong radical when he was ill did not "call on the next digger of the earth to feel his pulse". To anybody who thought the lot of the poor hard, Parsons had an answer - "let it be considered the right to political power has been forfeited by their own or their ancestors' imprudence and indolence, but that by contrary conduct they or their children may rise to the enjoyment of such power" ...'</p>
4/1-14	1793: 1797-8: 1804-5: 1807: 1817	<p>Letters to Parsons from [the Hon.] Robert Stewart, [Viscount] Castlereagh, the earliest of them written as a back-bench political associate of Parsons in the Irish House of Commons, those of 1797-8 as acting Chief Secretary or Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, and the rest as a member, in various capacities, of the British government; the topics include the political manoeuvrings of the parliamentary session of 1793, the state of the barracks in which the King's County Militia has been accommodated, [1797], the fate of prisoners in Parsonstown Gaol who, in spite of having surrendered within the terms of a government proclamation of amnesty, have been arrested and incarcerated there, 1798, Parsons's relations with the second Pitt administration and hopes of being appointed to the Chancellorship of the Irish Exchequer under it, 1804-5, and more minor matters of patronage, 1807 and 1817. [Some of these letters have been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13840, part), and a second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals. The letter of 1805 is in particularly urgent need of conservation.]*</p>

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5/1-62	1798: 1800-02: 1806: 1817: 1822: 1824-5	Letters to Parsons from his younger brother, Thomas Clere Parsons, [the fourth son of their father, and Assistant Barrister for King's County, 1803-25], including a run of blow-by-blow accounts of the rebellion, May-July 1798, and discussion of the Union, family history, estate affairs, etc [Thomas C. Parsons appears to have acted as his brother's head agent up to 1803]; also included are other letters and papers of Parsons, now 2nd Earl of Rosse, about the local furore arising out of complaints that Thomas C. Parsons had misconducted himself as Assistant Barrister, 1822, and letters of condolence to the 2nd Earl on, and a printed poem about, Thomas C. Parsons's death, which took place at Tullynisky Park, Birr, the house which he shared with another brother, the Rev. William Parsons, in 1825. [See also F/21. The '98 Rebellion letters, with one exception, have been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13840, part), and a second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals. Most of the original letters in the sub-section are in urgent need of conservation.]*
6/1-6	1798: 1800: 1806	Letters to Parsons from another barrister-brother, John Clere Parsons [Chief Commissioner of the Insolvent Court, 1822-6, whose legal opinions on matters affecting the family estates will be found in E/3], about minor matters of business. [The two letters of 1798 have been photostated by the National Library, and a second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals.]
7/1-173	1800: 1802-34: 1837-8: 1842: 1898: 1903: 1949-50: 1976: 1983: 1987-8: 1992	Letters to Parsons from his uncle, Laurence Harman (Parsons) of Newcastle, Ballymahon, Co. Longford, 1st Viscount Oxmantown and subsequently (1806) 1st Earl of Rosse, and, after the 1st Earl's death in April 1807, from his widow, Jane, Countess Dowager of Rosse. The letters concern all manner of family, political and financial affairs. At the time of writing, the 1st Earl and his widow were almost invariably in England, either in London or at their successive country houses in various parts of the country [mainly Stretton Hall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, where he lived, 1806-7, and she, 1807-38], and Parsons almost invariably in Ireland. The 1st Earl's letters relate to: the family's relations with the Addington, Pitt and Grenville administrations; complaints about Parsons's absence from parliament in 1806, on account of his wife's ill-health, when the government expected him, as a Lord of the Irish Treasury, to attend; Co. Longford and King's County elections, particularly in 1806, when the 1st Earl visited Newcastle for electioneering purposes; the 1st Earl's reluctant consent to apply for the earldom, but solely on condition that it was remaindered on Parsons, 1806; etc, etc. The letters from the Dowager Lady Rosse concern the 2nd Earl's taking possession of the 1st Earl's Dublin house in Stephen's

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7/1-173 (contd)		Green, 1807; her nearly fatal accident while out driving in her carriage in the same year; King's County and Co. Longford politics and elections (with the 2nd Earl acting as the Dowager Lady Rosse's adviser and sometimes spokesman in respect of the latter); the Dowager Lady Rosse's relations with her nephew and son-in-law, [the 1st Viscount] Lorton; the 2nd Earl's disappointment on discovering in 1818 that he was going to inherit none of the 1st Earl's Harman/Co. Longford property; the intimidation of the Dowager Lady Rosse by some deranged kinsman called William Parsons [see D/24]; etc, etc. Copies of some of the 2nd Earl's letters to the Dowager Lady Rosse are present in the sub-section, whereas only the other side of the correspondence between the 1st Earl and him survives. The papers of 1838 and 1842 (which are subsequent to her death) relate to the provisions of her will, 1838, and an estate bill initiated by Lord Lorton, 1842. The letters and papers of 1898, 1903, 1949-50, 1976, 1983, 1987 and 1992 respectively relate to the ruinous state of a monument to the 1st Earl in a cemetery off Hampstead Road, London, a portrait of him painted in 1809, King-Harman family portraits formerly at Newcastle, a portrait of the Dowager Lady Rosse hanging in Rosse Hall, Kenyon College, Ohio, and the 7th Earl of Rosse's visit to Kenyon College in 1987 (following which he received from the college photocopies of correspondence, 1824-7, relating to the Dowager Lady Rosse's benefaction to it), and a thesis written in 1992 on Keenagh church, Mosstown, Co. Longford, which was built by her in 1832.*
8/1-22	1802: 1805-6: 1817-20: 1826	Correspondence between Parsons, before and after his succession as 2nd Earl of Rosse, and Miss Charlotte Burgh [later Mrs Zachariah Cornock, who writes mostly from the house of her cousin, Lord Chief Justice Downes, at Merville, Stillorgan, Dublin], mainly about literary and social matters, but including references to [her brother, General Sir] Ulysses [Burgh, subsequently 2nd Lord Downes]; to a portrait at Ripley Parsonage, Yorkshire, which may be of Capt. Laurence Parsons (fl. 1673), 1802; and to 'the Parsonstown rebellion' of 1820 [see E/11]. Miss Burgh appears to have been regarded by the 2nd Earl as a kind of literary consultant, for example being treated by him to first sight of his thirteen-canto poem, 'The Revolution [of 1688]', in 1820 [see F/1].
9/1-15	1803-8	Accounts and letters to Parsons from Richard Darcy, [the steward?], Parsonstown, consisting of one calf-bound, folio volume of accounts, 1803-5, in which building operations at Birr Castle feature fairly prominently, one unbound small quarto volume of accounts, 1806-7, and letters to Parsons from Darcy, 1808, mainly March-April 1808.

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10/1-14	May-June 1805: Nov. 1806	Letters from Parsons to Lady Parsons, with one of November 1806 from her to him, containing many references to political and parliamentary matters at Westminster. They are also full of humour, affection and sadness, and vividly describe the forlornness of the post-Union Irish M.P., possessed of few contacts in London, sleeping in a 'bed chamber in the garret' of Nerot's Hotel, and eating his 'veal cutlet solitarily'.*
11/1-10	1807-8	Letters to the 2nd Earl from the Rev. Robert Moffett of Ballymahon, [agent for the Harman estate in Co. Longford until he went off his head in 1818? - see D/7/94], mostly about the death of the 1st Earl and its immediate aftermath.
12/1-14	1809: 1816-19: 1821: 1824-5: 1829	Letters and receipts to the 2nd Earl from his Dublin banker, B. Ball & Co.
13/1-53	1809: 1812: 1818-19: 1821: 1823: 1825: 1827-8: 1830	Letters to the 2nd Earl from Morgan Crofton [law agent for the Harman estate in Co. Longford] about the 1st Earl's former house in Stephen's Green, Longford politics and elections, promotion in the navy for Crofton's son (with letters from [the 2nd Viscount] Melville, [First Lord of the Admiralty], to the 2nd Earl on that subject), and estate and financial business.*
14/1-12	1809: 1817: 1822: 1824: 1828	Letters, together with a printed pamphlet on the state of Ireland in 1822, to the 2nd Earl from the author of the pamphlet, the Rt Hon. Denis Browne, [younger brother of the 1st Marquess of Sligo], about the Irish representative peerage elections of 1809 [at the second of which the 2nd Earl was the successful candidate], Lord Oxmantown's [the future 3rd Earl] prospects of political office in 1828, etc, etc.*
15/1-8	1812-14: 1823	Letters to the 2nd Earl from John Legg, [the agent], Parsonstown, about estate business, including the registering of freeholders.
16/1-14	1817: 1823-4	Letters to the 2nd Earl from Mr and Mrs William Newenham of Celbridge, [Co. Kildare], about their financial embarrassments.
17/1-7	1817: 1821: 1825: 1834	Letters, and one bill of costs, to the 2nd Earl from James C. Martin of Ely Place, Dublin, his Dublin attorney.

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18/1-14	1818: 1821: 1825-6: 1828	Letters to the 2nd Earl and Thomas C. Parsons from [the 6th Viscount] Netterville, a descendant in the female line from the elder branch of the Parsons family [see A/3], about family portraits of the Parsonses, and Lord Netterville's wish that the 2nd Earl should purchase the Wicklow property of the elder branch [B/15] which had descended to Lord Netterville; also included are letters and papers about Lord Netterville's death in 1826 and will, by which he forbade his representative to sell the Wicklow property to anybody but the 2nd Earl, 1826 and 1828, together with a long-subsequent letter of 1851 to the 3rd Earl, describing the will as 'a very extraordinary and a very voluminous production, manifestly the composition of the testator, and one which does not speak very favourably for his intellect or education'. The first of Lord Netterville's letters, of 9 December 1818, mentions that 'The Rosse estate [in Co. Wexford?] certainly centres in the Boyd family after <i>the God-son</i> ' - implying that the Boyds of Co. Wexford had come by their property as a result of illegitimate descent from the extinct Earls of Rosse. [See also D/5/27 and D/22/18.]
19/1-7	1821-2	Letters and papers of the 2nd Earl about the claim of one Thomas Bond of Tullamore, King's County, to a fortune of £100,000 lodged in the Bank of England.
20/1-14	1822: 1827	Letters to the 2nd Earl from [the 1st Lord] Redesdale [Lord Chancellor of Ireland, 1802-6] about the state of Ireland, together with xeroxes of the originals, and a copy of PRONI's calendar, of the other side of the correspondence, the 2nd Earl's letters to Lord Redesdale in reply (Gloucestershire Record Office, Redesdale Papers, C/34; PRONI, T/3030/13/1-7, printed in Malcomson (ed.), <i>Eighteenth-Century Irish Official Papers in Great Britain: Private Collections</i> , vol ii [Belfast, 1990], pp 459-68).*
21/1-16	1823: 1826: 1826-30	Letters to the 2nd Earl from Maria Edgeworth, together with a copy of the 7th Earl of Rosse's article in <i>The Yorkshire Post</i> , 1963, describing their contents and the background to the writing of them; the principal topics are the whip-round to save Abbotsford and Sir Walter Scott's library, the death of the 2nd Earl's second son, John Clere Parsons, Irish round towers, Celtic Zoroastrianism, telescopes, the July Revolution in France, etc.
22/1-33	1826: 1830-31: 1833	Letters to the 2nd Earl from his elder son, Lord Oxmantown, [M.P. for King's County], who writes from London, where he was attending parliament, to his father, in semi-retirement at Birr, about currency and corn, reform of the Irish Post

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22/1-33 (contd)		Office [of which the 2nd Earl was Joint Postmaster General - see E/14], general politics, etc.*
23/1-13	1828-9: 1831	Letters to the 2nd Earl from C[atherine]-M[aria, Countess of] Charleville, [wife of the 1st Earl of Charleville, who lived at Charleville Forest, Tullamore, King's County, and at this time was in alliance with the 2nd Earl in county politics], about the death of John C. Parsons, county politics and elections, the political activities and prospects of their respective sons and heirs, Lords Oxmantown and Tullamore, the Catholic and Reform Questions, etc.*
24/1-11	1831-3	Letters to the 2nd Earl from William Parsons, an aggrieved nutcase, who wrote threatening letters both to the 2nd Earl and to the Dowager Lady Rosse about William Parsons's mythical claim to Harman property in Co. Longford [see also D/7 and E/42].

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1-42	1791-1841	Letters and papers of Sir Laurence Parsons, 5th Bt, subsequently 2nd Earl of Rosse, including (during his life-time) papers of his first and second sons, Lord Oxmantown and the Hon. John Clere Parsons, arranged as follows:
1/1-93	1791-1801: 1804-10: 1814-21: 1823-32	Tradesmen's accounts and letters to Sir Laurence Parsons, 2nd Earl of Rosse, some of them relating to jewellery and clothes, and some of them to furniture and glassware for Birr Castle and to plants and trees for the pleasure grounds there.
2/1-2	1792-4: 1793-9	Two small quarto account books, one kept on Parsons's behalf [by an agent or bailiff?], the other kept by Parsons himself, both recording household and demesne expenditure, and giving some information about rent receipts and rent; the second account book, Parsons's own, also gives information about interest money owed to and by him, King's County Militia expenses, etc.*
3	1792: N.D.: 1806: 1809: 1816: 1818: 1824-6: 1831	Cases for counsel's opinion, legal case papers, and bills of costs, all relating to Parsons's title to parts of King's County estate, some to the validity or invalidity of leases granted back to the time of Sir William Parsons, 2nd Bt, and some relating to a mortgage raised by Sir William Parsons, 4th Bt, in 1766, and involving his son and successor in the protracted Chancery and House of Lords lawsuit, <i>Rosse v the Rev. James Stirling</i> [which the 2nd Earl claimed elsewhere (D/7) had cost him £16,000 in legal costs by 1818, before it had even reached the House of Lords. For a reconveyance of mortgage, 1826, bringing this lawsuit to an end, see E/28.] Several of the counsel's opinions were given by the 2nd Earl's second brother, John C. Parsons, K.C.
4/1-40	1792-1824	Surveys and valuations, mainly non-pictorial and all small in size, of bits and pieces of the King's County estate.
5/1-11	1793: 1808: 1825: 1828-9: 1831-2	Letters and accounts to Parsons concerning Dublin houses: the single item of 1793 relates to his house or villa at Rathmines, and the rest to the Stephen's Green house which he either inherited or purchased from the 1st Earl's estate, in 1809 [see Q/2]. Included in the sub-section is a 'List of kitchen articles', 1828, which may relate to Birr Castle, not Stephen's Green.
6	31 Jan. 1794: 9 Aug. and 16 Sep. 1796: 22 Oct. and	King's County freeholder's certificate, 1794, and bundle of certificates, 1796 and 1801, recording that each of the undersigning King's County Roman Catholics has taken the oath of allegiance prescribed by the Catholic Relief Acts of

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6 (contd)	17 Nov. 1801	1774 and 1778, and the oath and declaration prescribed by the Catholic Relief Act of 1793.
7	1797: 1806-7: 1809: 1817: 1819: 1830	Rentals relating to parts of the King's County estate, principally Corowantill and Lumcloon; the 1809 item is a calculation by the 2nd Earl that his rental is over £10,000, charged with over £3,000 a year for interest and annuities, and subject to over £750 for quit and chief rents.
8	1797-1800: 1805-6: 1809-12: 1815: 1817-25: 1829: 1832	Receipts, letters, bonds, etc., all relating to Parsons's borrowings from various people, including his brothers, John C. Parsons and Thomas C. Parsons; in 1798, for example, he borrowed £1,000 from Lady Frances Flood.
9	Apr.-June and Nov. 1798	Issues of <i>The Courier</i> and <i>The Dublin Evening Post</i> , one of them carrying a copy of Parsons's resolute reply of 21 April to an address from some of his King's County constituents denouncing his parliamentary and general conduct.
10/1-2	'c.1799' [recte: c.1820]	Papers, at one stage not to be found in Birr Castle, but photostated by the National Library (MS. 13842) and described in Hayes as 'Alleged oaths and tests of United Irishmen and Caravats, c.1799, with a note (by Sir Laurence Parsons?) on the Catholic lower-class conspiracy'. [The note is indeed by the 2nd Earl, and the documents are paper-marked 1811 and 1814 respectively. A second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals.]
11/1-72	1804-5: 1807- 8: 1834: 1912: [c.1975]: [1990?]	Letters and papers of Parsons concerning the town and immediate vicinity of Parsonstown/Birr: its Castle, barracks, canal, Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, Sunday school, streets, tolls, mill, etc, etc. Included in the section are 7 letters from [the 1st Earl of] Norbury, [Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and a local landowner whose seat was at Durrow Abbey, King's County], and one from Sir Jonas Green [later Recorder of Dublin], about 'the Birr rebellion' of 1820, the popular name given to the scare engendered by the forgeries of Mrs Thomas Legg, wife of the local stationer, which for a while deluded the 2nd Earl and everyone else into believing that a repetition of the 1641 rising was about to take place at Birr; two letters of the same year from Thomas Lalor Cooke, [a local solicitor and historian, whose <i>Picture of Parsonstown</i> , published in 1826, and republished by his son in 1875, drew on many original documents then and/or now in Birr Castle], about minor business matters, 1820; and letters and papers, one of the letters from [William Conyngham] Plunket, [Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas], about disputes and skirmishes between the followers of the two rival parish priests at Birr, Revs. Patrick Kennedy [later Roman Catholic Bishop of

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11/1-72 (contd)		Killaloe] and Michael Crotty, 1824-8 [see also F/21 and 23 and Q/75. For Crotty's subsequent career, see J/8.] Inserted in this sub-section [E/11/60], though not originally among the Rosse Papers, is Thomas L. Cooke's own copy of his <i>Picture of Parsonstown</i> , [acquired by the 7th Earl of Rosse in 1981]. This copy has many extra illustrations and other printed and MS insertions, 1827-c.1855, including glosses on ancient Irish place names in the locality, a plan of the battle of Culloden, a letter from Thomas C. Parsons to Cooke about the wording of the book's dedication to the 2nd Earl, and a letter from the 2nd Earl himself thanking Cooke for presenting him with a copy of the book, 26 January 1827. Also added to the sub-section are a typescript extract from the Hamwood Papers (formerly at Hamwood, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, and now in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth) describing Birr in 1796, [c.1975], and a modern xerox of a census fragment of 1821 listing those then residing in Birr Castle.*
12	1808: 1812: 1814: 1816: 1819-20: 1822: 1824: 1826: 1828: 1830-32	Receipts and letters to the 2nd Earl of Rosse, from various London and Dublin bankers and stockbrokers.
12A	Jan.-July 1811	54 issues of miscellaneous Dublin newspapers - <i>Faulkner's Dublin Journal</i> , <i>The Patriot</i> , <i>The Correspondent</i> , <i>The Dublin Evening Herald</i> , <i>The Freeman's Journal</i> , etc.
13	1811-13	Octavo personal account book of the 2nd Earl.
13A	[c.1800-20]	Small quarto recipe book of [the 2nd Earl's wife, Alicia. This book is kept in the small library in Birr Castle. For other recipes/recipe books, see A/17, G/20 and M/18.]
14/1-99	1808-31: 1833	Letters and papers (occupying two-thirds of a box) of the 2nd Earl about the Irish Post Office, of which he was Joint Postmaster General, 1809-30 [see the Introduction], including: papers about the alleged misconduct of the Secretary of the G.P.O., E.S. Lees, 1816 and 1822, among them a letter from Robert Peel, [the Chief Secretary], on the subject; an undated note from Lees lamenting 'It is really too bad to have the Postmaster General's papers missent ...'; returns of balances in the hands of individual postmasters, 1817, 1824-5 and 1829; reports on proposals for contracts to carry the mail, among them a report on a proposal of 1818 from Bianconi; memorials from the merchants and inhabitants of Castletownroche, Co. Cork, of Dublin, etc., mainly N.D.;

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14/1-99 (contd)		correspondence about the 2nd Earl's dispute with the other Joint Postmaster General, Earl O'Neill, over a Post Office appointment at Limerick, 1828, and more amicable correspondence over O'Neill's wish for a marquessate in the same year; and correspondence about Post Office reform and the 2nd Earl's resignation on the fall of the Duke of Wellington's administration in 1830. [This sub-section has been microfilmed by PRONI - MIC 512/10. See also D/14, D/22 and O/11.]*
14A	1990-91	Correspondence of the 7th Earl of Rosse about the launch by him of the Northern Ireland Post Office Board-sponsored publication, <i>Sources for the History of the Post Office in Ireland</i> in the Market House, Hillsborough, Co. Down, 1991, together with a letter and a note from Victoria Glendinning about her research in E/14 in connection with Anthony Trollope's association with the Irish Post Office.
15/1-5	1813: 1819: 1829: [c.1829]: 1836	Contemporary copies of the wills of sundry inhabitants of Birr; together with letters of administration of the goods of Rev. William Parsons of Tullynisky Park, Birr [see Q/56], younger brother of the 2nd Earl.
16/1-15	1809: 1815-18: 1822: 1827-9: 1985	Letters to the 2nd Earl about the progress and prospects of his sons, Lord Oxmantown and John C. Parsons, the possibility of their being sent to Harrow, their studies at Trinity College, Dublin, Magdalen, Oxford, etc, the chemistry books of Lord Oxmantown, Lord Oxmantown's bright suggestion about forcing the Dardanelles and the Duke of Wellington's tart response to the 2nd Earl on the subject, 1828, correspondence of the 7th Earl of Rosse about the mystery of why and where the 3rd Earl was born in York, 1985, etc.
16A	1990	Correspondence of the 7th Earl of Rosse with Roger Hutchins of Magdalen about the part which Magdalen played in developing the 3rd Earl's interest in astronomy.
17/1-21	Apr.-Aug. 1818	Letters to the 2nd Earl about the general election in King's County.*
18	1818: 1821: 1828: 1838-9: 1841: 1864	Copies of wills and codicils of the 2nd Earl and (1864) of his widow, Alice, Countess of Rosse. [For copies of 2 earlier wills, of 1806 and 1813, see National Library, D.24152-4.]
19	1819-21	Fragmentary accounts between the 2nd Earl and his younger brother, Thomas C. Parsons.

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20	May 1822	Folio volume containing the observations of William Parsons [not the same William Parsons as E/15 and hardly the same as D/24?], an acknowledged Revenue expert, on the Irish Customs and Excise, submitted to the Commissioners of Enquiry into the Irish Revenue.
21/1-12	1825	Papers concerning Rodolphus Buchanan, distiller, a bankrupt, present in Birr Castle because Buchanan held a lease of Mount Sally, Birr, reassigned to the 2nd Earl in 1825, and a lease of premises near the tuck mill of Birr [see Q/68 and 73]; included in the sub-section are earlier papers of 1781-2, 1806 and 1815.
22	1826-8	c.12 bundles of papers of the 2nd Earl's second son, John C. Parsons, who died young in 1828, consisting mainly of parliamentary papers [of his elder brother, Lord Oxmantown, M.P. for King's County] and notes by John C. Parsons on these, evidently made with a view to research or a publication on political economy. [These papers have been kept for many years, and possibly since John C. Parsons's death, in a trunk at one end of the first-floor landing in Birr Castle, under a marble bust of John C. Parsons.]
23	1827-9: 1833	Letters and papers of the 2nd Earl concerning the illness and death of John C. Parsons, the sculpting of the bust of him, and the erection of 'John's Hall' (the schoolhouse in Birr) in memory of him [see also Q/85]. Included in the sub-section are John C. Parsons's last letters to his father, an account book kept by him up to the time of his death, letters of condolence to the 2nd Earl on that event [apart from letters written by those who already have 'correspondence' sub-sections to themselves in Section D], and MS. 'Reflections' by the 2nd Earl, which in effect constitute a short life-history of John C. Parsons, [whose death affected him deeply, and probably accentuated the religiosity of his later years].
24/1-2	July 1832: Feb. 1833	Two weekly lists of labourers and their wages.
25/1-29	Oct.-Dec. 1832	Letters to the 2nd Earl and Lord Oxmantown, mainly the latter, about the King's County general election, [at which Lord Oxmantown was one of the successful candidates].*

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26	Nov. 1832- May 1833	Original bundle consisting of receipts to Dr George Heenan, the agent, Parsonstown, for the sums received by him on behalf of the 2nd Earl, and 3 letters from the 2nd Earl to Heenan.
27	Apr.-June 1834	Thank-you letters to the 2nd Earl for presentation copies of his pamphlet, <i>An Argument to Prove the Truth of the Christian Revelation</i> , published in that year [see F/15], from among others, Lords Arden, Holland and Lansdowne, and the Bishop of Kildare.
28	1808: 1828: 1841	Two letters and a deed relating to the 2nd Earl's role as a trustee of the marriage settlement of the Rev. Henry Mahon of Killegally, King's County, [younger brother of Sir Ross Mahon, 1st Bt].
29	8 Jan. 1835	Addressed but unsent printed copies of an election circular from Lord Oxmantown to sundry King's County electors; the theme of the circular is the defects of the present franchise, which have induced Lord Oxmantown to withdraw his candidature rather than solicit support from the enemies of the Union and of the Established Church.
30	1841	Printed poll book for the borough of Brighton, Sussex, [where the 2nd Earl died in that year].
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31/1-28	1780-91	Miscellaneous political, personal and general correspondence of the 2nd Earl, then Sir Laurence Parsons, from miscellaneous correspondents, including Dr John Jebb [the English parliamentary reformer], the Hon. George Knox [a younger son of the 1st Viscount Northland], [the 1st Earl of] Charlemont, etc. The topics include the split among the Patriots over the Simple Repeal of Poynings's Law, with which Grattan and his followers declared themselves satisfied, and the Renunciation on Britain's part of the right to legislate for Ireland, which Flood and <i>his</i> followers declared to be essential, 1783; parliamentary reform, 1784; the Commercial Propositions, 1785; the mode of drawing up the Irish public accounts, 1788; the regency crisis, 1788-9; and Trinity College, Dublin, and King's County politics and elections, particularly Parsons's failure to be re-elected for the former at the general election of 1790 and his election for the latter at a by- election in 1791. Also included is an undated, vituperative poem attacking [the 1st Earl of] Clonmell, [c.1790? One

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31/1-28 (contd)		of the letters from Dr Jebb has been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13840), and a second photostat copy has been placed alongside the original.]*
32/1-38	1794-1800	The same. In this continuation of E/31, the correspondents include John Lloyd of Gloster [Parsons's father-in-law], [the 2nd Earl of] Charlemont [son and successor of the 'Volunteer' Earl], John Foster [Speaker of the Irish House of Commons and, in effect, leader of the opposition to the Union], Colonel E. B. Littlehales [private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, Marquess Cornwallis], etc; and the topics include the recall of Lord Fitzwilliam in 1795, the '98 Rebellion, King's County politics and law and order, the Union, etc. Also included in the sub-section is a long, but incomplete, MS. pamphlet, in the form of a letter to Parsons, [c.1797], and a special licence and a newspaper cutting relating to his marriage to Alicia Lloyd of Gloster in May of that year [see E/38. Several of these letters have been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13840) and a second set of photostats has been placed alongside the originals. An envelope of papers including and concerning the 7th Earl of Rosse's <i>Irish Times</i> article of 1963 on the '98 Rebellion has also been placed in this sub-section, as has a photocopy of a letter from Parsons to Mrs Jane Lloyd, [January-April 1797], about his engagement to her niece, Alicia (PRONI, D.3897/3).]*
33/1-47	1801-10	The same. The correspondents include Henry Addington [First Lord of the Treasury and Prime Minister], the Dowager Marchioness of Downshire [owner of the Blundell estate at Edenderry, King's County], John Lloyd, Arthur French of Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon [who complains of ill-treatment at the hands of the Pitt administration], Sir Thomas Fetherston of Ardagh, Co. Longford [who sat for that county on the electoral interest of the 1st Earl of Rosse], and the Dublin Castle powers-that-were, including [the 3rd Earl of] Hardwicke [Lord Lieutenant, 1801-6], William Wickham, [Chief Secretary, 1802-4], Alexander Marsden [Under-secretary, 1801-6] and Sir Arthur Wellesley [later 1st Duke of Wellington, Chief Secretary, 1807-9]. The topics include both general politics and the local politics of King's County, Co. Longford, Co. Tipperary and Carlow borough, concerning the last of which the 2nd Earl is asked to act as a referee between [the 1st Earl of] Charleville, the patron of the borough, and Frederick John Robinson, to whom he had sold the seat; Lord Melville's trial; the 2nd Earl's initially unsuccessful aspirations to the Irish representative peerage, 1809; the charges against the Duke of York as Commander-in-Chief, 1809; and various minor patronage matters.*
34/1-41	1811-20	The same. The correspondents include Robert Peel [Chief Secretary, 1812-18], and the topics, King's County politics, law and order, agriculture, etc [for a complete sub-section on

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34/1-41 (contd)		the King's County election of 1818, see E/17]. Also included in this sub-section is a description, in the form of an original letter from the 2nd Earl to his brother, the Rev. William Parsons of Tullynisky Park, Birr, of a reception in London for the visiting Continental dignitaries in 1814.*
35/1-45	1821-34: 1839	The same, including some letters addressed to Lord Oxmantown. The correspondents include Lord Norbury, [the 2nd Earl of] Liverpool [Prime Minister, 1812-27], [the Marquess] Wellesley [Lord Lieutenant, 1821-7], Lord Francis Leveson Gower [Chief Secretary, 1828-30], and Sir Benjamin Bloomfield [later 1st Lord Bloomfield]. The topics include King's County patronage, militia, law and order, and elections; the views of Thomas Foster [who had just finished the portrait of the 2nd Earl, in George IV coronation robes, which is in the dining room in Birr Castle] about his painting, 'Mazeppa', and other artistic matters, 1822 [for Foster, see also E/34/35 and D/22/6, 9, and 14]; the desirability of having a pope of 'moderate principles' (in Lord Liverpool's view, expressed in 1823); the financial affairs of the late Capt. Hardress Lloyd [of the Gloster family, but not the namesake who was M.P. for King's County, 1807-18]; etc, etc. [For other original correspondence of the 2nd Earl relating to the late Capt. Hardress Lloyd's affairs, 1823-5, see National Library, MS. 13885. These particular papers appear not to be of Birr Castle provenance.]*
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36/1-9	1788: 1803-8: 1822: 1825: 1828	Letters to the 2nd Earl about his small remaining Co. Wexford estate, from the agent, Benjamin Porter of Raheen, Gorey, Co. Wexford, whose letters enclose rentals and accounts; these show that the estate comprised the lands of Ballyduff, etc, and that the rental, in 1807, was a mere £350. [Confusingly, two of the townlands in the King's County and Co. Tipperary estates of the Parsons family are also called Ballyduff, the King's County Ballyduff being near Birr, and the Tipperary Ballyduff, inherited from the Cleres, being near Clonmel.]
37/1-90	1805-11: 1814-26: 1828-33	Letters to the 2nd Earl about the affairs of his estates elsewhere than Co. Wexford - in King's County, Co. Tipperary and, apparently, Co. Kilkenny. The principal correspondents are fellow-landowners, including the Drouhts of Drouhtville and Whigsborough, King's County, John Lloyd of Gloster, and [the 1st Lord] Dunalley (about the disposal in 1805 of some Tipperary property [the Sopwell Hall estate, near Cloughjordan] belonging to Dunalley and adjoining the 2nd Earl's estate in that county), etc, etc; and also

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37/1-90 (contd)		sundry tenants of the 2nd Earl, whose letters and memorials will be found in this sub-section unless they relate to the town of Birr [see E/1]. One matter discussed in some detail is a partition, effected in 1806, between the 2nd Earl and John Lloyd of a property in and around Shinrone, King's County [see Q/53] which, for reasons unconnected with the 2nd Earl's marriage to Lloyd's daughter in 1797, they owned jointly.
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38/1-8	1791: 1797: 1806: 1820: 1826: 1829-30	Miscellaneous title deeds or deeds of settlement concerning parts of the 2nd Earl's estates in King's County and Co. Tipperary, including the settlement made on his marriage of Gloster, 1797, a non-contemporary copy of the 1806 deed of partition [see E/37 and O/47], a conveyance with Alicia Lloyd by Lord Dunalley to the 2nd Earl of lands in Co. Tipperary (Ballyloughnane, Croghan, Killeen, etc) for £20,000, 1820, and a reconveyance by the heirs-at-law of the late Marlborough Stirling of a mortgage granted by the 2nd Earl [see E/3], 1826.
39/1-6	1836	Series of deeds which together constitute the settlement made on the marriage of Lord Oxmantown, later 3rd Earl of Rosse, and Mary Field. [See G/19 and Section G generally, and also J/19/2.]
40/1-4	1792-3: 1806: 1825	Patents and commissions to the 2nd Earl or to his uncle, the 1st Earl, with remainder to him: grant of supporters to the 1st Earl, after his elevation as Baron Oxmantown, 1792; commission of the peace to the 2nd Earl as a J.P. for Co. Limerick [presumably because the King's County Militia was stationed there?], 1793; patent creating the earldom of Rosse, 1806; and patent appointing the 2nd Earl Custos Rotulorum of King's County, 1825. [The grant of supporters, 1792, and patent of peerage, 1806, are outsize and are to be framed.]
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41/1	1807-38	Vellum-bound, small folio volume, tempore the 2nd Earl of Rosse, but of uncertain provenance, recording precedents for various types of legal document - eg. feoffment, will, etc. Though presumably assembled by a law student or solicitor's apprentice, the volume contains almost verbatim transcriptions of various deeds, one of them the marriage settlement of the [5th] Earl of Abingdon, [1807], and several others relating to the [Imokilly] branch of the Ponsonby family, [Earls of Bessborough].

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42/1	1759: 1775: 1794-1795: 1816-1823	<p>Bundle of letters and papers, not of Rosse provenance but an appropriate addition to the archive at Birr Castle, because they relate to part of the Harman/Parsons estate in Co. Longford and elsewhere. The letters and papers derive from Graves Chamney Swan of Stewart & Swan, land agents, 6 Leinster Street, Dublin. Swan acted for R.B. Deverell, husband of Anne Harman/Parsons, who was the daughter of Wentworth Harman/Parsons, elder brother of the 1st Earl of Rosse. On the death of Wentworth Harman/Parsons in 1794, most of his mother's estates (deriving from Cutts Harman, Dean of Waterford), passed to his younger brother, the future 1st Earl of Rosse. But, according to D/7/142, the 'entailed estates' passed after a lawsuit to Wentworth's daughter, Anne, Mrs Deverell. This bundle of letters and papers relates to those entailed estates, which consisted of a house in Kildare Street, Dublin, the Castlecree estate, Co. Longford [where Dean Harman, who had confined himself to making a grand 'bungalow' addition to Newcastle, Co. Longford, had built a small architectural fantasy based on the duke of Savoy's hunting-lodge at Stupingi, near Turin, which is still recognisable today in spite of subsequent accretions], and the small estate of Millicent, Abbeylands and Clane, Co. Kildare. In 1818, by which time the Kildare Street house was no longer part of the inheritance, these entailed estates were yielding c.£1,550 a year, of which c.£275 derived from Millicent.</p> <p>The bundle includes: copy memorials of deeds relating to the Kildare Street property, 1759 and 1795; copy probate (1775) of the will (1773) of Anne Parsons, Lady Parsons [mother of Wentworth and the future 1st Earl of Rosse], and copy probate (1794) of the will (1786) of Wentworth Harman/Parsons; letters, tenants' proposals, etc, to R.B. Deverell (who outlived his first wife, Anne, the heiress, remarried, died at the end of 1820 and was long survived by his second wife) at various addresses in Middlesex and to G.C. Swan, about all manner of estate and financial business; and a rental, with accompanying vouchers, for the entailed estate, 1818. Some of the correspondence relates to the problem of finding a new tenant for Castlecree after the existing tenant went bankrupt in 1818, some to the doubtful probity and solvency of R.B. Deverell's Co. Longford agent, Richard Armstrong, some to the double-dealing of Mr Griffith, tenant of Millicent, and there is one very full report of June 1820 on the Co. Longford estate, with queries about whether Deverell wants to arrest the change from protestant to catholic tenants on the estate in order to keep up his registry of freeholders.</p>

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1-23	[1765?]: c.1775-c.1840	Notes and drafts by Sir Laurence Parsons, 2nd Earl of Rosse, in connection with various subjects: parliamentary precedents, his speeches at College Green and Westminster, his poems, the history and genealogy of the Parsons family, and his miscellaneous writings (published or unpublished), with the exception of those on the subject of Henry Flood [for which, see Section C].
1/1-3	[late 1770s?]	Three folio volumes concerning parliamentary precedent and procedure, the last two in what appears to be the handwriting of a youthful Sir Laurence Parsons and constituting Parts 2 and 3 of some kind of history of the subject, the first in another hand, though possibly it is Part 1 of the same history. At the end of the third volume, and upside down in the book, is a translation of, or variation on, [Demosthenes's] 'Oration on the letter of Philip of Macedon to the Athenians'.
2	[c.1780- c.1840]	Box containing drafts of poems and other literary compositions by the 2nd Earl, principally his thirteen-canto poem, 'The Revolution [of 1688]', together with extracts from State Papers and other historical jottings in connection with that work.
3	1784-8	Rough sketches by Parsons of some of the events of the Lord Lieutenancies of the Duke of Rutland and the Marquess of Buckingham, including the clashes between John Foster and [Sir John] Pamell [Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer], on the one hand, and [John] Fitzgibbon [the Attorney-General], on the other, over the bill for lowering the rate of interest from 6% to 5%.*
4		Blank in the sequence.
5	[1780s?]	Small notebook in which Parsons has recorded comments on the populations of various parts of England and Scotland.
6	[c.1789-98]	Extensive jottings and notes by Parsons on the state and constitution of France, French Revolution, the justification for and conduct of the war against the French Republic, etc, etc.
7	[c.1791-5?]	Small notebook containing jottings on the antiquities and ancient language of Ireland, [which goes into much greater detail on the subject than his <i>Observations on the Bequest of Henry Flood to Trinity College, Dublin, with the Defence of the Ancient History of Ireland</i> (Dublin, 1795), and therefore can hardly be the MS. of that work referred to in the <i>First Report</i> of the H.M.C. - see C/11].

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8	1792-3	Small notebook containing notes by Parsons for his <i>Thoughts on Liberty and Equality</i> , together with a printed copy of that pamphlet which has, attached to the fly-leaves, an MS. copy of Burke's letter of 1793 praising it [for the original of which, see D/3]; also included in this sub-section is a page containing a few much harsher comments, apparently made by an anonymous critic, which would seem to have been implemented, in MS, by Parsons in this printed copy of the pamphlet.
9	[c.1793-8]	Speech notes by Parsons for speeches advocating economical and parliamentary reform, discussing the Catholic Question, urging that the Irish administration adopt measures of conciliation, suggesting counter-propaganda to that of the United Irishmen, etc, etc.
10	[1799-1801]	Speech notes by Parsons for anti-Union orations, including notes for a couple of speeches at Westminster just after the Union and making allusion to that measure and to the future government of Ireland.
11	[c.1800-c.1840]	Fat bundle of notes by Parsons on the history and genealogy of the Parsons family, including various drafts of justifications of the conduct of Lord Justice Parsons in the 1640s; drawings of Parsons coats of arms, including those of '... Anne Malham, the first Lady Parsons of Birr', those of the Parsonses of York, 'Parsons quartered with Sprig [sic] and Denny charged with Clere', 'Parsons impaled with Loftus', sketches of the seals of Viscount Rosse (1682), Arthur Parsons, [1708?], and Sir William Parsons, 1734, etc; a two-page account of the Malham family; a 'short notice of [the] family of Colonel Emmanuel Pigott, brother to Miss Pigott, who married [Sir] William Parsons, 1705'; an MS. pedigree (20 pages) of the Clere family, taken from a history of Norfolk, and a late 16th century MS. volume containing Norfolk pedigrees, including that of Clere; extracts from the marriage register for Pontefract, Yorkshire, concerning Parsonses; lists of acts of parliament and extracts from the <i>Commons' Journals</i> concerning the Parsonses of Parsonstown and Lord Justice Parsons; pedigrees of the Parsonses of Parsonstown, and lengthy notes on the history of the family and the town, 1620-1802, all by the 2nd Earl; and 4 letters, of 1804-5 and 1828, to the 2nd Earl about Parsons portraits, pedigrees, etc, and the connection between the Parsonses and the Nettervilles. [For this last connection, see A/1 and D/18. For other letters to the 2nd Earl about family history, see D/5 and 8.]

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12	[c.1806]	Two sketches by Parsons, one concerning his own indifference to office and power, the other concerning the formation of Lord Grenville's 'Ministry of All the Talents'. *
13	[post 1816]	[Incomplete?] 'Political recollections' of Parsons, now 2nd Earl of Rosse, covering the years 1777[-81. This document has been photostated by the National Library (MS. 13841), and a second photostat has been placed alongside the original.]*
14	[1822 onwards]	Speech notes and other jottings of the 2nd Earl, on Catholic Emancipation and the Repeal of the Union, with particular reference to a debate in the House of Lords over the contents of a stolen and published letter [from William Saurin, Attorney-General for Ireland, to Lord Norbury], in which the 2nd Earl's real sentiments on the Catholic Question had been quoted [see F/21], 1822; these notes include references to Daniel O'Connell, Dr [James Warren] Doyle [Roman Catholic Bishop of Leighlin and Ferns], etc, etc.
15	[Early 1830s?]	Voluminous drafts and notes by the 2nd Earl for works on theological and philosophical subjects, presumably including preliminary notes for his <i>Truth of the Christian Revelation</i> (London, 1834) [see E/27].
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16	[1775-1812]	Folio commonplace book/scrapbook of the 2nd Earl's, in which he has made apparently youthful notes on 'Embargo', 'Strength of a state external and internal', etc, and notes on speeches in the Irish House of Commons [which must have been delivered prior to his becoming a member of it in 1782], one of them opposing the proposal that a proportion of the troops on the Irish establishment should be replaced by Hessians, [1775], another advocating retrenchment at least back to the far from inexpensive level of the administration of Lord Harcourt, [c.1778]. The same volume has been turned upside down and used as a receptacle for newspaper cuttings concerning the Battle of Borodino and other events of Napoleon's invasion of Russia in 1812.
17	[c.1778-c.1819]	The same, consisting of the sort of entries which are characteristic of a commonplace book, under such topics as 'Absentees', 'Boroughs', 'Popularity', 'Treason', etc, but also containing, under the headings 'Reform' and 'Regency', notes 'of a much more extensive kind, which appear to be from speeches

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17 (contd)		delivered in the Irish House of Commons on parliamentary reform in 1784 and on the regency in 1789; under 'Anecdotes' there is one of Marshal Suvarov which appears to date from c.1810. [Some of the handwriting in this book may conceivably be Flood's, not Parsons's: Parsons's youthful handwriting is somewhat Protean.]
18	1785-93	Similar volume, which is however octavo in size and much slimmer, recording snippets from debates in the British House of Commons and items of Spanish, Turkish, etc, history, 1785-6 and 1793.
19	[1794-8]: 1938-9	Folio commonplace book/scrapbook, which Parsons has begun to use to record the dates of bills drawn by him or on him, but which is converted to other purposes, particularly to an account of parliamentary and other political transactions involving Parsons, January-March 1794 and January 1795; the book also includes notes for speeches or pamphlets on the com bounties, parliamentary reform, 'The repeal of the Insurrection Bill', etc, and also the first few pages of some political recollections along the lines of F/13, covering [in a fairly uninformed fashion, since Parsons was very young at the time] the period between the passing of the Octennial Act and the outbreak of the American War. The book was the principal element in the Rosse papers drawn on by Stephen Gwynn in his <i>Henry Grattan and his Times</i> (London, 1939), so subjoined to it are Gwynn's letters to the 6th Earl of Rosse on the subject, 1938-9.*
20	1791-1819	Quarto commonplace book, bound in red morocco, containing copies (the paper of the book is marked 1811) of poems by Parsons, most of them expressing home- sickness for Birr and Ireland generally, and variously titled 'The Absentees', 1801 (this also contains passages about 'Charleville Castle'), 'Passage from Dublin to Holyhead, March 24 1804', 'Verses on quitting Birr Castle in 1812, written for Lord Oxmantown to turn into Latin verse', 'Passage from Holyhead to Dublin in December 1819', etc, etc; and also including poems in other subjects, particularly on the death of Flood in 1791, and on Parsons's resignation of the command of the King's County Militia in 1798. [The poem on the latter subject is accompanied by copies of the correspondence between Parsons and Lord Camden, the Lord Lieutenant, which will be found in E/3.]*

Of Parsons's poetry, Norman Atkinson writes informatively: most of his poems '... are concerned with the events of his private life. The style of his poetry is heavy and sententious and the author frequently becomes preoccupied

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20 (contd)		with moralisation and sentimentality. There is an impression of deep sincerity, and a more than ordinary appreciation of the pleasures of home life. [But] the effect is often wearisome, and there is a notable absence of the grace and flow which is such a characteristic feature of the work of many early 19th-century poets. Instead, his lines show a sound technical competence, typical of the Augustan poets of the 18th century, who always laid the chief emphasis on form. The effect is not improved by his unfortunate experiment in metre; in place of the ten syllables normally used in the heroic metre of his day, he introduced a greater number of unaccented syllables, leaving only five accented. This system, he believed, must produce a more flowing and varied measure. Yet he failed utterly to achieve this result, since his lines are jagged, graceless and at time of very faulty scansion. The most significant feature of Parsons's poetry, particularly when we compare it with his work on the Christian Revelation, is its strongly expressed belief in men's supremacy over nature. This, unlike his style, is characteristic of the early 19th century. ...'
21	[1765?]: 1795-8: 1822-8	<p>Folio commonplace book/scrapbook, which originally must have been Flood's property, as the first item in it is a lengthy (c.30 pages) draft, in Flood's handwriting, for his speech on the Address [in October 1765?], in which he maintains that</p> <p>the British ministry is bent on destroying the liberties of America, Ireland and England, warns the House against falling into the trap of exaggerating the gravity of the Whiteboy disturbances, and asserts the pre-Norman antiquity of the Irish constitution and the pre-Norman civilization of the Irish people. The rest of the book contains speech-and other notes by Parsons, together with relevant newspaper cuttings inserted by him. These notes and cuttings particularly concern the work-up to the '98 Rebellion, in King's County and elsewhere, February-April 1798, and include copies of proclamations and circulars from Dublin Castle; there are also comments by Parsons on the 'Bill to prevent seditious assemblies, English parliament, November 17, 1795'. The rest of the book is devoted to the period 1822-8, and contains, among other things, a newspaper publication of the text of the stolen letter from Saurin to Lord Norbury [see F/14], 1822. Also included is a newspaper publication of a King's County address to Lord Wellesley in March 1822, which Parsons [now 2nd Earl] notes was composed by his younger brother, Thomas C. Parsons. There are a couple of papers about the death of Thomas C. Parsons and the local testimonial to him [see also D/5], and also notes and papers on the death of another brother, John C. Parsons, on 1 May 1826 at Roscommon, where he was on circuit with the Insolvent Debtors' Court. On a brighter note, there is a detailed account of an entertainment given in the yellow drawing room in Birr Castle on 4 July 1826. Further detail about the disputes and skirmishes in Birr between the factions supporting the rival parish priests of the 1820s [see E/11] is provided, and a newspaper controversy between Bishop Doyle and [the 5th] Lord Farnham causes the 2nd Earl to record some interesting notes on Flood's motives at the time of the drawing up of the Volunteer plan of parliamentary</p>

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21 (contd)	reform in November 1783. [One end of this volume is in dire need of conservation.]*	
22	c.1796	Almost empty, small quarto commonplace book/scrapbook containing notes by Parsons for a speech against the war, 1796, and jottings on 'Modern history'.
23	[c.1830]	Photocopy of an incomplete account [in the 2nd Earl's handwriting] of the rival parish priests affairs. [This photocopy was made by the 7th Earl in 1983 from the original in the possession of Mrs Trevor Lloyd, formerly of Gloster.]

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G/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-69	c.1540-1988	Papers (almost exclusively estate and financial) of the Wilmer Field family of Heaton Hall, Bradford, Yorkshire, whose co-heiress, Mary Field, married in 1836 Lord Oxmantown, later 3rd Earl of Rosse, including a few papers about the Heaton estate after its merger with the Rosse estates in Ireland. [This section of the Rosse archive is particularly complex, because the Field family were themselves heirs or co-heirs of a number of other Yorkshire families: in particular, the Sugers of Goodramgate, York, the Idles of Bulmer and Westow, and the Wilmers of Upper Helmsley. These ramifications are not actually relevant to the Rosse inheritance, which consisted solely of the Field estate of Heaton and Shipley. However, by the accidents of archival descent, it has happened that papers relating to properties which passed, on the death of Mary Field's father, John Wilmer Field, in 1837, either to her sister and co-heiress, Delia Duncombe, or to her father's younger brother, Joshua Field, are present in Section G. The genealogical particulars on which the arrangement which follows is based have been taken, either from the documents themselves, or from the <i>History of the Wilmer Family, together with some Account of its Descendants</i> , by Charles Wilmer Foster and Joseph J. Green (Leeds, 1888), pp 138-48. The arrangement is tripartite: G/1-20 contain papers of individual members or branches of the families concerned; G/21-51 contain papers relating to particular properties; and G/52-67 contain rentals, valuations and estate accounts.]
1-20		PAPERS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND BRANCHES OF THE WILMER, IDLE, SUGER AND FIELD FAMILIES, as follows:
1	1710-49	Deeds drawn up by Randall Wilmer of Staple Inn, London, and York City (1690-1761) in his professional capacity as an attorney in London and subsequently in his native York; the earliest deeds concern property in Essex, the latest property in Yorkshire, including that of the Sugar family of Goodramgate, York, [into which Randall Wilmer married in 1749. Mary Wilmer, the second of his two daughters by Jane Suger, married in 1774 Joshua Field of Heaton. The documents in this sub-section have not been arranged in chronological order.]
2/1-3	1716-28	Three vellum-bound folio volumes relating to Randall Wilmer's practice at Staple Inn; one of them a writ book, one a bill book, and the third of uncertain character.
3	1742-9	Fat, rolled bundle of case papers drawn up [by Randall Wilmer] in connection with a wide variety of cases at the York assizes. [Not in chronological order.]

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4	1735: 1742-55	More or less original bundle of letters and legal case papers of John Idle of Bulmer and Westow, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Scotland, and a connection of Mrs Randall Wilmer's family, the Sugars, concerning his Yorkshire estate affairs. The papers consist mainly of letters from his agent, John Watson, and case papers in relation to his proceedings against Watson's widow after Watson's death. Also included in the sub-section is a pedigree setting out the connection between the Idles and the Sugars, and a copy of Chief Baron Idle's will of 1755.
5	[1750s-60s]	Drafts of sermons by Rev. Zachary Suger, Rector of St Cuthbert's, York, a brother of Mrs Randall Wilmer, who ultimately succeeded to all his property. [Not in chronological order.]
6/1-38	1763: 1767-74: 1778: 1788: 1799	Original bundle, with some additions, of letters and papers of the Suger/Wilmer family. The letters are to Thomas Johnson of York, law agent to the late[Nicholas] Suger of Goodramgate (d.1763), to Suger's widow, Elizabeth, and to his daughters, Miss [Martha] Suger and Mrs Randall Wilmer. The subject-matter is the affairs of the Idle, Suger and Wilmer estates, jointures and annuities to various widows and dependants, etc; the principal correspondent is one Mrs Barbara Idle. Included among the additions to the bundle are a lease of the house and demesne of Westow, 1771, and a copy of the settlement made on the marriage of Joshua Field and Mary Wilmer, 1774.
7	1681: 1695-8: 1702: 1707-8:	Bonds, legal case papers, calculations and 1 letter, all of John Field of Heaton (d.1713).
8	1732: N.D.: 1737: 1739: 1741: 1743: 1747: 1754: 1761-2: 1772	Miscellaneous business letters and papers of John Field of Heaton (d.1772), [nephew and successor of Joseph Field, d.1733, who in turn had been nephew and successor of John Field, d.1713]. The material includes case papers and correspondence about estate and family affairs, a printed subscription list for the new assembly rooms in York, 1732, and a shrievalty document concerning York Gaol and its inmates, 1754.
9	1738-69	Receipts and accounts to, and 3 account books of, John Field of Heaton. [Not in chronological order.]
10	1759-61	Letters and case papers of John Field of Heaton concerning his action for debt against one Christopher Dibb.
11	1753: 1756: 1758	Eight, mostly folio, volumes of accounts, etc, deriving from John Field, [second son of John Field of Heaton, d.1772]. The first two of the volumes are mathematics exercise books

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11 (contd)		of 1753 and 1756, inscribed 'John Field'; the other 6 are account books of 1758, in a similar hand, relating to a Wakefield merchant who deals mainly in cloth and sends consignments of it to Barbados, among other places. [This John Field died young, in December 1758; so it seems probable that the account books as well as the exercise books derive from him.]
12	1777: 1785	Papers of Joshua Field of Heaton (1742-1819), [elder son and successor of John Field, d.1772, and husband of Mary Wilmer], as a partner, with Henry Wickham and others, in the Leeds New Bank; the sub-section consists principally of draft and executed partnership deeds.
13	1778: 1780: 1783: 1786: 1789-91: N.D.: 1807-9: 1811- 12: 1814-15: 1817	Miscellaneous business letters and papers of Joshua Field of Heaton, including his commission as a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1778, and a copy of a printed requisition from the undersigned gentlemen of Bradford and its vicinity (including Joshua Field) for a meeting to congratulate Pitt on the happy outcome of the regency crisis, 1789.
14	1790-c.1825	Seven quarto children's exercise books; one belonging to J[oshua?] Field, another to 'Ann Field' [presumably Mary Anne Field, one of Joshua Field's two sisters], and the 4 Last belonging to Mary Field, [his daughter, the future Countess of Rosse].
15	1818-19	Medical prescriptions for Joshua Field [during his last illness].
16	1811-12: 1819-34	Miscellaneous business and personal letters and papers of John Wilmer Field, [elder son and successor of Joshua Field of Heaton, d.1819], about his father's death and will, his own estate and financial affairs, subscriptions to York Minster in 1830, etc, etc. The correspondents include John Wilmer Field's mother, one of his sisters, Mrs Delia FitzGerald, and his daughter, Mary, the future Countess of Rosse.
17	1819-22	Letters and papers of John Wilmer Field about his snobbish quest for a new coat of arms incorporating the maximum number of quarterings and rectifying the fact that the arms used by his father were bogus. The principal correspondent is William Ratsclyffe of the College of Arms, who signs himself as 'Rouge Croix', although he frequently explains that he is currently under suspension from his official situation on a charge of forgery. There are also letters about the coat of arms from Edmund Lodge, Lancaster Herald, and from John

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17 (contd)		Wilmer Field's younger brother. Joshua. The sub-section includes copies of ancient documents concerning the Thwenge and other families, and schedules of deeds transmitted by John Wilmer Field in proof of his various claims, [and containing unique information about the genealogy and chronology of the Field family]. Belonging in the sub-section, but stored elsewhere (in the top drawer of the old vestment chest in the Muniment Room) are 7 outsize, parchments, one of them John Wilmer Field's new grant of arms, 1821, the others coloured and emblazoned 16th-19th century pedigrees of the Field, Eton, Baskerville and Thwenge families.
18	1841: 1843: 1850: 1876: 1885: 1911-13: 1918: 1927	Miscellaneous letters and papers of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Earls of Rosse concerning Heaton, mainly its sale in 1911; including an outsize folder of printed maps, rentals and sale particulars, 1911. [Not in chronological order.]
19/1-15	1624: 1713: 1728: 1772: 1836: 1866: 1872: 1883-4: 1886	Wills and probates of heads of the Field family of Shipley and Heaton, including Mary Field, Countess of Rosse, the settlement of the Heaton estate made on her marriage, 1836, and subsequent re-settlements of 1866 and 1898. [For 1836 settlement deeds, of Rosse not Field provenance, see E/39.]
20	c.1760-c.1830	Recipes and poetry composed by members of the Field family.
21-51		PAPERS RELATING TO PARTICULAR PROPERTIES
21/1-15	1548: 1587: 1592: 1596: 1601: 1604: 1614: 1616-18: 1621: 1625	More-or-less original run of title deeds and leases concerning the manor of Allerthorpe-cum-Waplington, then the property of the Myers family of Allerthorpe, [and subsequently acquired by the Idles].
22/1-29	1647: 1655: 1664: 1676: 1680-82: 1690: 1694: 1696: 1702-3: 1710: 1712: 1714: 1717: 1720 174 1-2: 1746	Further fat bundle of Allerthorpe title deeds and leases, in continuation of /21.
23	1625-1740	Original bundle of title deeds, leases and bonds, numbered G.1-G.41, relating to Allerthorpe; in numerical order according to the G.1-G.41 sequences, which is not a

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23 (contd)		chronological sequence. [It is purely coincidental that this sequence should bear the prefix 'G', which is the prefix of this section of the Rosse Papers.]
24	1696-1706	Original bundle of receipts and assessments concerning the Myers family and Allerthorpe.
25	1700: 1707: 1709: 1713-15	Leases, etc, of farms in Allerthorpe granted by Thomas Myers.
26	1716	Certificate signed by the Mayor of King's Lynn, Norfolk, in respect of the 'Susanna' of Hull, whose owner is Ralph Myers of Allerthorpe.
27	1736-43	Lease of the capital messuage and several closes in Allerthorpe from Chief Baron Idle and Alderman William Cookson to one William Cell, 1736, together with an original bundle of receipts, mainly to Cookson, for fee farm rents issuing out of Allerthorpe.
28	c.1550s-1620s	Fat bundle of title deeds and leases relating to the township of Beilby, near Allerthorpe, [therefore presumably relating to that property. Not in chronological order, and some of them in a deplorable physical state.]
29	1596-1686: 1730: 1756	Original bundle, with some additions, of title deeds and leases relating to Bulmer and Welburn, which by 1730 belonged to Jeremiah Idle of Bulmer. The principal additions consist of 4 deeds relating to the other Idle properties of Westow and Tockwith. [Not in chronological order.]
30	1604: 1631: 1659: 1704: 1717: 1721: 1725	Original bundle, labelled 'Title deeds of the house in Stonegate [York], purchased by Mrs [Elizabeth] Suger', [widow of Nicholas Suger of Goodramgate, and mother of Mrs Randall Wilmer].
31A	1655: 1671: 1682: 1709: 1714: 1719: 1733: 1739: 1778: 1783: 1785: 1790: 1792-3: 1798: 1806: 1814	Mainly original bundle of title deeds and leases concerning the Idle, Wilmer and Suger properties of Barnby Moor, Leavening, Burythorpe, Kennythorpe, Marton, Pocklington and Goodramgate.

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31B	1660-1760	Two envelopes containing an original run of Burythorpe deeds, leases and related papers (including wills of the Bowers family, from whom Chief Baron Idle bought the property in 1749).
32/1-5	1707: 1744: 1792: 1794: 1797	Title deeds and case papers concerning the inheritance of Randall Wilmer's elder daughter, Ann, who married her cousin, Wilmer Gossip, and concerning the half of the Wilmer manor of Upper Helmsley [see O/2A] which passed to the Gossip family through this marriage, until bought in 1804 by Joshua Field, the husband of Ann Gossip's younger sister, Mary, who inherited the other half of the manor.
33	1756: 1766: 1770: 1777: N.D.: 1822	Leases of parts of Upper Helmsley granted by Randall Wilmer and Jane, his widow, 1756 and 1766, papers about Upper Helmsley Church and a Suger memorial erected there, 1770, 1777 and N.D., and papers of John Wilmer Field about the lapsed manor court of Upper Helmsley, 1822.
34	1624-35: 1684: 1742: 1759-61	Title deeds to the second and adjoining Field manor of Shipley, including mid-18th century King's Bench decrees. [Not in chronological order, and possibly overlapping the documents in the sub-section which follows.]
35	c.1540-1741	Title deeds to Heaton, including a post mortem inventory of 1600. [Not in chronological order; see also G/34.]
36/1-37	1622: 1674: 1689: 1704: 1738: 1741-2: 1752: 1759: 1767: 1781: 1789-1803: 1810: 1815-17: 1819: 1822	Large bundle of accounts and papers concerning the township of Heaton and its assessment for land tax [see also G/58], poor rates, church rates, illegitimate children, etc; with papers about local boundaries and roads, amenities provided by the Field family, subscriptions to Bradford charities and religious organisations, etc, etc. The earliest item concerns a boundary dispute between Heaton and Manningham, 1622; there is an incomplete run of Heaton Poor Law overseers' accounts, 1789-1819; and the final items include printed reports on Bradford Grammar school, Religious Tract Society and Auxiliary Bible Society, 1819.
37	1735: 1737: 1786: 1789: 1828	Papers about Bradford parish church and tithes, including a history of them back to 1638, and about the Field pew in the church and, later, in the district church of Shipley.

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38	1679: 1689-90: 1693: 1702: 1736: 1738: 1753: 1757: 1759: 1762: 1772: 1775-6: 1808: 1817: 1819	Leases of closes, minerals, etc, in Heaton, granted by successive heads of the Field family.
39	1742: 1760-61: 1772	King's Bench writs and decrees, and another case paper, concerning disputes with tenants and actions for trespass at Heaton.
40	1790	Small, original bundle of papers concerning the sale, by R.F. Lister to Joshua Field, of additional land in Heaton.
41	[c.1820]	'Particulars of lands sold, and of lands now in Mr Field's possession, contained in settlements and conveyed in exchange.' The document itemises the lands of Newsholme, Idle, Eccleshill, Pudsey, Bildon, Chellow, etc, etc, [and is included at this point because most of the deeds which follow relate to the lands concerned].
42	1676-94	Original bundle of title deeds and other papers concerning the Field estate in Pudsey, acquired from a family called Lumby. [Not in chronological order.]
43	1639: 1687- 1805	Fat bundle of title deeds, leases and bonds relating to property in the town of Bradford, and the settlement on the marriage of Judith Field [sister? of John Field of Heaton, d.1772] and Henry Atkinson of Bradford in 1733. [Not in chronological order.]
44	1612: 1677: 1691: 1706: 1752	Title deeds and leases concerning Cullingworth and Hardon, parish of Bingley.
45	1599-1778: [c.1810]	Title deeds and leases concerning Allerton, Chellow, Clayton, Eccleshill, Oxenhope and Yeadon, parish of Bradford; together with two memoranda '... to show that the Chellow estate is part of the dissolved monastery of Selby', [c.1810].
46	1614-1701	Title deeds and leases concerning Manningham, parish of Bradford. [Not in chronological order.]

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47	1605: 1724: 1727: 1733: 1735: 1749: 1779: 1823	Title deeds and leases concerning Bolton and Idle, parish of Calverley.
48	1661-1785	Title deeds and leases concerning Newsholme and Gamster, parish of Keighley. [Not in chronological order.]
49	c.1600-1771	Title deeds and leases concerning Bildon and Newhall, parish of Ottley. [The earliest document in the sub-section is damaged, and its date illegible.]
50	1599-1708: 1810	Miscellaneous title deeds and leases relating to Yorkshire properties, none of them connected in any obvious way with the other documents in Section G. The sub-section includes documentation of urban properties in Hull, Leeds and Newcastle, and also a post mortem inventory of the goods of Walter Appleton of Goodman, 1602. [Not in chronological order.]
51	1702	Marriage settlement concerning the estate of Sir Thomas Hanbury of Little Martle, Herefordshire. [It is not clear why this document should have been found among the Field papers.]
52-67		RENTALS, VALUATIONS AND ESTATE ACCOUNTS
52A	1640	Terrier or survey of Thomas Myers's manor of Allerthorpe.
52/1-2	1737-1819	Two tall, thin, vellum-bound volumes recording rent receipts for Heaton and elsewhere, including receipts from the lordship of the manor, 1796-1820.
53/1-2	1767-1819	The same, recording miscellaneous household and other accounts of Joshua Field of Heaton.
54/1	1765-74	Slim, small quarto account book recording accounts between James Rothwell and Joshua Field for the building of a new house and offices at Heaton.
55/1	1772-6	Tall, vellum-bound account book for the Mill Stone Hill coalmine [near Heaton].
56	1781-1817	Fifteen small octavo household demesne and farm account books [for Heaton], tempore Joshua Field.

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57	1812-35	Nine volumes, ranging in size from tall, thin folio to small, squat octavo, recording household and personal expenditure and the general financial position of John Wilmer Field, including calculations of the income of the Earls of Rosse prior to the marriage of Field's daughter to Lord Oxmantown in 1836.
58	1818-32	Tall, vellum-bound 'Tax book' for the township of Heaton [see G/36], including acreage and valuation particulars.
59	1819-35	Rentals and estate accounts for Heaton, including timber and stone valuations and sale papers.
60	1819-34	The same in respect of Shipley.
61	1828-31: 1872-8	Two octavo volumes, one including jottings of John Wilmer Field about estate and other income and expenditure, both containing a record of stocks and shares [in the handwriting of the 4th Earl of Rosse. In view of the provenance, it has been assumed that these stocks and shares derived from the Field inheritance.]
62	1837-40: 1849: 1852	Letters, accounts and valuations concerning the estates of the late John Wilmer Field. Collectively, these show that his personal estate, after payment of debts, yielded £8,700 to each of his daughters and co-heiresses, Lady Oxmantown and the Hon. Mrs Arthur Duncombe; that the former took, as her share of the real estate, Heaton and Shipley (valued at £88,000, subject to a mortgage of £10,000), and the latter 'the York estate', [consisting of the Idle, Suger and Wilmer properties, minus Upper Helmsley, which passed to John Wilmer Field's younger brother, Joshua]; and that the Heaton and Shipley rental was c.£3,000 a year in 1849.
63	1858-67: 1869-74: 1878-1907	Tall folio volume containing a rental for Heaton and Shipley, 1858-67; further rentals and accounts, 1869-74; and a fairly complete run of rentals and accounts, 1878-1907. [See also G/18.]
64	1756: N.D.: 1779-80: 1785: 1790: 1802: 1872: 1885: 1897: 1937: 1955: 1972	Maps, plans, drawings and inventories relating to Heaton and Shipley, including the collieries, the garden and the inside of Heaton Hall; the items of 1937, 1955 and 1972 are illustrations of the outside of the Hall. [See also G/18 and O/47A.]

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65	1772-9: 1791: 1793: 1796- 1819	Four small quarto volumes of accounts and valuations for the Wilmer manor of Upper Helmsley, [half of which, as has been seen, was inherited by Mary Wilmer, daughter of Randall Wilmer and wife of Joshua Field, and the other half of which was purchased by Joshua Field from William Gossip in 1804].
66/1-2	1772-94	Two folio volumes covering the years 1772-81 and 1782-94 respectively, containing a series of accounts between Timothy Mortimer, the agent, and Mrs Nicholas Suger, Miss Martha Suger and Mrs Randall Wilmer, the heiresses of the Suger and Idle estates of Heworth, Marton, Kenningthorpe, Leavening, Burythorpe, Westow, Bulmer, Barnby, Allerthorpe and Waplington, and in York City.
67	1795: 1802: 1813-19	Five variously sized volumes of accounts for the same estates, in this period shared among Mrs Randall Wilmer, Joshua Field and John Wilmer Field.
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68	1955-6: 1981: 1983-4: 1988- 9: 2001	Modern MS. calendar of parts of various sub-sections of Section G, made by Councillor J. S. King of Heaton, September 1981, together with a Field family history published by him in the <i>Heaton Parish Magazine</i> , 1955, his 8-page typescript biography of John Wilmer Field, covering his 'Early life and marriage', 'The election of 1825', 'Local activities', 'Social life', and his death in 1837, accompanying letters from Mr King to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, 1955-6, letter from Mr King submitting a copy of his published book <i>Heaton: The Best Place of All</i> together with the 7 th Earl's comments on it and Mr King's reply, 2001-2, letter from Christopher Robson [brother-in-law of Alison, Countess of Rosse], Richmond, Yorkshire, to the 7th Earl of Rosse, 1984, with enclosures from Lord Feversham, typescript summary, made in 1988, of the contents of the will of Mary, Countess of Rosse, letter to the 7 th Earl about the possible sale of the manorial lordship of Shipley, 1989, letters and enclosures from D.R. Sanderson of Readley, Burnley, about Heaton history and a document of 1625 signed by Joseph Field, 1991, etc, etc.
69	1966-78	Letters and papers of the 6 th Earl about Bradford civic and historical societies, as well as local Church of England affairs.

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1-129	1682-1824: 1860: 1869-70: 1891: 1904-11: 1922-2005	Papers of the Hawke family, Lords Hawke, present among the Rosse Papers because of the marriage in 1870 of the Hon. Frances Cassandra Hawke, heiress of her father, the 4 th Lord Hawke, to the 4 th Earl of Rosse.
NAVAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PAPERS		
1-13		Naval, administrative and political papers of Admiral Sir Edward Hawke, K.B., 1 st Lord Hawke, victor of the Battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759, and First Lord of the Admiralty, 1766-71.
1	11-25 Dec. 1688	Tall folio volume containing copy minutes of the proceedings of the Upper House of the Convention Parliament, which met first at the Guildhall, and then back at Westminster. Inscribed on the front cover of the vellum binding is the name 'Bladen', [which suggests that the book belonged to Nathaniel Bladen' of Lincoln's Inn, barrister-at-law, father of Colonel Martin Bladen (see H/14-15) and maternal grandfather of the 1 st Lord Hawke].
2	1739: 1742-3: 1747: 1753: 1755-62: 1765-71: 1777-81	Modern morocco-bound guard-book containing 206 folios of letters and papers of the 1 st Lord Hawke, [and resembling the work of the British Library, who presumably photocopied the papers at the time of conserving and guarding them, although there is no record of this having been done. They were subsequently (1983-6) lent to and microfilmed by the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich (ref. NMM MS. 83/153).] Lord Hawke's correspondents include: George II; [his grandsons, Princes] Edward and Henry, respectively Dukes of York and Cumberland, [who appear to have served under Hawke in the navy]; the Prince of Mecklenburg; the Dukes of Montagu [as Commander of the Order of the Bath, conferred on Hawke in 1749], Bedford [as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and in connection with the three-life pension on the Irish establishment awarded to Hawke after the Battle of Quiberon in 1759], Queensberry and Kingston; the [2 nd] Marquess of Rockingham; the Earls/Earls of Granville [as Lord President of the Council], Chatham [as the head of the administration under which Hawke became First Lord of the Admiralty in 1766], Suffolk and Rochford [as Secretaries of State for the Northern and Southern Departments respectively], Shelburne [who appears in D/1 as 1 st Marquess of Lansdowne], Howe and Sandwich [as First Lords of the Admiralty]; Admiral Lord Anson [also as First Lord of the Admiralty]; and Admirals Boscawen, Byng and Keppel. There are a number of papers about the Battle of Quiberon, and a number of letters and instructions from the King, the Privy Council and the Southern Secretary of State during the Seven Years War. Hawke's First Lordship of the Admiralty papers are in

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2 (contd)		general of a more formal or trivial nature, being mostly concerned with patronage. The most delightful document in the guard-book is a letter written just after the Battle of Quiberon, and signed 'Lord Granby's second son, Charles Manners': 'I hear you have beat the French fleet when they were coming to kill us, and that one of your captains twirled a French ship round till it sunk [sic]. I wish you was come home, for I intend to go to sea, if you will take me with you.'
3	Aug. 1755	Slim, folio, soft-back volume containing copies of out-letters from Hawke, writing from the 'St George' at sea, to the Secretary of State, Sir Thomas Robinson, and the Secretary to the Admiralty, J. Cleveland; with, at the other end of the book, 'A list of ships and vessels taken by the squadron under the command of Sir Edward Hawke', August-September 1755. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/1).
4	1755-62	Folder of letters and papers received or issued by Hawke during the Seven Years' War, particularly communications between him and the Board of Admiralty, the Secretary of State's office and various other naval commanders, including Admirals Boscawen, Lord Howe and Saunders; also included are a draft of a letter from Hawke to Lord Anson, 29 September 1759, a letter from Cleveland to Hawke about Belleisle, 9 October 1760, and detailed orders from Hawke for boarding enemy boats in Quiberon Bay, 24 November 1759. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/6 – with additions and subtractions.)
5	1760	Folder containing 2 diagrams and copies of various orders and signals issued by Hawke during the successful attack on Belleisle. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/5.)
6	Sep. 1767	Folder of letters to Hawke, when First Lord of the Admiralty, all received by him while staying at Swathling, near Southampton, and most of them consisting of applications for various appointments in the navy. Included in the bundle are 4 letters about a mayoral election at Rochester, a letter about malpractices at Plymouth Dock, two letters from one John Carter about Portsmouth politics, a letter from Edward Stratford [afterwards 2 nd Earl of Aldborough] soliciting promotion for his brother, and a petition from James Grierson referring incidentally to the Battle of Quiberon Bay. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/4 – with subtractions and one addition.)
7	1770	Folder of memoranda by Hawke, made for the purpose of reminding himself about various bits of Admiralty business which had to be done, together with other Admiralty papers, including an Admiralty Office 'List of captains and masters and commanders desiring to be employed', 1 October 1770. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/7 – with one addition.)

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8	c.1770	Slim, folio, soft-back volume containing lists of 'Lieutenants recommended to be promoted to the rank of masters and commanders' and of people recommended for lieutenancies, 1746-70. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/2.)
9	c.1771	Slim, small folio, soft-back volume containing 'Considerations on the state of the navy from the end of 1766 to the commencement of 1771 [Hawke's period of office as the First Lord of the Admiralty], with an appendix and notes'. (NMM MS. 83/122/A/3.)
10	[1769 onwards]	Very slim folio volume containing copies of the following accounts to do with the navy: 'An account of the number of seamen voted, borne and mustered for each year since the Revolution, with the amount of the several proportions', 'Abstract of the ordinary estimates of his Majesty's navy as delivered each year from the 1 January 1688', and 'An account showing the debts of his Majesty's navy in every year since the Revolution, with the increase and decrease there ...'.
11	1751: 1754-5: 1763: 1765	Miscellaneous naval papers of Hawke, including a copy of a letter from him concerning a mayoral election at Portsmouth, 1751, a letter to him from[?W] Fairfax [presumably a connection via the Bladen family] who writes from Virginia about the state of affairs there, 1754, weekly returns for three ships anchored at Spithead, 11 June 1755, a letter from Lord Sandwich about trying out a time piece, 1763, etc, etc. (The documents of 1751 and 1763 have been transferred from NMM MS. 83/122/6: the rest have not been microfilmed by NMM.)
12	[1768?]: 1770: [1773?]: 1776-80	Naval, patronage and political correspondence of Hawke, several of the letters from this protégé, Captains (later Admirals) Richard Edwards and Francis Geary, and his successor at the Admiralty, Lord Sandwich, and also including: a long recital of the naval service of, and a letter from, Robert Tomlinson, [1768] and 1776; letters about the outcome of legal proceedings over elections in Portsmouth, 1777; a letter from [the 2 nd Marquess of] Rockingham about the Palliser and Keppel affair 1779; a verse about the first Battle of Cape Finisterre by a chaplain who was an eye-witness of it, 1779; and 2 letters from [Augustus Hervey, 3 rd Earl of] Bristol about the parliamentary motion of censure on Lord Sandwich, 1779. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/5 and 15-17 – with many subtractions and one or two additions.)
13	1754-79	Miscellaneous printed matter deriving from Hawke, including a printed '... Elevation of the north front of the new building for the London Hospital in Whitechapel Road,

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13 (contd)	1754'	and the 'Case of the proprietors of the Coventry Canal', [c.1770?]. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/19-20 –with additions and subtractions.)
13A	1753-76	Photostat and, in one instance, typescript copies of sundry naval papers deriving from Hawke, including a bound photostat copy of the naval estimates for 1768. [Found elsewhere, and now associated with these papers, is a letter of 1953 from Henry Thursfield, apparently of the Admiralty, to the 6 th Earl of Rosse, almost certainly referring to the 6 th Earl's loan of the originals to the Admiralty for studying and copying (presumably with a second copy for the 6 th Earl, which these present papers are). In particular, Thursfield comments that the naval estimates for 1768 are of special interest, because the series of naval estimates among the Admiralty papers in the P.R.O. begins only in 1773. Presumably, the originals of this very random selection of Hawke papers were sold to NMM in 1970].
14-26		PERSONAL AND BUSINESS PAPERS OF THE 1 ST LORD HAWKE
14	1698-1702	Small quarto volume kept by Martin Bladen [Colonel Martin Bladen of Hemsworth, Yorkshire, a Commissioner of Trade and Plantations, 1717-46, maternal uncle of Hawke and his first and principal patron], consisting firstly of a short family history of the Bladens, the Fairfaxes of Steeton (York City), the Hammonds [of Scarthingwell, near Steeton (York City), the Hammonds [of Scarthingwell, near Ferrybridge] and other related Yorkshire families, and secondly a diary recording Bladen's doings as a law student at Lincoln's Inn and a young barrister. The diary entries are perfunctory and uninformative up to 1700, but for 1700-02 rather more detail is given of cases in which Bladen was concerned.
15	1732: 1750: 1754: 1759: 1766: 1772: 1780: 1973	Personal letters and papers of Hawke, mainly relating to family events and history, including: a letter of 1732 reporting that Colonel Bladen '... has sent his sister [Hawke's mother] his and his lady's pictures ...'; letters from Catherine Hawke, Swaythling, to Hawke [her husband], 1750 and 1754; copies of entries in various registers concerning the births and marriages of Bladens and Hawkes, 1766 and 1768; a letter of 1780 reporting the death of 'Mr Bladen'; and a photocopy of pp.128-35 of A.G. Olson's <i>Anglo-American Politics, 1660-1775 ...</i> (Oxford, 1973), which discuss Colonel Martin Bladen's pre-eminent role on the Board of Trade in the 1730s. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/17-18 and various – with 2 additions.)

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16	1760: 1764: 1767: 1776-9	Letters to Hawke from his elder son, the Hon. Martin Bladen Hawke, [afterwards 2 nd Lord Hawke], with some political comment. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/5 and 14 – with subtractions and one addition.)
17	1768-80	Letters and papers of Hawke and the 2 nd Lord Hawke from and about Hawke's [third son] Cornet Chaloner Hawke, his repeated requests for money to pay his debts and for promotion in the army, some of the letters and papers relating to the clearing up of these debts after Chaloner's early death in 1777. (Almost all of these papers have not been inspected or microfilmed by NMM.)
18	1748-64	Medical prescriptions for the 1 st Lord Hawke. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/11 – with some additions.)
19	1760: 1762: 1767: 1771: 1776-81	Business letters and papers of Hawke about investments and his erratically paid pension on the Irish establishment, including a letter of 1767 about the decoration of his house in Bloomsbury Square [for tradesmen's bills in this connection, see H/23.] (NMM MS. 83/122/B/10, 16 and various).
20	1749-54	Bills and receipts to Hawke from tradesmen, workmen, rates- and tax-collectors, etc, etc, including a photocopied receipt for Hawke's settlement of an account in respect of plate and cutlery bought from [the famous silversmith], Paul de Lamerie. (NMM MS. 85/122/B/13 – with subtractions and additions.)
21	1756-64	Bills and receipts to Hawke. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/7 and 13 – with subtractions and additions.)
22	1765-6	Bills and receipts in connection with alterations and repairs to Hawke's house at Sunbury, Middlesex. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/8.)
23	1766-9	Bills and receipts to Hawke. (NMM MS. 82/122/B/3-4 – with subtractions and additions.)
24	1770-72	Bills and receipts to Hawke. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/3-4 – with subtractions and additions.)
25	1774-8	Bills and receipts to Hawke. (NMM MS. 83/122/9-10 – with subtractions and additions.)
26	1780-81	Bills and receipts to Hawke. (NMM MS. 82/122/B/9 and 12 – with subtractions and additions.)

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27-35		PAPERS ABOUT THE HAWKE ESTATE AT SCARTHINGWELL, SAXTON, TOWTON, ETC, NEAR FERRYBRIDGE, YORKSHIRE
27	1702-15	Large bundle of letters, surveys and valuations, accounts, bonds, legal case papers, etc, concerning the Scarthingwell estate, which then belonged to the Hammond family of Scarthingwell, [one of whom, William, married Colonel Martin Bladen's sister, Frances, as a result of which marriage the estate ultimately descended, at least in part, to the 1 st Lord Hawke]. Colonel Martin Bladen features among the legal case papers as a barrister on behalf of one of the Hammonds. [See also H/109.]
28	1726	Correspondence of Colonel Martin Bladen, one letter concerning his application for a job in the excise for someone, the rest consisting of correspondence between him and his sister, F. Harman, and her husband about Scarthingwell. [This F. Harman was presumably the remarried Frances Hammond? See also H/109.]
29	1735-67	Two folders of rentals, accounts, valuations, etc, of the 1 st Lord Hawke for Scarthingwell. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/6 – with some subtractions and many additions.)
30	1760: 1767: 1776: 1780	Letters to Hawke from [Rev.?] Thomas Mosley, whose wife was co-heiress with Hawke to all or part of the Hammond estate of Scarthingwell, and whose moiety Hawke appears to have bought out in 1768. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/2, 6 and 16 – with subtractions and additions.)
31	1777: 1779: 1781-2: 1784	Three envelopes of letters of instruction from Martin Bladen Hawke, subsequently 2 nd Lord Hawke, [to whom the Scarthingwell property had been made over by his father in or before 1774], to his steward at Scarthingwell, William Beck.
32	1779: 1781-2: 1786	Four envelopes of letters from Beck to Hawke.
33	1786	Letters to Hawke from John Davidson, another employee at Scarthingwell Hall, [possibly Beck's successor?].

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34	1782-1804	Accounts, surveys, valuations and other estate papers relating to Scarthingwell, including one of 1790 relating to Sunbury [and possibly some relating to the Womersley estate, Yorkshire, it being difficult at times to distinguish between the two Yorkshire properties].
35	1784-1802	Letters to Hawke about Scarthingwell estate affairs. [For other Scarthingwell estate papers, see H/97, 105 and 108-9. PERSONAL LETTERS TO THE HAWKES, PRINCIPALLY TO THE 2 ND LORD HAWKE AND HIS WIFE, CASSANDRA
36	1771-81	Letters to the 2 nd Lord Hawke from his father, the Admiral [In date order.]
37	1788: 1797-1801	Letters to Cassandra, wife of the 2 nd Lord Hawke, from Miss Sarah Birt, [the devoted ‘companion’ of the Admiral, who had kept house for him and brought up his children after the Death of his wife, Catherine, in 1756], and whom, according to one of the letters in this bundle, the house at Sunbury had been left. The letters are written mainly from Sunbury and from Greenwich, and they [together with the many references to Miss Birt in other letters to the Hawkes] show that she remained an intimate member of the family circle until her death. [See also H/111.]
38	1770: 1775: 1784: 1788: 1793	Three envelopes of letters to the 2 nd Lord Hawke from his wife, Cassandra, [whom he married in 1771]. The earliest letters therefore reflect the progress of their courtship, but the explicitly affectionate tone is maintained—on both sides—throughout the correspondence. [In approximate date order. See also H/110.]
39	1770: 1778: 1784: 1788-9: 1796-8	Three envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke from Lord Hawke, discussing (obviously) personal and domestic matters (such as the their second son, Martin, at Cambridge in 1800), family events (such as the threatened divorce misconduct of of Lady Hawke’s nephew, [the 14 th] Lord Saye and Sele in 1797), and with frequent references to wider social events and politics. [In approximate date order. See also H/110.]
40	1769: 1777-96	Letters to Lady Hawke and her husband from her mother, C[assandra?] Turner, [daughter of William Leigh of Adlestrop, Gloucestershire, and wife of Sir Edward Turner, 2 nd Bt, of Ambrosden Park, Oxfordshire], and from her

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40 (contd)		brothers, Sir John Turner, [3 rd Bt?, who subsequently changed his name to Dryden, on marrying a descendant of the poet, John Dryden], and G[regory] Page Turner [subsequently 4 th Bt? See also H/65.]
41	1786-1800	Six envelopes of voluminous letters to Lady Hawke from her sister, Eliza [Turner, wife of General Thomas Twistleton, 13 th Lord] Saye and Sele (d.1788), who lived at Broughton Castle, near Banbury, Oxfordshire. Topics covered include Lord Saye and Sele's death in 1788 and the winding up of his estate [which intimately concerned the Hawkes, as Lord Hawke acted as executor and trustee – see H/83], the elopement of one of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele's daughters in 1790, etc, etc. [See also H/110-11.]
42	1786-8	Three letters to Lord and Lady Hawke from her brother-in-law Lord Saye and Sele. [See also H/71].
42A	1785-7	Seven folders of accounts and receipts from tradesmen, insurance companies, etc., to Lord Saye and Sele [present because of Lord Hawke's executorship role].
43	1788-1800	Letters to Lady Hawke and Lord Hawke from three of the Saye and Sele children, Cassandra Twistleton, G[regory] W[illiam] Twistleton [afterwards 14 th Lord Saye and Sele] and Thomas Twistleton.
44	N.D.: [1786-1800?]	Letters to Lady Hawke and Lord Hawke from her other Saye and Sele niece, Julia [Twistleton, who was doubly related to Lady Hawke because she married Lady Hawke's first cousin, James Henry Leigh of Adlestrop and, subsequently, of Stoneleigh, Warwickshire].
45	1786-8: 1792: 1796-1801	Letters to Lady Hawke from another Leigh connection, Elizabeth Leigh [who appears to have been married to a Thomas Leigh, possibly a younger brother of Lady Hawke's mother?], together with a letter from Thomas Leigh to Lord Hawke. [See also H/110.]
46	N.D.: 1788: 1795-6	Letters to Lady Hawke from another Leigh connection, M[ary?] Leigh.
47	1787-8: 1795-8	Letters to Lady Hawke from 'C. Cooke', who writes mainly from Bookham and from Adlestrop [and who is identified as 'Lady Cooke' in a wrapper so endorsed by Lord Hawke, and apparently was another Leigh connection. N.B. The bundle contains a letter dated '1769' which, from internal evidence, must be 1796.]

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48	1771: [1786]: N.D.	Three miscellaneous letters and papers relating to or deriving from the Leighs, including a poem on the marriage of James Henry and Julia Leigh, [1786], and a crude elevation of Adlestrop, N.D.
49	1784: 1794-8	Letters to Lord and Lady Hawke from [their elder son, subsequently (1805) 3 rd Lord Hawke], the earliest of them written when he was still a child. Some of the later letters, those of 1794-5, are written from his Grand Tour in Switzerland and elsewhere, and are accompanied by letters from his tutor and companion, M. Mounier. At the end of the bundle is a letter of 1798 about finding an employment for Mounier. [See also H/110.]
50	1790-1800: N.D.	Nine envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke and Lord Hawke from [one of their two daughters], Cassandra, [who in 1793 married Samuel Estwicke 'of Barbados' (d.1798?), and in 1800 Rev. Stephen Sloane. See also H/92, 109 and 111.]
51	1798-1801	Letters to Lord Hawke from and about his second son Martin, including a draft of a letter from Lady Hawke to Martin, all concerning Martin's unsatisfactory progress at Cambridge, his promises of amendment, letters proposing settlement terms on behalf of a Mrs Huddleston in consequence of the 'illness' contracted by her as a result of what passed between Martin and her (!), etc, etc. [For other letters from and to the Hon. Martin Hawke, see H/95 and 111.]
52	1799: N.D.: 1806	Small, highly artificial bundle of correspondence between Lady Hawke, on the one hand, and on the other her [daughter-in-law], Frances Hawke [who assumed the name Harvey Hawke on her marriage to the future 3 rd Lord Hawke in 1798, and who was the heiress who brought the Womersley estate, near Tadcaster, Yorkshire, into the Hawke family], and Frances Harvey Hawke's mother, Mrs S. Harvey.
53	1786-99	Letters to Lady Hawke from the Misses Elizabeth and Mary Guy of Richmond, Yorkshire, including a couple of letters to Lord Hawke from the Miss Guys about money he owes to them. [These are the first of a long series of tuft-hunting, female acquaintances of Lady Hawke, who played persistent court to her, and whose letters are largely devoid of significant content.]
54	1789-1800	Two envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke from Mrs Sarah Green, apparently of Hull.
55	1789: 1797- 1801: N.D.	Two envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke from Mrs Anne Wolley of York. [In date order.]

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56	1790-97	Letters to Lady Hawke from Mrs Anne Wormald, together with one from her husband to Lord Hawke soliciting the postmastership of York, 1795. [For York politics and patronage see also H/71. Mrs Wormald and Mrs Wolley have uncannily similar handwriting; but as both ladies are busy writing throughout 1797 under their respective names, it seems impossible that they can be one and the same person whose name changed in consequence of a second marriage. In date order.]
57	1791-1800	Two envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke from Miss Anne Gibbs, apparently of Hull, though she writes mainly from the successive Hawke town houses in Portland Place and Devonshire Street. [The addresses from which most of these letters are written, and the many greetings sent to Miss Gibbs in other letters to Lady Hawke, show that she was very much part of the family or household; there are also references in other letters to the search for a position for Miss Gibbs, so it is possible that she acted as some kind of genteel housekeeper.]
58	1796-9	Letters to Lady Hawke from Mrs Bridget Stott of York.
59	1796-1808	Two envelopes of letters to Lady Hawke from Miss Eliza Mosley of Pontefract [this lady, and the other Mosleys of Pontefract, for whom Lord Hawke acted as trustee – see H/87 – were presumably daughters or other relations of Rev. ? Thomas Mosley, whose wife was a co-heiress to the Scarthingwell estate – see H/30.]
60	1796-8: N.D.	Letters to Lady Hawke from Miss Anne Mosley.
61	1796-1801	Letters to Lady Hawke from Catherine Maria [Mosley, Mrs] Perfect, who also lived in Pontefract.
62	N.D.: 1805-6	Letters to Lady Hawke from Frances Mosly, subsequently Mrs Bindloss, also of Pontefract.
63	1795: N.D.	Letters to Lady Hawke from Mrs A. B. Mosley [probably a sister-in-law of the foregoing ladies, and wife of P. Mosley of Pontefract – see H/87.]
64	[1770?]: 1785-99	Letters to Lady Hawke from miscellaneous correspondents on personal and domestic matters, including letters about sundry rows and tiffs and about the recommendation and employment of housekeepers and other servants. The first, isolated item is addressed to Lady Hawke prior to her marriage from ‘C[atherine] Hawke’ [presumably an unmarried sister of her husband?]

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65	1805: N.D.	Two personal letters to the 3 rd Lord Hawke, one from his wife, Frances Harvey Hawke, and the other from his cousin, Sir Gregory Page Turner, [4 th Bt? See also H/40.]
66-79		PAPERS OF THE 2 ND LORD HAWKE ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND PARLIAMENTARY POLITICS AND PUBLIC LIFE IN GENERAL
66	[1769 onwards]	Thick octavo notebook inscribed 'M.B. Hawke' [and therefore belonging to the future 2 nd Lord Hawke]. Containing law student's or barrister's notes of 'Heads of cases determined in the House of Lords from 1706-1726 ...', and notes on cases heard before the House of Lord, 1758, and 1767-9.
67	[c.1760s-90s]	Notes made or collected by the 2 nd Lord Hawke in connection with parliamentary business – the John Wilkes affair, the Royal Marriages Act, the restrictions on the trade and industry of the colonies, the quarrel with the North American colonies, Ramsgate Harbour, 'the Turkey trade', the justification for the war against Revolutionary France, treason and attainder and the reversals of attainders, etc, etc. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/20 – with some subtractions and many additions.)
68	[c.1760s-90s]	Scrappier and more miscellaneous notes by Lord Hawke on history, law, Greek, books he has read, etc, etc.
69	c.1775-97	Notes, papers and printed matter of Lord Hawke about canals and the inland transportation of coal, with particular reference to the Coventry, Trent and Oxford Canals. (NMM MS. 82/122/B/19-20 – with large subtractions and additions.)
70	1786-92: 1796	Letters to Lord Hawke from and about Colonel Robert Kelly and his son, George, mostly concerning Robert Kelly's frustrated ambitions in the East India Company's army, Lord Hawke's endeavours to have his services properly requited, and subsequently his endeavours to advance George Kelly. The papers also include discussions of Tipu and the war in the Carnatic, and give some insights into the East India Company's patronage system. [See also H/110.]
71	1787: 1789	Letters and papers of Lord Hawke concerning York City politics, his ambition (or otherwise) to secure a parliamentary seat for York for his son (1787), Lord Saye and Sele's application for a government post in the same year and Lord

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71 (contd)		Hawke's dissociation of himself from this move and declaration of his political independence, the Regency Crisis and its local effects in political clash between Pitt, on the one hand, and Fox and the Whigs on the other, etc, etc. [See also H/108.]
72	1787-91	Accounts kept by Lord Hawke in connection with road-making in Yorkshire.
73	1793-4	Notes made by Lord Hawke on the impeachment proceedings against Warren Hastings – particularly notes on speeches made by Edmund Burke, the principal conductor of the proceedings against Hastings.
74	N.D.: 1795-H	Letters and papers, several of them printed, of Lord Hawke concerning agricultural improvement, principally in the spheres of corn and wool.
75	[c.1795]	Original bundle of detailed notes and statistics made or collected by Lord Hawke in connection with the Duke of Bedford's motion on the state of the navy. (NMM MS. 83/122/B/1.)
76	1795-7: 1800: 1802	Letters and papers of Lord Hawke about local government, the postal service, politics and patronage in Yorkshire, principally about the raising of yeomanry and militia and the taking of other security measures against internal disaffection and possible French invasion. The correspondents include [the 4 th Earl] Fitzwilliam, William Wilberforce, and many other Yorkshire notabilities.
77	N.D.: 1790: 1795: 1797: 1803	Letters to Lord Hawke about miscellaneous political and patronage matters.
78	1783-95	Miscellaneous printed matter collected by Lord Hawke, mainly in connection with parliamentary business, but excluding the issues and events already covered.
79	1807	Letter to the 3 rd Lord Hawke from Lord Fitzwilliam soliciting his support for Fitzwilliam's son, Lord Milton, in the forthcoming Yorkshire election.
		[For further papers of the 2 nd Lord Hawke relating to politics or public life, see H/110-11.]

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80-97		BUSINESS LETTERS AND PAPERS OF THE 2 ND AND 3 RD LORDS HAWKE
80	1770-90	Two envelopes of letters and papers of the 2 nd Lord Hawke about the Yorkshire estate and the debts of Sir John Ingilby, Bt, for whom Lord Hawke seems to have acted as some kind of trustee, but whose estate also lay under a Chancery receivership. Included are printed copies of private acts of parliament to divide lands in the Forest of Knaresborough and otherwise to clarify the Ingilby title and relieve the Ingilby creditors.
81	1782-93	Letters, many of them incorporating receipts, to Lord Hawke from his London stock-broker or man of business, A. Chorley of Titchfield Street.
82	1785-8	Letters and papers of Lord Hawke about his property on Dominica, the condition and sale of negroes owned by him, etc, etc. Included in the bundle are instructions from Lord Hawke that, in the selling of his slaves, husbands and wives are not to be separated or families split up. Also included are 2 printed papers relating to the West Indies generally.
83	1788-95	Three envelopes of accounts, receipts, valuations of property and stock, letters, etc, all concerning Lord Hawke's role as executor and trustee for Lady Hawke's late brother-in-law, Lord Saye and Sele. The principal correspondent, and the name which figures most prominently in the accounts, is Richard Ness, who was agent or man of business for the Saye and Sele family. Also included among the papers are a few papers of earlier date deriving from Lord Saye and Sele himself. [See also H/108-11.]
84	1781-5	Letters and papers of Lord Saye and Sele concerning his family history, [and which must have got accidentally mixed up with the executors papers].
85	1785-90	Letters and papers of Lord Saye and Sele as Colonel of the 9 th Regiment of Foot. These mainly concern his regimental accounts, and so are directly relevant to the executorship; they also include references to the regiment's sojourn in Ireland, to its recruiting efforts there, to regimental patronage, etc, etc. [See also H/110.].
86	1770-88	Box containing bundles of bills and receipts from tradesmen, workmen, labourers, rates- and tax-collectors, etc, etc, to Lord Saye and Sele. Most of these were parcelled up in wrappers endorsed '... put by April 1792'. [The contents of

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86 (contd)		this box are bound to be of interest to any student of the social, economic and local history of the Banbury area of Oxfordshire, where Lord Saye and Sele's seat, Broughton Castle, was situated.]
87	1793: N.D.	Two letters and a paper of Lord Hawke about the affairs of the Mosleys of Pontefract [see H/59-63], for whom he acted as trustee. The paper may or may not relate to the letters; but as it refers to an estate on Nevis, and as the Mosleys had a debt secured on such an estate, this is probably where it fits in.
88	1795-1802	Two envelopes of letters to Lord Hawke from J. H. Tritton of Messrs Barclay, Tritton & Bevens, his London bankers, including references to the limited success of the 'voluntary subscription' to the war effort, 1798, discussion of the giving up of Lord Hawke's townhouse in Portland Place and the finding of an alternative, 1800-01, and repeated mentions of the problems besetting the payment of his pension on the Irish establishment, the differential between English and Irish currency, etc, etc, 1801-2.
89	1797-1800	Letters to Lord Hawke about two boys called Houghton, whom he has taken under his care in his capacity as a leading figure in the African Association. Most of the letters relate to the expenses incurred in educating and clothing the boys while on board ship and about to embark for some unspecified destination. The correspondents are an officer on board the ship, the secretary to the African Association, and another leading figure in it, Sir John Hort. There are also a couple of references to [Mungo] Park and Sir Joseph Banks.
90	1798	Original bundle of letters and papers of Lord Hawke concerning the terms and details of the settlement made on the marriage of his son to Frances Harvey, heiress of Womersley [her two brothers, Stanhope and William having died in 1795-6, and her father Colonel Stanhope Harvey, in 1797].
91	1798-9: N.D.	Letters to Lord Hawke from and about the Vicomte de Bruges, who apparently was some connection of the Harvey family and had some claim against the Harvey estate. [This conjecture is supported by a wrapper on which Lord Hawke has written that the Vicomte's letters were 'about Mr Wood's business', since one St Andrew Wood was one of Frances Harvey's trustees. See also H/110.]
92	1802-4	Letters and papers of Lord Hawke concerning his payment of debts run up by his daughter Mrs Sloane [see H/50].

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93	1803-5	Letters to Lord Hawke from H. Collett, a naval officer, whose letters give some information about the naval operations in which he has been involved, but mainly deal with his requests for financial assistance.
94	1788-1802	Miscellaneous business letters to Lord Hawke, one of them from [the 2 nd Duke of] Leinster, October 1798, explaining his inability to pay the interest on his loan from Hawke because of the rebellion, and adroitly comparing Sir [John] B[orlase] Warren's recent exploit with that of the 1 st Lord Hawke.
95	1800-03	Business, mainly dunning, letters to his errant second son, the Hon. Martin Hawke.
96	1806-13	Miscellaneous business letters to the 3 rd Lord Hawke, two of them about the winding up of the 2 nd Lord Hawke's estate after the latter's death in 1805, several of them about the 3 rd Lord Hawke's debts [which ultimately led to the enforced sale of a collection of Poussins and other works of art, silver and jewellery belonging to his wife, Frances Harvey].
97	1772-1818	Box of bills and receipts to the 2 nd and 3 rd Lords Hawke from tradesmen, workmen, labourers, rates- and tax-collectors, etc, etc, many of them for goods and services in connection with Scarthingwell Hall and estate [and therefore rightfully belonging in H/34] and, from 1805 onwards, to Womersley and the Womersley estate as well [and therefore rightfully belonging with H/105 and 111-12. Every attempt has been made to separate out Womersley bills and receipts prior to 1805 (see H/101), but this attempt may not have been completely successful.]

The papers include a disbound volume recording the 3rd Lord Hawke's debts, mainly to tradesmen, and the means adopted to pay or at any rate satisfy the creditors, c.1815; but otherwise, in spite of endorsements by Anne Countess of Rosse denouncing the 'rotten' 3rd Lord Hawke, the papers do not throw much light on his debts or on the sales which had to take place in order to clear them. Included in the box are the following items: 'Estimate of a vault in Saxton Church, 1772', by J. Lang; account for sundry books supplied to the future 2nd Lord Hawke by B. White; account for furniture supplied to, the future 2nd Lord at Bloomsbury Square, by John Cobb, 1776, including '...10 mahogany hall chairs with fluted legs and rails complete ... [and] painting the arms on the backs of the 10 hall chairs ...'; very long and detailed account for carpentry work done by Benjamin Gale [at Scarthingwell Hall?], 1782;

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97 (contd)		account from William Smith for pillar stones and 'coaping' stones for chimneys [at Scarthingwell?], 1783; estimate for making a table service and a dessert service, 'gilt all over', N.D.; account for bugles and horns, one of them a silver hunting horn, 1809; account from Thomas Wirgman, jeweller and goldsmith of St James's Street, for watches and jewellery, 1811; account from Henry Carr for furniture for Womersley, including '...3 large bookcases, brass locks and fixing up ...' and '12 elm chairs', 1812; and account from Mr Linck, painter, of Geneva, for coloured gouaches of Mont Blanc and other Swiss scenes, 1817.
98-105		PAPERS OF THE HARVEY, LATER HARVEY HAWKE, FAMILY RELATING TO THE WOMERSLEY ESTATE, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE
98	1682-1718	Large bundle of letters, surveys, valuations, rentals, deeds, legal case papers, etc, of Tobiah Harvey of Womersley (1659-1720) relating to his estates at Womersley, Balne, Campsall, Fulham, Norton, 'the manor of Ousefleet', Smeaton, Sutton, Woodhall, etc, including details of the purchases made by him to augment his inherited Yorkshire property. Included in this sub-section is a photostat of an elevation of 'The south prospect of Womersley, the seat of Tobiah Harvey Esq.', [c.1715], the original of which is in the British Library and bears reference P. 33211. Lan. 91.4. [See also H/108.]
99	1759-85	Large bundle of similar papers, though mainly consisting of accounts, surveys and valuations, of [Tobiah Harvey's grandson], Colonel Stanhope Harvey (1723-97), [who succeeded his short-lived father, William (1693-1739) in 1739].
100	1787	Small bundle of surveys of farms on the Womersley estate.
101	1731: 1785-97	Large bundle of bills and receipts to William and Colonel Stanhope Harvey (almost exclusively the latter) from tradesmen, workmen, labourers, rates- and tax-collectors, et, etc. [Many of these seem to have been preserved because they were necessary to the executorship of Stanhope Harvey's will. See also H/110.]
102	1786: 1796: N.D.	Letters and papers about Stanhope Harvey's will and about Harvey finances generally, including: a letter to him from his lawyer, Mr Mellish, bluntly commenting on the provisions of his will, and making reference to Harvey

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102 (contd)		property on Jamaica, 1786; a list of the debts of Harvey and of one of his sons, N.D.; executorship accounts for his estate, 1799; and other letters and papers about family finances.
103	1795: 1797: 1801	Three miscellaneous surveys of parts of the Womersley estate.
104	Feb.-Sep. 1805: Nov. 1806-1809	Two envelopes of letters to the Hon. Edward Harvey Hawke, husband of Frances Harvey Hawke, the Womersley heiress, who succeeded in the course of this correspondence, in March 1805, as 3 rd Lord Hawke, from the agent or steward at Womersley, Robert Atkinson. [See also H/111.]
105	1806-13	Letters, accounts, granary returns and other papers of the 3 rd Lord Hawke about Yorkshire estate business, principally relating to Womersley [insofar as one estate can be distinguished from the other], but including 2 letters of 1808 about a rumoured sale of Scarthingwell Hall. [This may indeed have taken place at this stage, and certainly took place at some time in the 19 th century. The other house on the original Hawke estate, Towton Park, was lived in at this time by the Hon. Martin Hawke, and was also subsequently sold.]
[For other Womersley estate papers, see H/108 and 110-17.]		
106-112		MISCELLANEOUS 17 TH , 18 TH AND EARLY 19 TH CENTURY LETTERS AND PAPERS OF THE BLADEN, HAWKE, HARVEY AND HARVEY HAWKE FAMILIES
106	1587: 1641: [c.1725]: 1737 1757: N.D.	Miscellaneous verse and ephemera, including a 'Receipt of killing rats' addressed to William Harvey, [c.1725], 'A copy of a speech spoke by Richard Darley Esq. to his neighbours at the Methodists' meeting, November 6 th 1757, in Bishop Wilton', 'Account of the coals and tan used in the kitchen garden at Kew', 1778-82, docketed as having come from the papers of a Sir F[rancis] Drake who was Master of the Household to George III [and the only original document among a couple of others of Drake provenance and association, although what connection the Drake family had with the Harveys or Hawkes is less clear].
107	[c.1790-1800?]	Two small, crude designs for houses.
108	1688-1820	Outsize, slim, folio volume (the first of a series of six) into which original documents have been crammed in a random fashion cutting across any logical arrangement of the archive. This first volume is more internally coherent than the rest, in

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108 (contd)		that it consists exclusively of business and estate papers, but for both the Harvey and the Hawke families, including: account of the rents from the manor of Kirkfenton [ie. Church Fenton, part of the Scarthingwell estate], 1684-8; 'Brother John Harvey's release to me [Tobiah Harvey of Womersley] ... dated 12 of August at Hamburg [where John Harvey was a merchant], 1690'; 4 rentals of the manor of Broughton [Oxfordshire], the property of the Hon. John Twistleton [12 th Lord Saye and Sele], N.D., 1777 and 1779; abstract of the title of Sir John Berney, Bt, to freehold estates in Hertfordshire, c.1776 [how this relates to either the Harveys or the Hawkes is not clear]; bill of costs and receipt to Lord John Cavendish, Charles Turner and Martin Bladen Hawke for legal expenses incurred in a case concerning the freemen of York, 1777 [see H/71]; lease of a farm in the parish of Saxton from Martin Bladen Hawke, 1778; undated plan and elevation for a farm building with residential accommodation above it; surveys, granary return and accounts for the Womersley estate, N.D., 1809 and 1811; and inventory of furniture in the servants' quarters in Womersley Hall, 1820.
109	1689-1795	<p>Small quarto volume, similar in character, but more miscellaneous in content, containing among other things: letters and estate papers of the Hammond family of Scarthingwell, 1701-31, including 3 long letters to Mrs Frances Hammond from her father, Nathaniel Bladen, 1712-13 [see H/27-8]; a slim, disbound Saye and Sele account book, 1784 [see H/83], and three personal or business letters to Cassandra, wife of the 2nd Lord Hawke, one of them from their daughter, Cassandra, the future Mrs Estwicke/Sloane [see H/50], 1787 and 1795.</p> <p>Pasted in at the end of the volume are 2 printed sale descriptions of the early 20th century both describing, in varying detail, 7 volumes similar in character to the present. Six such volumes are at Birr Castle (H/108-12), and the seventh is probably in NMM, which has among its Hawke Papers a volume containing a mixture of naval correspondence of the 1st Lord Hawke and family letters and papers of his and related families. It would therefore appear that these 7 volumes somehow or other became detached from the Hawke/Rosse archive and were bought back early in the present century, probably by the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, whose bookplate is to be found in H/108-12.]</p>
109A	1702-1800	<p>Slim, folio volume (slightly smaller than H/108) containing a variety of estate, personal and political papers (none of them of the first importance) of the Harvey and Hawke families, including: early 18th-century estate and financial papers relating to the Scarthingwell and Womersley estates; 2 letters of 1712-13 from Nathaniel Bladen to his daughter, Mrs Hammond, at Scarthingwell; estate, financial, military and executorship papers of Lord Saye and Sele, 1775-88; 2 tradesmen's accounts to the Hon. M.B. Hawke, 1777-8; minor political papers of the 2nd Lord Hawke, 1782-5; letters to him and to Lady Hawke from their</p>

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109A (contd)		elder son, the future 3 rd Lord, who writes from Berne, Switzerland, while on the Grand Tour in 1795; and Womersley estate accounts and valuations, 1800 and N.D. [This volume has been inserted as an afterthought because it unexpectedly turned up in the possession of Messrs Christie in 1991, having been in their possession since it was sent there for appraisal in 1970. It presumably would have been sold to NMM at that time, but for the fact that it proved to contain no naval papers of the 1 st Lord Hawke.]
110	1774-99	Small quarto volume containing a couple of receipts and accounts to Colonel Stanhope Harvey [see H/101], one of them a recruiting account for his regiment [the 2 nd West York Militia], 1774 and 1777, but otherwise consisting of business and personal letters to the 2 nd Lord Hawke and his wife, 1777-99. The correspondents include Lord and Lady Hawke themselves (ie. Further personal letters to each other [see H/38-9]), the future 3 rd Lord Hawke when still a child and later when on the Grand Tour [see H/49], Thomas and Elizabeth Leigh [see H/45], Lady Saye and Sele [see H/41], the Vicomte de Bruges [see H/91], etc, etc. Lord Hawke's executorship of the will of Lord Saye and Sele [see H/83-6] is perhaps the biggest single topic covered by the correspondence, and many of the letters are from Messrs James & John Meyrick, army agents, about the accounts of the 9 th Regiment of Foot [see H/85]. There are also several letters concerning the claims and disappointments of Colonel Robert Kelly [see H/70], and a letter of 1783 conveying to Lord Hawke a unanimous address of thanks from the proprietors of lands and others interested in the province of East Florida.
111	c.1790-1824	Small quarto volume containing similar letters to Lord and Lady Hawke (whose correspondents include Miss Sarah Birt [see H/37], their daughter Cassandra [see H/50], Lady Saye and Sele [see H/41] and Richard Ness [see H/83], and more numerous letters, receipts and accounts to the 3 rd Lord Hawke, some of them from the Womersley agent or steward, Robert Atkinson [see H/104], some from his younger brother, Martin [see H/51 and 95], some from the Vicomte de Bruges [see H/91], and others from Lords Burghersh and Blandford (the former of whom writes about the 3 rd Lord Hawke's patronage of a theatre). Also included in the volume is a letter from Sir John Sinclair to the 2 nd Lord Hawke about a scheme to bring their friend, Lord Moira, into the Addington administration, 1803.
112	1804-23	Small folio volume containing letters, accounts, valuations and printed matter addressed to the 3 rd Lord Hawke, one of them in his capacity as Lt-Colonel of the West Riding Yeomanry Cavalry, 1804, others from [Robert Atkinson's successor as steward or agent at Womersley], Samuel Godwin, 1811-12 [see H/104-5]. Included in the bundle are Womersley rentals and accounts, 1806-8 and 1820-23. Also included is a fascinating anonymous letter from 'Veritas'

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112 (contd)		admonishing Lord Hawke: ‘... notorious and public connections in a <i>married</i> man are not even in <i>this</i> loose age tolerated with impunity. You have <i>now</i> got rid of <i>that restraint</i> [Lady Hawke had died in 1810], but still passing your life and dedicating your whole time to opera dancers and performers, and being the <i>constant</i> companion of an Irish adventurer [“Colonel O’K?”] is not the proper society for a peer of the realm and a descendant of the <i>gallant Hawke</i>’
113-117		LATER PAPERS CONCERNING THE HARVEY HAWKE FAMILY, WOMERSLEY AND THE YORKSHIRE ESTATES
113A	1832-68	Box containing six volumes of a diary [kept by the 4 th Lord Hawke] and, apparently, relating almost entirely to his hunting and other local activities at Womersley and elsewhere in Yorkshire.
113	1869: 1886	Two small quarto volumes respectively containing a ‘Valuation of the Womersley and Towton estates in the county of York belong to the Rt Hon. Lord Hawke ...’, by Richard Gouthwaite-Lumby’, 1869, and a ‘Plan of the Towton estate’, 1886. The 1869 volume states the components of the Womersley estate as Womersley, Little Smeaton, Walden Stubbs, Norton, Baln and Whitley, containing a total of 4,432 acres, valued at £5,302 per annum, and the components of the Towton estate as Towton, Saxton cum Scarthingwell, Barkston, Church Fenton, Little Fenton, Biggin and Sherburn, containing 1,786 acres, valued at £2,439 per annum: total 6,217 acres valued at £7,751 per annum.
114	1860: 1870: 1891: 1904-24	Newspaper cutting about the marriage of the Hon. Frances Cassandra Hawke to the 4 th Earl of Rosse, 1870 [see also M/38]; miscellaneous letters and pedigrees, mainly about Hawke (and Harvey) family history and genealogy; and wills, settlements and related charges affecting the Hawke estates, including a typescript statement concerning Lady Hawke’s charge of £14,444 on the Womersley and Towton estates, [post-1905].
115	1887-98	Letters and papers of the successive Womersley agents, J. W. Douglas (1887) and L. James Senior (1894-6), and of Cassandra, Countess of Rosse.
116	1903: 1908-16: 1931: N.D.	Original bundle of bills to Cassandra, Countess of Rosse [nee Hawke], giving information about furniture and pictures then at Womersley, 1908-16; together with papers about money, furniture and other effects left by Lady Rosse to her

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116 (contd)		daughter, Lady Muriel Grenfell, 1921-2, and an 'Inventory of furniture removed from Womersley Hall to Birr Castle, December 1931', with related correspondence and inventories. [For other such inventories, see H/108, M/25 and T/38.]
117	1914: 1952: 1954: 1968	Bound inventories of the furniture and objets d'art belonging to the Hon. G.L. Parsons (which later went to Womersley), 1914, 1952 and 1954, and of the fine art contents of Womersley, 1968.
118	1922-99	Box of correspondence of the 6 th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse about historical, heritage, ecclesiastical, etc., matters pertaining to the Womersley estate (eg. the Hawke papers). The box includes: an essay by Oliver Warner on the 1 st Lord Hawke's memorial in North Stoneham Church, 1948, a printed copy of Anne Countess of Rosse's booklet on Womersley Park, 1956, a proof of [Sir Nikolaus Pevsner's?] entry for St Martin's Church, Womersley, N.D., papers about the 6 th Earl's sale in 1968 of the Paul de Lamerie silver ordered by Admiral the 1 st Lord Hawke in 1750 [H/20], portraits and pictures relating to the Admiral and to the battle of Quiberon Bay, 1933, 1956 and 1970, newspaper cuttings and other papers about the 6 th Earl's sale of the naval papers of the Admiral [apart from those still at Birr Castle] to the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 1970, and papers and photographs about the sale of the Hawke emeralds, 1976. Other correspondents include successive Lords Hawke, Ruddock F. Mackay, Julia Ward-Aldham of Hooton Pagnell Hall, Doncaster (about the Hawke papers), Colonel George Howard of Castle Howard, Roger, Bishop of Wakefield (and subsequently of Chichester), etc. [See also N/25 and Q/266 and 392.]
119-120	1922- c. 1975	Two boxes of Womersley estate and business correspondence, including letters to and from the trustees during the 6 th Earl's minority (Sir Charles Barrington, Bt [see also T/19] and Colonel St A. Ward-Aldham), and letters from L. James Junior and J.H. Tyler [the successive agents for the Womersley estate]). H/120 contains printed sale particulars of the Womersley estate, 1922, and of the Towton estate, 1930. [For Womersley accounts, 1961-74, see Q/266.]
121	1955-73	File kept by the 6 th Earl on Womersley, sub-divided into 'House, church, village, garden, woods, estate, minerals, accounts, local affairs'.
122	1973-9	The same.

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123	1977-86	Three files of correspondence of the 7 th Earl of Rosse and of Alistair J. Buchanan (his father's executor) about 'Tilcon' (mineral rights at Womersley). [See also T/66B.]
124	1984-6	File of correspondence of the 7 th Earl about the manorial lordship of Woodhall and about Womersley affairs generally.
125	1985-6	Correspondence of the 7 th Earl and printed sale catalogues, all relating to the manorial lordships of Towton and Womersley.
126/1-3	1987-2001	Three folders of letters and papers of the 7 th Earl and his agents about the sale of Spring Lodge Quarry, Womersley.
127	1981-2003	Fat folders of letters and papers of Anne Countess of Rosse and the 7 th Earl about the presentation to the living of Womersley.
128	1986-2005	Folder of letters and papers of the 7 th Earl about the 'Rosse Trust' set up to help support St Martin's Church, Womersley, and the associated church school.
129	2004-5	Catalogues and correspondence of the 7 th Earl about the sale of the contents of Womersley.

[Further material relating to the Hawke and Harvey estates (and possibly relating also to other activities of members of the Hawke family), is stated to be deposited in a bank in Pontefract, Yorkshire. Papers relating to the 1st Lord Hawke's career in the navy and at the Admiralty (apart from H/2-13), which were formerly part of the Rosse archive, are now in the National Maritime Museum (MS. 70/109); previously, between 1953 and 1955, the NMM had microfilmed these papers (MRF/8a-b and MRF/10-16). They were used extensively in Ruddock F. Mackay's *Admiral Hawke* (Oxford, 1965), and were subsequently edited by him in *The Hawke Papers: a Selection, 1743-1771* (Navy Records Society, London, 1990).]

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1-31	1829: 1832: 1840-2003	Correspondence and other papers of the 3 rd Earl of Rosse, as President of the Royal Society, Chancellor of Trinity College, Dublin, Lieutenant of King's County and leading local landowner there, and general public figure, excluding (where physically possible, but see J/28) correspondence of the sort concentrated in Section K, and including some later material of relevance.
1	1829: 1852: 1862	Letters to the 3 rd Earl (and Lady Rosse) from Charles Babbage about government support for his scientific work and inventions; together with photocopied correspondence and printed matter about Babbage and his relations with the 3 rd Earl, obtained in 1986 from the British Library and other sources.
2	1841: 1853: 1865: 1867	Wills and codicil of the 3 rd Earl.
3	1841-2: 1846-8: 1853-6: 1863-5: 1867	Letters and papers of the 3 rd Earl about his King's County estate affairs, including government-financed and Board of Works-supervised drainage, 1855, with a long and detailed explanation by Sir Richard Griffith on that subject; and also including counsel's opinions on various leases, 1846 and 1864-5, copies of speeches made by the 3 rd Earl to the Parsonstown Union Farming Society, the first of them 'corrected and reprinted for distribution among his tenants', [c.1840] and 1847, several copies of printed instructions from the 3 rd Earl to his tenantry (one copy with long MS insertions in his handwriting), 1847, an account of the annual charges on the Rosse estate in 1848; and a printed pamphlet by the 3 rd Earl on the <i>Relation of Landlord and tenant</i> (London, 1867).
4/1-12	1842-5: 1851: 1853: 1855: 1866	Letters to the 3 rd Earl from the Conservative leaders, Sir Robert Peel and the Duke of Wellington, about elections to the Irish representative peerage, including the 3 rd Earl's own, 1842 and 1844, and letters to him from them and other Ministers (Lords Aberdeen, Derby, Palmerston, etc) about miscellaneous political and patronage matters.*
5	N.D.: 1843-4: 1850.	Tradesmen's accounts to the 3 rd Earl.
6	N.D. 1843: 1845: 1851-9: 1862-6	Letters to the 3 rd Earl about the visits of sundry dignitaries, friends, etc, to Birr, mainly for the purpose of inspecting his 'Great Telescope'; included among the dignitaries are Lord Stanley, the Prince Imperial [son of Napoleon III], and a

*See detailed calendar.

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6 (contd)		deputation of the British Association – this last visit, made in 1857, is described in a number of newspaper cuttings, which also provide information about celebrations and other events in the town of Birr [see also J/7 and 22]. To this sub-section have been added (1987-8) typescript and/or xerox copies of accounts by Frances Power Cobbe and Thomas Lefroy of visits to Birr and Birr Castle, [early 1840s?] and March 1846 respectively, and two original letters from the 3 rd Earl, one extending an invitation to avail of the ‘pretty good fishing’ to be had with the ‘plenty of large fish’ then in the lake at Birr.
7/1-26	1843-4: 1848-9: N.D.: 1851-2: 1854: 1856: 1858: 1860: 1863: 1865: 1867	Letters and papers of the 3 rd Earl about Birr and King’s County [see also E/25, 29 and 35], including: correspondence between the Rev. Michael Crotty, former parish priest of Birr, who with many of his flock had become a Protestant, and [Lord] J[ohn] G[eorge] Beresford, Archbishop of [Armagh], 1843; 2 letters from Sir John Burgoyne about either the fortification of Birr Barracks or the mock-fortification of Birr Castle [supervised and planned, mainly as a Famine relief measure, by Lady Rosse’s uncle, Colonel Richard Wharton Myddleton, a Peninsula War veteran – see J/19 and O/32-4], 1844; the King’s County Militia and the strength of the constabulary force stationed in the county, 1854, 1856 and 1867; a captured Russian gun which, at the request of the Birr Town Commissioners, was presented by the government to the town, 1858 [see also J/23]; etc, etc.
8	1845-61	Fat quarto volume, largely empty, containing stuck-in trade cards, letters and accounts from, in particular, the manufacturers of optical and scientific gadgetry, a letter about the Daguerrotype pre-photographic process, 1848, a list of the duties of the kitchen-boy at Birr Castle, 1848, and a series of lists [in the 3 rd Earl’s handwriting] of labourers employed at Birr, 1855-61.
9	1845: 1862: N.D.: 1866-7	Letters to the 3 rd Earl about Irish education, mainly about the National School system, but including a commission appointing him a visitor of Maynooth, 1845; the principal correspondents are Richard [Whateley, Archbishop of] Dublin, and Lord Mayo, [as Chief Secretary], and there is also a printed address from James Carlile, a Presbyterian clergyman, <i>To the Roman Catholic Members of the Mechanics Institute of Parsonstown</i> , 1845.
10	1845: 1850-54: 1856: 1859: 1866-7: 1982-4	Letters to the 3 rd Earl about the conferring of various honours upon him, including honorary degrees at Oxford and Illinois, the Order of St Patrick, the (French) Legion d’Honneur, membership of the Russian Imperial Academy and of the Historical Society of Tennessee, the institution of the Rosse Medals, etc, etc; together with letters of 1982-4 from the Rev. Peter Galloway to the 7 th Earl relating to the 3 rd Earl’s insignia as a Knight of St. Patrick.

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11	1845-7: 1867: N.D.	Letters, drafts of speeches or pamphlets, and other papers of the 3 rd Earl concerning the condition of Ireland, the Famine, land improvement, etc, including a report on a meeting of the Parsonstown Agricultural Society in 1847, chaired by the 3 rd Earl, and held to concert responses to the potato failure, a letter from Sir John Burgoyne, writing from the Relief Office, Dublin, to thank the 3 rd Earl for a copy of the latter's <i>Letters on the State of Ireland</i> (London, 1847), a copy of that pamphlet, and letters to the 3 rd Earl from his fellow King's County landowner, H. Darby, about Tenant Right and Fenianism. [See also J/28.] The sub-section also contains a photocopy of a page from the <i>Memoirs of Georgiana, Lady Chatterton</i> (London, 1848) in which she recalls seeing the 3 rd Earl looking at blighted potatoes through his microscope during her visit to Birr.
12	1847-57 1861-7	Four bank books of the 3 rd Earl, with Coutts, the Parsonstown Savings Bank, and the Parsonstown branch of the Provincial Bank of Ireland; and 9 other personal and general account books.
13	1849-50: N.D.	Letters to the 3 rd Earl from [the 1 st Lord] Brougham [ex-Lord Chancellor of England], mainly about Royal Society matters.
14	1849-55	Letters to the 3 rd Earl, as President of the Royal Society, about his successive presidential addresses (including his first, for the purposes of which information had to be collected by him to be embodied in a tribute to his predecessor, Lord Northampton, the President of the Royal Society's right of entree at Court, government patronage for the advancement of science and for financial assistance to individual scientists [see also K/8], etc, etc; the correspondents include M[ichael] Faraday (who cannot decide on a Copley Medallist because of his 'infirm memory'), and Lords John Russell and Derby (the latter rejecting the 3 rd Earl's application for funds towards the publication of T.H. Huxley's voyage journal; also included is a rough draft [in the 3 rd Earl's handwriting] for what appears to be a presidential address [see also J/28].
15	1849-55	Letters to the 3 rd Earl accepting or refusing dinner invitations, some of them explicitly and most of them probably to the 'soirees' which he gave as part of his duties as President of the Royal Society, including also, usually in connection with such invitations, requests to be allowed to bring along or introduce distinguished visitors; the correspondents include Dickens, Hallam, Macaulay and numerous visiting foreigners, and the letters are largely formal in content and autographic in interest.

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16	1849-65	Letters and papers of the 3 rd Earl about the Great Exhibition, its sequel in Dublin, and similar exhibitions in Britain and on the Continent, mainly reflecting his role as one of the organisers of the British and Irish Exhibitions, but including a not-very-sensible request that his Great Telescope be shipped to London for inclusion in the British. Associated with the sub-section [but not physically, as it is framed and hanging in the China Passage in Birr Castle] is a formal certificate of 1851, signed by the Prince Consort as President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibitions, attesting that the 3 rd Earl has been granted a medal for his services in this connection. There is also a formal invitation to a dinner at the Mansion House on 21 March 1850 to meet the Prince Consort, and a letter of 1852 to the 3 rd Earl from the Prince Consort.
17	1832: 1849-56	Very miscellaneous correspondence of the 3 rd Earl, one of the letters from [his youngest brother, the Hon.] L[aurence] Parsons, one about the 3 rd Earl's sitting for his portrait to H.W. Pickersgill, others about subscriptions to various things, including, apparently, the erection of a statue to the Prince Consort, and others claiming kinship or discussing Parsons family history. Belonging to this sub-section is an outsize, coloured pedigree of the Earls of Rosse down to 1854, [now (1984) framed and hanging in the Muniment Room].
18	1852-3: 1857 1862	Correspondence of the 3 rd Earl with the War Office and the Board of Ordnance concerning guns, ammunition, the education of the Prussian army and other matters in which the 3 rd Earl was either an official or an unofficial consultant; the principal correspondent is [Field Marshal Viscount] Hardinge.
19	1834: 1836: 1852-3: 1864-6	Letters to Mary [Field], Countess of Rosse, one of them from Queen Victoria, and 7 from or about her uncle, Colonel Richard Wharton Myddleton [the great fortifier – see also O/32-4], who in one of these letters encloses a sampler, 'the first piece of work of my dearest sister, Ann, now half a century old' [this sampler is preserved in Lady Rosse's cabinet in bedroom No. 3 in Birr Castle]. Other topics covered in Wharton Myddleton's and the other letters in the sub-section are: travels and jaunts, social engagements, photography [of which art Lady Rosse was an early, indeed pioneer, exponent – see Section P], the design for new Birr Castle gates [see O/30], admission to the British Museum, the death of the 3 rd Earl, etc; together with photocopies of archives and printed matter relating to Lady Rosse's photographic prowess, 1856 and 1859, and letters and bills to her from Walpole Geogehan, Suffolk Street, Dublin, relating to table linen, 1864-6. Also present is a copy of her marriage certificate, 14

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19 (contd)	April 1836,	signed by the 2 nd Earl and Alice Countess of Rosse, John Wilmer Field (Mary's father) and Jane Knox (the 2 nd Earl's daughter).*
20	N.D.: 1853: 1859: 1865	Formal invitations, and letters conveying invitations, to the 3 rd Earl from sundry notable persons, among them the Duke of Argyll and F[rances] A[nne, Marchioness of] Londonderry, including two letters written by the Prince Consort's secretary requesting that Lord Oxmantown [the future 4 th Earl] and one of his brothers come to play with the royal children.
21	1854: 1865: 1906-7	Two sets of copies (one of them MS., the other damp-cloth) of the 3 rd Earl's letters to the naval and military authorities during the Crimean War (the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State for War, 1854-5], Sir Howard Douglas, Sir John Burgoyne and Sir Baldwin Walker) advocating – for the first time – the building of 'ironclad' ships, a daring and revolutionary proposal which was not acted upon. The second half of the sub-section consists of correspondence of the 4 th Earl about the publication of these letters in the <i>Bulletin of the Institute of Naval Architects</i> . [They were later reprinted in Sir Charles Parsons (ed.), <i>The Scientific Papers of the 3rd Earl of Rosse</i> (London, 1926), pp 207-21.]
22	N.D. [c.1855]	Letters to the 3 rd Earl (and Lady Rosse) from Nassau Senior, some of them referring, after the event, to a visit to Birr [see J/6].
23/1-3	1848-67	Three volumes, two quarto and the other folio, containing damp-cloth copies of letters and draft addresses or articles by the 3 rd Earl on miscellaneous topics, including landlord-tenant relations, drainage, astronomy, the Russian gun presented to Birr [J/7], etc.
24	1856-65	Original bundle of correspondence and valuations concerning the acquisition of parts of Ballindarra, Crinkle, etc, from the 3 rd Earl to complete the line of the Parsonstown-Portumna Bridge Railway. [See also O/46.]
25	1863: 1865: 1977: 1981-4	Yachting papers of the 3 rd Earl, including journals of cruises undertaken in 1863 and 1865, [written partly by him, but mainly by the future 4 th Earl – for the 4 th Earl's yachting and tour papers, see M/4 and M/8]; the journals also include information about photographs taken by Lady Rosse. Also included in the sub-section is correspondence of 1977 and 1981-4 giving extensive

*For other papers concerning Mary Rosse (in addition to O/30 and P), see E/39, G/14, 16, 19 and 62, O/41-4 and W/17/4.

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25 (contd)		information about the 3 rd Earl's yacht, 'Titania', and contemporary drawings of the Titania's sails, Oct. 1863 [see also L/4/4].
26	1863: 1867	Letters to the 3 rd Earl as Chancellor of Trinity College, Dublin, mainly about his appointment of [Sir] Joseph Napier as his Vice-Chancellor, the installation of the 3 rd Earl as Chancellor, [Henry] Fawcett's bill concerning TCD, etc; the correspondents include Lords Carlisle [the Lord Lieutenant] and Derby [the Prime Minister - see also K/8.] Also present are an ode on the 3 rd Earl's installation by John Francis Waller, LLD, January 1863, a choral hymn, or ode, composed and set to music to mark the occasion [and unearthed in TCD in November 1999 as part of the celebration of the 500th concert season of the University of Dublin Choral Society, of which the 3 rd Earl served as patron], and a printed copy of the programme for the 500th concert season.
27	1866-8: 1983: 1997	Two disbound volumes containing cuttings, with some MS. Comments and draft public letters by the 3 rd Earl, on Irish land reform, the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland, other political and economic issues of the day, 'the Rosse Monument' erected in memory of him in Birr, and miscellaneous biographical and obituary material about him; together with later correspondence of the 7 th Earl, 1983 and 1997, about the 3 rd Earl's death and memorials to him.
28	[c.1840-c.1867]	Half tin box of 61 small (some of them very small) pocket-size notebooks in which the 3 rd Earl has scribbled, often in pencil, drafts of letters, addresses and articles on all manner of subjects, often more than one disparate subject in the one little book; the letters are to correspondents who feature in section K as well as the present section, and the topics include matters astronomical, as well as matters which are appropriate to J; the latter include landlord-tenant relations, the abolition of the office of Lord Lieutenant, presidential addresses to the Royal Society, etc.
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29	1853-80	Half tin box containing original bundles of letters, vouchers, rentals and other papers concerning the estates in King's County, Co. Wexford and Co. Tipperary settled on the Hon. Laurence Parsons, third son of the 2 nd Earl. [For particulars of these estates, see 0/37. The King's County and Tipperary part, which now constitutes the Birr Castle home farm, was ultimately reacquired by the main branch of the family.]
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30	1829: 1837: 1840: [c.1875]: 1900-01: 1934: 1981-3: 1985- 7: 1993: 2003	Artificial sub-section of letters and papers concerning the 3 rd Earl's sister, Alicia, and brother-in-law, Sir Edward Conroy, [2 nd Bt, son of the Duchess of Kent's favourite, Sir John Conroy], who made a runaway marriage with the 3 rd Earl's sister, Lady Alicia Parsons, in 1837, as follows: small quarto volume containing water-colour sketches by Lady Alicia, 1829; typescript extracts from Conroy's journal for May 1837 recording his elopement to Gretna Green with Lady Alicia, made by Mrs Katherine Jessel, 1981; letter from Conroy to the 3 rd Earl (then Lord Oxmantown) about the investment of £10,000 of Lady Alicia's fortune of £16,000, 1840; photographs of Sir John Conroy, [3 rd Bt, Lady Alicia's son], a fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, [c.1875], and of his grave, 1901; letters to the 4 th Earl of Rosse about Conroy memorabilia, some from Kensington Palace, sent from Oxford to Birr Castle, 1901; a quotation from a letter in the Killadoon Papers, NLI, from Lord Clements, House of Commons, to Lady Leitrim, 4 July 1836' stating that Sir John Conroy looked so charming at the Duchess of Kent's that '... at royal dinner parties in the next reign, we expect to be obliged to toast Sir John Conroy and the rest of the Conroyal family ...'; and letters about the Conroys, a copy of a list of the Conroy Papers in Balliol College Library and a copy of a Conroy pedigree, all sent by Mrs Jessel, 1981-3 and 1985-7.
31	1857	Marriage settlement of Arthur Edward Knox of Castlerea, Co. Mayo, son of the 3 rd Earl's and Lady Alicia's sister, Lady Jane, who had married Arthur Edward Knox in 1835. [Chewed by a rodent.]

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K/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-40	1840-1909: 1913-14: 1938: 1964-84	Correspondence of the 3 rd and 4 th Earls of Rosse with fellow-astronomers or about the Birr and other observatories, including correspondence of the 5 th and 6 th Earls about the Birr Observatory.*

[Excluded from this section are copies of letters preserved in miscellaneous letter-books or notebooks (J/23 and J/28). The loose correspondence of which the section is composed was found scattered all over the house and all through the archive, and was initially sorted roughly by P.R.O.N.I. into ‘correspondent’ bundles. The contents of these bundles were subsequently described in greater detail by J.A. Bennett and Michael Hoskin of Cambridge University, whose list (and introductory remarks), published in the *Journal for the History of Astronomy*, xii (1981), pp. 216-29, is transcribed below. Subsequently (1982) the contents of this section and the succeeding section (L) were transferred temporarily to the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Cambridge, for conservation and microfilming – the latter with a view to making more widely available material which is undoubtedly of international interest. The originals are now (1986) back at Birr Castle, and copies of the microfilm may be purchased from MAB Services Ltd, Eagle House, Spoon Lane, Smethwick, Warley, W. Midlands B66 1PA.]

‘The “Leviathan of Parsonstown,” the giant reflector with 6ft mirrors erected by the 3rd Earl of Rosse in 1845 in the grounds of Birr Castle in central Ireland, is among the most famous telescopes of all time. Yet its history, and the history of the observatory which was in use from the 1820s until the early years of the present century, has never been studied in detail. A volume of *The Scientific Papers of William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, 1800-1867*, was assembled by Sir Charles Parsons (London, 1926), but this adds nothing to the existing printed record. Patrick Moore gave a lecture at Birr in 1968 at the centenary exhibition to commemorate the third 3rd Earl and later developed this into a little book, *The Astronomy of Birr Castle*, which has just been reissued at Birr as a paperback, but this is no more than an eighty-page outline. Meanwhile, although the tube and wall supports of the great reflector were by then on display at Birr along with a few other items, little was known of the surviving instruments and papers or of the light they would shed on the history of the astronomical work of the 3rd and 4th Earls.

In 1980, Professor Sir Bernard Lovell told us of the eagerness of the 7th Earl, who had recently succeeded to the title, to care for the surviving instruments and papers and to mount an extensive exhibition for visitors to the castle grounds. One of us (M.A.H.) visited the castle late in 1980 to assess the scale

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1-40 (contd)		of the task, and a research grant from the Royal Society enabled us both to spend several days at the castle the following spring, when we prepared a listing of the papers that had then come to light. ... In dealing with the papers we were greatly helped by the earlier work of Dr Anthony Malcomson of the Northern Ireland Public Record Office, who had sorted the entire Birr archive.

CORRESPONDENCE

1	6 letters to the 3 rd Earl from Sir James South: 24 Oct. 1840, 11 Nov. 1840, 23 Nov. 1840, 24 Dec. 1840, 16 Sep. 1845, 14 Nov. 1862.	In addition: a copy of South's printed advertisement, 'Observatory, Campden Hill, Kensington. To Shy-cock Toy Makers – Smoke Jack Makers - ...'
2	12 letters to the 3 rd Earl from Sir John Frederick William Herschel: 17 July 1843, 9 Mar. 1845, 9 Nov. 1853, 26 May 1854, 8 Jan. 1855, 24 June 1858 (?), 16 Aug. 1860 (a reprint of Herschel, 'On Atoms'), 23 June (?) 1862, 25 Dec. 1862, 27 Jan. 1863, 23 July 1867, 1 undated.	In addition: a copy of a letter from Herschel to Sir Edward Sabine, 10 Dec. 1862.
2A	Envelope of photocopies of correspondence in the Herschel Papers, Royal Astronomical Society, 12/1.2, concerning the 3 rd Earl's contribution to Herschel's <i>General Catalogue of Nebulae</i> , 1847-63.	
3	10 letters to the 3 rd and 4 th Earls from Sir George Biddell Airy: 10 Sep. 1843, 22 Sep. 1847, 19 Dec. 1849, 28 Nov. 1853, 24 Oct. 1855, 15 Aug. 1863, 28 Mar. 1873. 18 Apr. 1874, 24 Apr. 1874, 9 May 1879, plus 4 letters from Airy to Colonel Sabine, R.A., concerning the plans for mounting the telescope mirror, 12 Aug. 1853, 26 Aug. 1853, 1 Sep. 1853, 21 Oct. 1853.	In addition: an incomplete letter from Airy, and copy of part of a letter of 16 Oct. 1848 from Mrs Airy to Lady Herschel about her husband's recent visit to Birr to see the operation of the telescope, which is suitably commented on. [See also K/40.]
4	A handwritten treatise, submitted to the 3 rd Earl, 16 Sep. 1844, by Francis Rauchmuller, Chief Building Director of the Kingdom of Hungary.	

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5		<p>50 letters to 3rd and 4th Earls from Thomas Romney Robinson: 1 Dec. 1840, 26 Jan. 1841, 7 Apr. 1841, 15 Dec. 1841, 19 Nov. 1845, 2 Jan. 1846, 30 Jan. 1846, 6 Nov. 1847, 19 July 1850, 16 Aug. 1850, 27 Feb. 1851, 30 Aug. 1853, 13 Dec. 1856, 12 Sep. 1857, 23 Oct. 1865, 9 Dec. 1865, 2 Jan. 1866, 6 Jan. 1866, 12 June 1866, 16 June 1866, 1 Nov. 1866, 27 Dec. 1867, 28 Dec. 1867, 1 Jan. 1868, 8 Jan. 1868, 13 Jan. 1868, 15 Jan. 1868, 15 Jan. 1868, 21 Jan. 1868, 24 Jan. 1868, 27 Jan. 1868, 24 Feb. 1868, 27 Feb. 1868, 2 Mar. 1868, 3 Mar. 1868, 11 Mar. 1868, 17 Mar. 1868, 19 Mar. 1868, 24 Nov. 1870, 13 May 1872, 11 Nov. 1873, 16 Jan. 1874, 11 Apr. 1874, 12 Mar. 1876, 25 Mar. 1876, 7 Apr. 1876, 8 Apr. 1878.</p> <p>In addition: some 22 letters from Robinson that are either incomplete or bear no year; a letter from the 4th Earl to Robinson, 14 Jan. 1868; a copy of another of around this date, and a few miscellaneous related papers.</p>
6		<p>11 letters to the 3rd and 4th Earls from Sir Edward Sabine: 8 July 1848, 19 Mar. 1849, 28 Apr. 1849, 7 Nov. 1849, Mar (?) 1850, 31 May [1850] (accompanied by a copy of part of a letter or report by Airy commenting on an application from T.R. Robinson for a Royal Society grant to publish a volume of observations), 18 June 1850, 22 Sep. 1850, 6 Jan. 1871 13 Jan. 1871, 20 Jan. 1871.</p> <p>In addition: a letter to Sabine from James Nasmyth, 22 Aug. 1853, and a draft letter to Sabine from the 4th Earl.</p>
7		<p>10 letters to the 3rd Earl from John Russell Hind: 23 Apr. 1850, 22 Apr. 1851, 25 Apr. 1851, 19 May 1851, 8 May 1852, 16 June 1852 (accompanied by a list of Hind's astronomical discoveries), 17 June 1852, 25 June 1852, 28 June 1852, 23 Aug. 1852.</p>
8		<p>6 letters to the 3rd and 4th Earls from Humphrey Lloyd: 6 Mar. 1865, 9 Jan. 1866, 8 Feb. 1866, 22 Nov. 1873 9 June 1876.</p> <p>In addition: 1 undated, with related notes by the 4th Earl concerning meteorological observations.</p>
9		<p>6 letters to the 3rd Earl from Henry Fox Talbot: 24 June 1852, 30 July 1852, 30 July 1852, 27 May 1853, 5 Feb. 1854, 11 Feb. 1854, one of them declaring his intention of releasing his photographic technique from the restrictions of patent; together with photocopies, provided by the Fox Talbot Museum at Laycock, Wiltshire, of the 3rd Earl's letters to Fox Talbot.</p>

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10		3 letters to the 3 rd and 4 th Earls from William Lassell: 6 May 1852, 7 Dec. 1852, 10 June 1875.
11		2 letters to the 3 rd Earl from Robert Fitzalan: 9 Mar. 1861, 7 Feb. 1863. In addition: a few papers concerning meteorology sent by Fitzalan.
12		18 letters to the 3 rd and 4 th Earls from George Johnstone Stoney: 15 Dec. 1861, 1 Jan. 1863, 3 Feb. 1866, 18 Nov. 1866, 20 Mar. 1868, 1 Oct. 1869, 23 Dec. 1870, 29 Jan. 1871, 10 May 1872, 13 June 1873, 2 Oct. 1873, 22 Nov. 1873, 8 Dec. 1873, 23 Feb. 1873, 1 July 1878, 3 Oct. 1878, 10 Feb. 1889, 11 Feb. 1889. In addition: an incomplete letter from Stoney: a letter from him to Lady Rosse, 10 May 1872: a copy of a letter from him (?) to an unknown correspondent, 21 Jan. 1886: and a MS. Paper on spectroscopy by Stoney dated 6 July 1885.
13		11 letters of thanks, all c.1862, to the 3 rd Earl for presentation copies of his paper <i>On the Construction of Specula of Six-foot Aperture</i> . Includes letters from G.J. Stoney, J. Challis, E. Cooper, C. Piazzzi Smyth and G.G. Stokes.
14		(a) 28 letters to the 3 rd and 4 th Earls from Thomas Grubb: 12 Dec. 1862, 19 Dec. 1864, 27 Oct. 1865, 3 Nov. 1865, 6/7 Nov. 1865, 8 Nov. 1865, 2 Dec. 1865, 12 Dec. 1865, 1 Jan. 1866, 10 Jan. 1866, 15 Jan. 1866, 18 Jan. 1866, 17 Mar. 1866, 20 Mar. 1866, 29 Oct. 1866, 31 Oct. 1866, 29 Jan. 1867, 30 Dec. 1867, 2 Jan. 1868, 11 Jan. 1868, 16 Jan. 1868, 22 Jan. 1868, 27 Jan. 1868, 13 Feb. 1868, 2 Oct. 1871, 16 Apr. 1872. In addition: copies of letters from W. De La Rue to E. Sabine, 20 Nov. 1865, and from T. Grubb to E. Sabine, 27 Nov. 1865. (b) 10 letters to the 4 th Earl from Howard Grubb: 16 Dec. 1874, 12 Mar. 1875, 23 June 1875, 9 Aug. 1876, 22 Oct. 1877, 29 Oct. 1877, 13 Sep. 1878, 6 Dec. 1878, 19 Oct. 1883, 3 Nov. 1884. In addition: among other related papers is correspondence related to Grubb's refractor for the Vienna Observatory, and an undated copy of a letter from the 4 th Earl to H. Grubb.

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15		<p>1 letter (28 June 1864) from George Gabriel Stokes to the 3rd Earl, and 26 to the 4th Earl: 12 June 1866, 20 July 1867 (accompanied by a copy of a letter by W. Lassell), 31 Aug. 1867, 5 Sep. 1867, 18 Sep. 1867, 10 Dec. 1867, 13 Dec. 1867, 26 Dec. 1867, 18 Jan. 1868, 1 Feb. 1868, 27 Feb. 1868, 29 July 1870, 22 Apr. 1870, 6 Aug. 1870, 8 Sep. 1870, 7 Oct. 1870, 20 June 1873, 11 July 1873, 27 Oct. 1873, 27 Oct. 1873, 19 Jan. 1874, 27 Jan. 1874, 2 Jan. 1877, 22 Jan. 1877, 19 July 1877, 2 July 1879.</p> <p>In addition: related papers include an incomplete letter from Stokes, 2 undated copies of letters from the 4th Earl to Stokes, and a copy of a letter to Stokes from W.H. Miller, 3 Sep. 1867.</p>
16		<p>3 letters to the 4th Earl from William Huggins: 29 June 1866, 11 May 1872, 11 Feb. 1878.</p>
17		<p>Miscellaneous astronomical correspondence to the 3rd Earl. Includes letters from: L.A.J. Quetelet (16 Nov. 1850, 12 June 1851, 14 July 1851); D. Brewster (22 Aug. 1849, 2 July 1850); J.F. Tennant (10 Feb. 1863); F.W.H.A. von Humboldt (no date); W. De La Rue (13 June 1854); J.H. Madler (9 July 1858); A. Cayley (no year); J. Challis (26 Nov. 1850); J.C. Adams (8 Oct. 1852); J.P. Gassiot (21 Oct. 1853); W.R. Birt (25 Jan. 1865), 31 July 1867); Mary Somerville (11 Nov. 1843); D.F.J. Arago (17 Sep. 1849); W. Whewell (3 Sep. 1853); J. Nasmyth (30 Dec. 1852).</p>
18		<p>9 letters to the 3rd and 4th Earls from Warren De La Rue: 6 Jan. 1867, 4 Oct 1867, 9 Oct. 1867, 7 Jan. 1868, 11 Jan. 1868, 19 Jan. 1868, 27 Mar. 1868, 28 Feb. 1874, 28 July 1874.</p> <p>In addition: a draft letter from the 4th Earl to De La Rue, no date.</p>
19		<p>4 letters to the 4th Earl from Franz Friedrich Ernst Brunnow: 27 Nov. 1868, 27 Oct. 1873, 18 Dec. 1873, 27 Feb. 1874.</p>
20		<p>4 letters to the 4th Earl from E.S. Butler: 17 Mar. 1869, 1 Apr. 1869, 9 Apr. 1869 (?), 1 Jan. 1870.</p>
21		<p>28 letters to the 4th Earl from Ralph Copeland: 25 Oct. 1870, 11 Nov. 1870, 26 Nov. 1870, 5 Mar. 1872, 8 Apr. 1872, 7 May 1872, 26 Mar. 1873, 15 Apr. 1873, 10 May 1873, 15 May 1873, 20 May 1873, 23 July 1873, 20 Jan. 1874, 10</p>

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21 (contd)	June 1874, 13 June 1874, 17 Oct. 1874, 10 Dec. 1874, 20 May 1875, 15 Oct. 1879, 24 July 1880, 3 Aug. 1880, 17 Aug. 1880, 7 Sep. 1883.	
	In addition: other related papers include one undated letter from Copeland (the first he wrote to the 4 th Earl), one incomplete letter from him, and a draft letter from the 4 th Earl to Copeland.	
22		4 letters to the 4 th Earl from R.H. Scott, Meteorological Office, London.
23		A large collection of letters and documents, 1872-76, relating to building the equatorial mount for the 3ft reflector: mostly correspondence with W.G. Strye of James's Gate Brewery, subsequently of Custom House Mill, Dublin, and William Spence of Cork Street Foundry and Engineering Works, Dublin.
24		12 letters to the 4 th Earl from Bindon B. Stoney: 21 Feb. 1872, 30 Mar. 1872, 21 Apr. 1872, 26 Aug. 1872, 1 Apr. 1873, 6 Apr. 1873, 21 Nov. 1873, 16 Apr. 1877, 10 Oct. 1899, 13 Oct. 1899, 2 Apr. 1901, 17 Dec. 1907.
	In addition: 1 incomplete letter from Stoney.	
25		4 letters to the 4 th Earl from Albert Marth: 28 Jan. 1874, 18 Feb. 1874, 14 Mar. 1874, 14 Apr. 1874.
	In addition: 2 pages of astronomical data initialled by Marth.	
26		14 letters to the 4 th Earl from John Louis Emile Dreyer: 4 May 1874, 19 May 1875, 9 June 1875, 12 June 1875, 6 Jan. 1876, 5 June 1876, 30 Apr. 1877, 17 Sep. 1877, 7 Dec. 1878, 1 Jan. 1879, 5 Sep. 1879, 16 Oct. 1879, 27 Oct. 1879, 2 Aug. 1880.
	In addition: a manuscript in Dreyer's hand, headed 'Observatory, Birr Castle. Report on work done in 1877', and biographical notes on Dreyer's time at Birr, 2002.	
27		3 letters to the 4 th Earl from Edward Singleton Holden: 25 Apr. 1874, 24 July 1877. 1 undated.
28		3 letters to the 4 th Earl from Otto Boeddicker: 5 Aug. 1880, 26 Aug. 1880, 18 July 1898.
	In addition: a letter from the 4 th Earl to Boeddicker, 28 Jan. 1905.	

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29		Correspondence between the 4 th Earl and Messrs Longman concerning publication of Boeddicker's drawings of <i>The Milky Way</i> .
30		Miscellaneous letters to the 4 th Earl related to various publications.
31		Letters to the 4 th Earl from instrument makers including John Browning (12 Nov. 1870, 17 Jan. 1871) and Adam Hilger (11 Oct. 1879, 22 July 1885, 6 Aug. 1885, 9 Oct. 1890).
32		Letters to the 4 th Earl from individuals about visiting Birr to see the observatory. Correspondents include H. Helmholtz (19 Mar. 1881, 3 Aug. 1881). R. Grant (18 June 1873, 20 Aug. 1873). I. Roberts (31 May 1892).
33		Letters, 1880, relating to unsuccessful applications to the 4 th Earl for the post of assistant astronomer at Birr.
34		Letters and papers of the 4 th Earl concerning rainfall.
35		Large collection of letters and papers, 1892-99, concerning the appeal to raise a fund for the Magnetic Observatory on Valentia Island, in order to pay the meteorological observer to take the magnetic readings. The appeal was sponsored by the 4 th Earl and George Francis Fitzgerald. Correspondents include R.S. Ball, A.A. Rambaut, Lord Kelvin, E. Cooper, G.J. Stoney, A.W. Rucker and Lord Dunraven.
36		Miscellaneous astronomical correspondence of the 4 th Earl. Includes letters from O.W. Struve (14 Apr. 1880, 13 July 1880), T.E. Espin (undated), A.A. Common (11 Apr. 1900), E.E. Barnard (30 July 1893), H.L. d'Arrest (2 Apr. 1874), C. Wheatstone (16 July 1873), C.V. Boys (6 May, no year given), Lord Lindsay (24 Nov. 1879), Lord Adare (9 Dec. 1874?, one undated), I. Roberts, (16 Dec. 1888), S. Newcomb (31 Oct. 1875).'
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36A	1844: 1852-3: 1880	Seven further letters from O.W. Struve of Pulkova Observatory [additional to the 2 in K/36)], all but one of them to the 3 rd Earl. [These turned up after the sorting and listing of K, but not too late to be included in the microfilm.]

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36B	1837: 1844-6: 1848: 1850: N.D. 1867: 1873-4: 1878- 80: 1891: 1895-6: 1899- 1900: 1905: 1910-12: 1935: 1937	Miscellaneous letters and papers of and about the 3 rd and 4 th Earls [which came to light too late for inclusion in the microfilm and which overlap with material so included], including letters from [?William Keleher], Thomas Romney Robinson [irretrievably damaged], G.G. Stokes, Edward B. [?Knobell], Ralph Copeland [?S.W.] Burnham (of the Lick Observatory, University of California), Otto Boeddicker, etc; also included are typescript copies of letters from the 3 rd Earl and Lady Rosse to Sir William Rowan Hamilton, 1837 and 1846-50 (the originals of which are in the Hamilton-O'Regan Papers, TCD MSS 5123-33), 'Directions for fitting up the astronomical clock', [c.1855], a photocopy of Robert Ball's printed testimonials written in support of his candidature for the Andrews Professorship of Astronomy at T.C.D., 1874, a photocopy of a note from the 4 th Earl to Mr Dancer about an object glass, 1874 (supplied by the University of Texas at Austin, where the original is), and a photocopy of a letter from the 4 th Earl to Capt. Toynbee about meteorological records, 1874.
37	1909: 1913-14	Letters and papers of the 5 th Earl of Rosse about the presentation of the six-foot speculum to the Science Museum, Kensington, with copies of photographs of its arrival there, supervised by the Hon. Clere Parsons, [a younger brother of the 4 th Earl, and an uncle of the 5 th].
38	1938: 1964-77	File, letters, newspaper cuttings and papers of the 6 th Earl of Rosse about the astronomical achievements of the 3 rd and 4 th Earls, the 3 rd Earl's correspondence with Sir John Herschel, the Birr centenary celebrations of 1968, etc, including many newspaper cuttings, drafts and proofs of Patrick Moore's <i>The Astronomy of Birr Castle</i> (London, 1971), a letter from Eamon de Valera [see also T/63] joking about the distinction between Birr and Parsonstown, etc, etc.
39	1977	Letters and papers of the 6 th Earl about the opening of the telescope museum at Birr.
40	1980-81	Printed matter concerning the 3 rd Earl's cousin and collaborator, the Hon. Mrs Ward [nee King of Ballylin, King's County], 'artist, naturalist, astronomer and Ireland's first lady of the microscope' [see also W/17/7], together with other papers of the 7 th Earl relating to a commemorative plaque to Mary Ward at [her family home], Ballylin, Fermanagh, and to the 3 rd Earl.

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L/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
	[pre-1828-1908]	Journals containing astronomical observations, drawings of nebula, drafts for articles and speeches on astronomy, and other papers (excluding correspondence) of the 3 rd and 4 th Earls of Rosse on the subject of astronomy.*

[The following list was made by Bennett and Hoskin (see Section K) and is transcribed verbatim:]

‘PAPERS

- 1 Observation journals
 1. Small notebook “Journal of Observations 1848 January 4 to 1848 June 19” (this original having been “recopied May 1874”).
 2. Small notebook of observations “July 1848 to Mar. 22 1849” (this original having been “recopied May 1874”).
 3. Small notebook of observations “1861 July 26 to 1862 Dec. 31”.
 4. Small notebook of observations “1863 Jan. 2 to 1864 May 7”.
 5. Small notebook of “General Notes and Observations. 1872, Jan 7 to 1874, Feb 21”.
 6. Small notebook of “Original Observations. Aug. 1874-Dec. 1875. Nebulae – 6ft”.
 7. Small notebook of “Original Observations of Nebulae, 1876, 6ft”, but including a few observations of the stars and the Moon in 1877.
 8. Folio volume entitled “Lord Rosse’s Diary of Astronomical Observances 1883-1894” and containing a fair copy of observations from 6 Apr. 1883 to 28 Mar. 1894, when the entries cease.
- 2 Systematic records of observations of Nebulae
 1. Folio volume entitled “Astronomical Diary” c.1849-1857”. Despite this title, the volume contains observations of nebulae listed in order of John Herschel’s 1833 catalogue. Where the space allowed proves insufficient, the notes continue at the end of the volume. A few pages also contain observations of the solar system. Pasted in at the back are two letters from Otto Struve (10 Dec. 1850 and 6 Feb. 1851) on Liapunov’s observations

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2 (contd)		of stars in the Orion Nebula, and reporting Liapunov's belief "that the nebula has undergone several remarkable changes since the drawing of Sir John" Herschel.
	2.	Folio volume entitled "Astronomical Diary c.1850-1867", A fair copy of the preceding volume, but with additional material on both nebulae and the solar system.
	3.	Folio volume entitled "Nebulae" with cuttings from the 3 rd Earl's 1861 <i>Philosophical Transactions</i> paper systematically pasted in as headings and supplemented by manuscript notes mostly in the form of abbreviated descriptions.
	4.	Quarto volume entitled "Nebulae Observations – 3 rd Earl of Rosse" but blank except for trigonometrical calculations.
	5.	Quarto volume, untitled and almost wholly blank except for a page of nebular observations dated 2 Oct. 1840 and a page of observations of Uranus dated Nov (?1840).
	6.	Small notebook, c.1840-c.1852, systematically listing nebulae (cf. 1 and 2 above) with notes of observations.
	7.	Small notebook, fair copy of 6 above.
	8.	Small notebook, "Nebulae, 1866 (17 Feb. 9 Nov.)", with reference numbers taken from John Herschel's <i>General Catalogue</i> and pencil notes of observations.
	9.	Small notebook, "Orion", with observations of Orion Nebula c.1865-67.
	10.	Small notebook, undated, with on each page the position of a nebula and the reference number from John Herschel's <i>General Catalogue</i> . In a very few cases there is a note of the type of spectrum observed by Huggins, followed by notes of observations made at Birr.
	11.	Sewn pages, "Catalogue of Objects to be observed from 0 ^H to 11 ^H both inclusive – March 11, 1848", listing positions of nebulae and their reference numbers according to John Herschel's 1833 catalogue, with abbreviated descriptions.
	12.	Manuscript drafts, 1867, for the <i>Philosophical Transactions</i> paper. "An account of the observations on the Great Nebula in Orion".

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3		Drawings of nebulae and objects of the Solar System
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large folio scrapbook entitled “Astronomical Photographs and drawings – Most Vital drawings –Important”, but containing only printed or photographed drawings of the Great Reflector and of nebulae planets and lunar features published by the Rosses and by other observers. 2. Large folio scrapbook entitled “Astronomical Drawings of Lord Rosse” and containing numerous original sketches of nebulae and planets, several of them later published. Included is a drawing of M51 “sketched 1845, carefully compared with original on different nights, but no micrometer employed. Handed round the section at the Cambridge meeting”. 3. Similar volume with same title, containing original sketches of lunar features, many dated to the period 1860-64. 4. Large folder entitled “Original Sketches Made with the Great Telescope 1848-66”. There are manuscript sketches of 31 nebulae, some drawn more than once, together with a few printed drawings. The sketches mostly have a contemporary caption (c. 1853) and were apparently prepared for a display. In most cases they seem to be derived from earlier sketches such as those in 2 above. 5. Original sketches and proofs of plates for 1878 paper of 4th Earl on the polarization of light from the Moon and Venus in <i>Scientific Proceedings of the Royal Dublin Society</i>. 6. Sheet (framed) showing 25 sketches of Jupiter drawn by O. Boeddicker in 1882 and 1883. 7. Sheet (framed) showing 9 sketches of Mars drawn by O. Boeddicker in 1881 and 1882. 8. Sheet (framed) showing 20 sketches of Mars drawn in 1872 and 1873. Similar to above but not signed. 9. Manuscript notes, undated (c.1865) written to accompany photographs of drawings of lunar features and describing the observing methods. 10. Descriptions of appearance of Jupiter, 1860-61, 2 pp.

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4		<p>Notebooks and papers relating wholly or partly to the casting of mirrors and related topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small notebook of the 3rd Earl, c.1838, with notes and drafts on a variety of topics, including notes on the casting and polishing of specula in 1838 with a view to a paper to the Royal Society on the subject. 2. Quarto volume, c.1840, entitled “Notebook of 3rd Earl of Rosse”. The scientific content comprises a draft for the 1840 <i>Philosophical Transactions</i> paper, “An account of experiments on the reflecting telescope”. 3.1 Quarto volume, c.1840, with drafts for the same <i>Philosophical Transactions</i> paper. 3.2 Quarto volume, c.1840, with a further draft for the same paper. 4. Bundle of drafts entitled “Materials for a Manual on the Construction of Reflecting Telescopes collected by the [3rd] Earl of Rosse during part of the years 1866 and 1867”. 5. Notebook c.1866, with notes of experiments on telescope mirrors and of a device for measuring the speed of the yacht Titania. 6. Notebook, “1863. Silvering glass – description of process – Results of experiments in sil[verin]g glass & removing silver film – Data of various kinds relating to yacht Titania” [see J/25]. 7. “Notes on some points in the polishing of specula for telescopes”, 4 pp., post-1875, by the 4th Earl.
5		<p>Papers relating to the Moon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bundle of papers marked “Lunar Heat” and containing manuscript and printed materials including a 37-page manuscript of lecture by the 4th Earl to the Royal Institution, 31 May 1895, on “The radiant heat from the Moon during the progress of an eclipse”, and a letter from Boeddicker dated 10 May 1895 promising slides for the lecture. <p>Papers in the bundle unrelated to lunar heat include letters to the 4th Earl from G.G. Stokes (1 Aug. 1867) on the publication of the paper on the Orion Nebula; from F. Terby (1 May 1874) on Jupiter; and from O. Struve (18 Apr. 1880) on the time of a conjunction of Saturn with the Sun; also notes by the 4th Earl for lectures on the history of the telescope, and a</p>

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5 (contd)		few pages of draft for the 1880 paper on nebulae and clusters in <i>Scientific Transactions of the Royal Dublin Society</i> .
	2.	A roll of papers on "Polarization of Moon's light".
	3.	A small notebook c.1872 containing astronomical tables and observations of the Moon.
	4.	A (framed) chart entitled "Lunar radiant heat", with graphs of phase curve and extinction curve.
	5.	A (framed) chart entitled "Lunar radiant heat during a total eclipse" showing graphs for the eclipses of 4 Oct. 1884 and 28 Jan. 1888.
6		Miscellaneous astronomical papers
	1.	Thick folio volume, "Astronomical Scrapbook, 3 rd and 4 th Earl of Rosse", with many blank pages but containing papers both pasted-in and loose, many of Parsonstown, with the great telescope [3ft] 1840" by T.R. Robinson and an account by Robinson of the very first observations with the 6ft; sketches of nebulae, some dated between 1840 and 1846; copy of a letter from James Nasmyth to Robinson, 11 Oct. 1849, on the casting and polishing of mirrors; a letter from Otto Struve, 28 July 1869, thanking Rosse for the memoir on the Orion Nebula but suggesting that rather than speaking of resolvability one should say "there is a tendency of the nebulous matter to form itself in separate knots sometimes in this, sometimes in an other direction"; extensive notes on polishing a 6ft speculum in 1863; letters relating to the advantages and disadvantages of equatorial mountings (from 1863); notes of experiments on silvering glass for optical purposes (1859); very extensive notes on polishing 3ft and 6ft specula; an account of the casting (Mar. 1845) of the 6ft speculum; and a "Copy of Sir J. Herschel's report on Ld. Oxmantown's Paper", July 1840.
		Includes letters from T.W. Webb (24 Dec. 1865). J Challis (21 July 1843). G.B. Airy (30 Aug. 1848, another of the same date, 26 Jan. 1850, 5 Nov. 1857, 25 May 1861, 17 Oct. 1868). J. Nasmyth (11 Oct. 1849 – copy; 15 Dec. 1852 – copy). O.W. Struve (28 July 1869). H. Lloyd (8 Jan. 1866). S. Hunter (27 July. 1868). B.B. Stoney (27 July 1868, 25 Sep. 1868). J.F.W. Herschel (22 Feb. 1863) – copy of letter to E. Sabine; 12 Aug. 1868). W. De La Rue (15 Feb. 1863) –copy of letter to E. Sabine; 9 Dec. 1867; 24 Feb. 1868); T.R. Robinson (5 Mar. 1863), 28 Mar. 1863, 23 Dec. 1868, 8 Jan. 1869, 28 Feb. 1871, 3 Mar. 1871). R.S. Ball (1 Jan 1869, 5 Mar. 1874), W.R. Birt (6 June 1864, 2 July 1864), J. South (9 Feb. 1856).

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6 (contd)	2.	Quarto volume entitled "Book of Visitors to Telescope 1850-1911" and containing signatures of visitors from 9 Sep. 1850 to 21 Feb. 1912 (and from 9 Sep. 1977).
	3.	Quarto volume entitled "Notebook" and including notes on theoretical astronomy together with six pages of a diary of a holiday in 1859.
	4.	Small quarto, volume, c.1878. "A Catalogue of the Books and Pamphlets on Astronomy, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in the Library at Birr Castle".
	5.	Quarto volume entitled "Meteorological Papers", mainly blank but with certificates of examination of a barometer (1872) and thermometer (1878).
	6.	Small notebook, c.1865, with miscellaneous jottings including a few visual observations of nebulae and also spectroscopic observations of nebulae by Huggins and at Birr.
	7.	Small notebook, undated, labelled "Rosse", with miscellaneous jottings on many subjects including photometry.
	8.	Quarto volume, undated, entitled "Scientific Formulae – Glass Silvering – Photography". Mainly blank, but includes notes and letters related to glass silvering processes (with manuscript of "A method of silvering a glass mirror face upwards" by Edward Crossley and a covering letter from Crossley (14 May 1902) asking Rosse "to keep the enclosed process strictly private and only communicate it for scientific purposes"); also manuscript of "Directions for keeping the telescopes in order" and unsigned typescript note (16 Dec. 1907) re. sale of Admiralty searchlight reflectors to Lord Rosse.
	9.	Quarto volume c.1908, containing short bibliographies on astronomical topics.
	10.	File of documents relating to the equatorial mounting of the 3ft, including detailed drawings, and drafts for a paper describing the mounting.
	11.	A miscellaneous file, mostly of minor and unconnected documents, but including brief reports on the work of the observatory in 1881 and 1883; meteorological records; "Notes on an electric control for an equatorial clock-movement" (5 pp., no date) by the 4 th Earl; and a list of astronomical instruments at Birr (post-1880).
	12.	"Directions for using Ramsden's telescope", 5 pp., with engraved drawing, no date.
	13.	Octavo volume of notes on theoretical (Newtonian) astronomy, ?pre-1828, apparently in the handwriting of the Hon. John C. Parsons, younger brother of the future 3 rd Earl.

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6 (contd)	Note:	The physical condition of many of the papers preclude their use by readers at the present time; an announcement will be made in <i>JHA</i> when they are available for study.'

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M/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-42	[1860]-1956	Correspondence and other papers of the 4 th and 5 th Earls of Rosse on subjects other than astronomy, including estate and other King's County affairs, the 4 th Earl's contributions to public life as a representative peer, Chancellor of T.C.D., etc, etc.
1	[1860-63?]	T.C.D. exercise book [of the 4 th Earl?] on ancient and British history, with related printed papers, and the 4 th Earl's degree in Physics.
2	1864: 1868	King's County and Co. Tipperary commissions of the peace for Lord Oxmantown, subsequently the 4 th Earl.
3/1-16	1867-9	Letters to the 4 th Earl from the Chief Secretary, Lord Mayo, and others about representative peerage elections, including that of the 4 th Earl himself.*
4	1868: N.D.: 1895	Correspondence of the 4 th Earl about yachting, Cowes, etc. [See also J/25 and O/8.]
5/1-35	1868-70: 1872 1875-1910	Letters and papers of the 4 th Earl about Parsonstown/Birr: the Castle – his youthful recollections of it, extensions to it 1867-72 [see also M/25], a magazine portrait of his way of life there, 1898, and magazine obituaries of him, 1908; an incident which took place on the road between Banagher and Parsonstown and in which the 4 th Earl and his party were stopped and temporarily put in gaol by a drunken R.I.C. man, 1868; the Parsonstown Barracks, 1869, 1899 and N.D.; the Parsonstown Town Commission and Commissioners, 1870 and 1885; admissions to the demesne of privileged locals, 1876-1910; and one of the bridges in the Birr Castle demesne, and the Rivers Brosna and Camcor, 1880 and 1896. The correspondents include Gladstone, W.E. Forster and Lords Strathnairn and Roberts. The sub-section also includes a small account book recording local subscriptions to the Parsonstown Defence Association, the Property Defence Association, the legal fund of the Irish Land Committee, and the Field and Rossmore Testimonials, c.1882.
6	1869: 1872-4: 1880-81: 1885: 1896: 1898- 1900-01: 1906-7: 1911	General political and patronage correspondence of the 4 th and 5 th Earls, including letters (and an outsize volume of newspaper cuttings, all 1869) about Disestablishment, Poor Law reform, Orangeism, Conservative registration, Home Rule, the Irish Land question, etc.
7	1870-99	Letters and papers of the 4 th Earl reflecting his membership of learned bodies – the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal

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7 (contd)		Institute, the Royal Society, the Institute of Naval Architects, etc; the correspondents include W. Burne Jones and [the 1 st Marquess of] Dufferin and Ava.
8	1871-2: 1884: 1890-1: 1897-8	Diaries of the 4 th Earl (including a largely empty diary for 1872 of [his wife, Cassandra]) recording a tour in England, 1871, tours in the United States, 1884 and 1891, a visit to Jamaica, 1891, and a tour of India, 1897-8: together with two of his passports, 1890 and 1897.
9	1873: 1892	Papers of the 4 th Earl about [his eldest son], Lord Oxmantown: two copies of Lord Oxmantown's birth certificate, and a letter from Dr Benjamin Jowett about his admission to Balliol College, Oxford.
10	1874: 1897: 1902: 1911	Formal invitations to the 4 th and 5 th Earls – to civic functions in Belfast, and to Edward VII's and George V's coronations.
11	1868	Original bundle of applications/ recommendations for the post of head gardener at Birr (Andrew Hume being the successful applicant).
12	1879: 1885	Correspondence and maps concerning Lisheen military rifle range, beside the 4 th Earl's property at Clonoghill, on the outskirts of Birr.
13	1878: 1880: 1892: 1895: 1897-1924	Box containing six miscellaneous letters and papers of or about junior branches of the Parsons family, [all of them probably the children of the Hon. Laurence Parsons, youngest brother of the 3 rd Earl – see J/29], including an epitome of the settlement made on the marriage of one of the Hon. Laurence Parsons's daughters, 1878; together with numerous case papers and court orders concerning the lunacy of the Hon. Laurence Parson's eldest son, Capt. Laurence Hardress Hector Parsons (d. 1924), 1897-1924.
14	1882-3: 1886-8	Letters to the 4 th Earl from Arthur Kavanagh [of Borris House, Co. Carlow] about the work of the Irish Land Corporation.
15	1883-1909	Tin deed box containing tradesmen's accounts to the 4 th Earl, mostly in original bundles.
16	1885	Correspondence of the 4 th Earl with Sir H[enry] Hervey Bruce and others about misrepresentations of the 4 th Earl in evidence before the select committee on Irish industries.

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17	1885: 1888: 1897: 1903	Letters and papers of the 4 th Earl as Chancellor of T.C.D., including his patent of appointment, 1885.
18	1870 onwards	Quarto recipe book kept by Miss Edith A. Cramer of Loughborough, housekeeper at Birr Castle, 1873-1919. [This book is kept in the small library in Birr Castle. For other recipes/recipe books, see A/17, E/13A and G/20, and for Miss Cramer, Q/383, 1/11/1 and T/157.]
19/1-2	c.1886-1903: [c.1880?]	Largely empty, quarto volume into which the 4 th Earl has stuck 'puzzles' and other jokes, one of the jokes being a characteristically illegible letter to him from Lord Ashbourne [Lord Chancellor of Ireland], c.1886-1903; and largely empty folio volume, dated 1823, but containing [a child's?] MS. Copy of parts of the Book of Survey and Distribution for Co. Galway, [c.1880s?]
20	1886: N.D.: 1905-14	Letters and papers, mostly of the 4 th and 5 th Earls and Dr Otto Boeddicker, concerning Parsons family history and genealogy, including information about the Oxmantown/Phoenix Park property, sold by the elder branch of the Parsons family to the crown in 1672. Of particular interest is a paper entitled 'How the Parsons, Earls of Rosse, got the Titles of Baron and Viscount of Oxmantown'.
21	1893-1919	Seven bank books of Lord Oxmantown, [from 1908 the 5 th] Earl of Rosse. [Not in chronological order.]
22	1894	Original bundle of letters and papers of the 4 th Earl concerning a bill to prevent rabies by muzzling dogs, including numerous answers to a circular which, clearly, he had addressed to Poor Law Unions all over Ireland seeking information about the incidence of rabies within their respective localities. [Not in chronological order.]
23	1894-1908: 1911: 1915: 1918	Personal and military papers of Major Lord Oxmantown, [from 1908 the 5 th] Earl of Rosse], including commissions, illuminated addresses from the Heaton and Shipley tenants on his coming-of-age, 1894, and from the Birr Parish Vestry on his marriage, 1905 [both framed and hanging on the main bedroom floor of Birr Castle], a fairly savage attack on him in <i>The Midland Tribune</i> at the time of his return from the Boer War in 1900, letters from him to Toler R. Garvey [Senior] during the Boer War and the first World War, a page recording the signatures of Lord Oxmantown and other Irish notabilities who attended a shoot at Ashford, [Cong, Co. Mayo], during a visit by the Prince of Wales, 1905, the 5 th Earl's London address book, 1911, etc, etc.

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24	1897: 1899	Amalgamation of two original bundles of applications/recommendations for the post of blacksmith and forester at Birr.
25	1891: 1900-18	Letters, tradesmen's accounts, inventories of plate, specifications, tender and other papers of the 4 th and 5 th Earls, all concerning the contents of Birr Castle or improvements and alterations to Birr Castle and demesne and to houses and cottages owned by the estate – the installation of motors and turbines, plumbing, lighting, heating, redecorating, 'hacking off' plaster-work, etc. [Not in chronological order. For other inventories of plate, etc, see H/8 and T/83.]
26	1901-4: 1908	Original bundle of letters and papers concerning the 4 th Earl's patents for a machine which he had invented for removing leaves and other matter from turbines, 1901-4; together with notes on his experiments with electro-plating, 1908. [Not in chronological order.]
27	1901-4: 1907	Original bundle of letters and papers of the 4 th Earl about sewage disposal at Birr, by turbine and sundry other methods; the correspondents include Bindon B. Stoney [see K/24. Not in chronological order.]
28	1900-31	Papers about Birr Church of Ireland church and parish, including historical compilations of the rev. Dr Samuel Hemphill, Rector of Birr, covering the period 1612-1903. The compilations consist of a small quarto notebook containing MS. Copies of 1642 depositions concerning the neighbourhood of Birr; another containing a history of Birr Church of Ireland church (taken from vestry books, parish registers, etc), 1760-1903); and two succession lists of Birr incumbents, 1612-1912. The sub-section also includes a series of printed annual reports on the parish and on the diocese of Killaloe and Kilfenora, 1900-10.
29	1905-11	Letters and papers of Lord Oxmantown, subsequently 5 th Earl of Rosse, as a trustee of the marriage settlement of the 5 th Earl of Malmesbury. [Not in chronological order.]
30	1906-11: 1929: 1951	Letters and papers, mainly of the 4 th and 5 th Earls, concerning the marriage settlement (1906) of Lady Muriel Parsons/Grenfell, daughter of the 4 th Earl, with subsequent, related papers. [Not in chronological order. See also H/114.]
31	1908-9: 1912	Patents appointing the 5 th Earl Lieutenant and Custos rotulorum of King's County in succession to his late father,

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31 (contd)		including two letters from [the Lord Lieutenant], Lord Aberdeen, on the subject (one of them making unsubtle reference to the necessity for the 5 th Earl's committing himself to political support of the government of the day), letters to the 5 th Earl giving confidential opinions as to the suitability of various people for appointment as J.P.s, and a tradesman's account for supplying a Lieutenant's flag for Birr Castle. [Not in chronological order.]
32	1899: 1901: 1907-9: 1914- 56	Family, and family history, correspondence of the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, including: a letter from his father, the 4 th Earl, just before the latter's death; letters from his brother, the 5 th Earl, who writes from the Front during the First World War, and a letter reporting that the 5 th Earl has been seriously wounded; letters from Anthony de Brie, a portrait-painter, about his portraits of the 4 th Earl and of Parsons's wife; letters from Dr Otto Boeddicker offering items of antique furniture for sale; and an envelope of newspaper cuttings and other material concerning the family collected by Geoffrey Parsons, c.1915-55. [For letters to Geoffrey Parsons from his uncle, Sir Charles Parsons, see Section R.]
33/1	1908-16	Letters and tradesmen's accounts to the 5 th Earl relating to seeds, shrubs, trees and planting, including 3 letters from Augustine Henry [botanist renowned for his flora-collecting explorations in central and western China], 1908-10. One of Henry's letters, dated 26 July 1909, is about [Chinese?] plant specimens at Birr; it has been photocopied by PRONI, T/3498/4.
33/2	1913-16	Printed price lists from Irish, British and French nurseries, including Lissadell, Co. Sligo.
34	1910-12	Letters and papers of the 5 th Earl in connection with the trust set up under the will of [Lady Rosse's relation], the late Mrs A.A. Hope of The Deepdene, Surrey ('the Hope Trust') [see also N/8. Not in chronological order.]
35	1910-30	Four envelopes of tradesmen's accounts to the 5 th Earl, including a few to Lady Rosse, from London, Dublin and Birr tradesmen (primarily the first) for all manner of goods (among them a pendant brooch supplied by C. Faberge, 1910), but excluding accounts for major items connected with Birr Castle and gardens [for which see M/25 and 33 respectively], 1910-18; together with 7 volumes of Birr Castle house-keeping books kept by Lady Rosse/de Vesci and (in one case) her sister, Countess de la Feld, 1910-30. [See also T/30. Not in chronological order.]

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36	1912-14	Letters and papers of the 5 th Earl concerning his shares in the San Sebastian Development Syndicate and the International Nitrogen and Power Company Ltd; part of the operations of the latter involved a process for cutting peat, and there are a number of letters to the 5 th Earl and [Sir Charles Parsons?] on this subject.
37	1915-16	Two fat envelopes of post-cards and letter of thanks to Lady Rosse from prisoners of war in Germany belonging to Irish regiments, mainly the Irish Guards, for the Red Cross parcels sent to them by the organisation she set up at Birr Castle for that purpose.
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38	1868: 1870	Small bundle of family settlements, the deeds of 1868 being a sequel to the 3 rd Earl's marriage settlement of 1836 [see E/39], the deeds of 1870 together constituting the settlement made on the marriage of the 4 th Earl to the Hon. Frances Cassandra Hawke [see H/114].
39	1898: 1909: 1920-21: 1932-3	Bundle of deeds and copy deeds constituting a re-settlement of the Rosse estate by the 4 th and 5 th Earls (1898), with sequel releases and appointments of new trustees of the settlement.
40	1905: 1932-3	The same in respect of the settlement made on the marriage of the 5 th Earl to Frances Lois Lister Kaye.
41	1908-56	Vast bundle of deeds, letters, succession duty and other accounts, etc, etc, all concerning the will (1903) of the 4 th Earl (d.1908) and the trust established under it, mainly for the benefit of his younger brothers, Rev. Randal, Richard Clere and Sir Charles Algernon Parsons.
42	1918-28	Probate (1919) of the will (1918) of the 5 th Earl, together with legal papers and costs in connection with the will and later accounts relating to the cost of repairing his memorial in St Brendan's Church in Birr.

[For further estate letters and papers of the 4th and 5th Earls, see Section Q. For one bundle of astronomical correspondence of the 5th Earl, see K/37. For letters to the 5th Earl's widow, Frances Lois, Lady Rosse/ de Vesci, from her second son, Desmond, see U/1.]

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1-46	1739-1975 (mainly 1876-1962)	Letters and papers of the Lister Kaye family, of Denby Grange, near Wakefield, Yorkshire, one of whom, Frances Lois, second daughter of Sir Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye, 4 th Bt, married in 1905 the 5 th Earl of Rosse [see M/40].
1	1739: 1752: 1761: N.D.: 1806: 1812-13: 1824: [c.1910]	Letters, pedigrees and other papers concerning the Listers, Kayes and related families, including: 'An account of Mr Roberts['s] family', 1739; a letter concerning the death of Sir John Lister Kaye, 1752; a memorandum regarding cedar seeds, 1761; various 18 th and early 19 th century pedigrees and exemplifications of arms; letters from [Sir] Isaac Heard [Garter King of Arms], Office of Arms, London, on the same subject, 1812-13; and correspondence about a portrait of Shakespeare, 1824.
2	1732: 1770: 1791: 1796	Printed matter, as follows: one issue of <i>The General Evening Post</i> (recording the death of Sir John Lister Kaye), 1752, five issues of <i>The St James's Chronicle</i> , 1770, one of <i>The York Herald</i> , 1791, and a playbill, printed on silk, for the Old Theatre, Drury Lane, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1796.
3	1825: 1846: [pre-1855]: 1856	Four letters and papers of Lister Lister Kaye and his wife, Lady Caroline Lister Kaye, including one letter of 1825 to her mother, then Mrs Charles Pepys, [later Countess of Cottenham. Lister Lister Kaye died young, and in the lifetime of his father, Sir Lister Lister Kaye, 2 nd Bt; when the 2 nd Baronet died in 1871, he was succeeded by Lister Lister Kaye's elder son, John Pepys Lister Kaye, who was in turn succeeded in 1924 by Lister Lister Kaye's second son, Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye, father of Frances Lois, Countess of Rosse.]
4	[c.1860]; 1882-6: 1896: 1911: 1923: 1928	Further letters and papers about the Listers and the Kayes and related families, such as the Bowers and the Staffords. The writer of the letters about the last-named family, James Stafford, appears to be a headcase, whose letters charge the Jerningham family with misappropriating the ancient barony of Stafford.
5	1876-8: 1880: 1887: 1889-91: 1895	Half-yearly rentals of the Denby Grange and Dalton estates, Yorkshire, the property of Sir John Pepys Lister Kaye, 3 rd Bt.
6	1872: 1878-9: 1908-10: 1917-19: 1924: 1980: 1989	Letters and papers of Sir John Pepys Lister Kaye about personal, official and business matters: the family settlements, 1878-9; his Court appointment as Groom of the Household to Edward VII, 1908-10; the Chinese government's reneguing on the mining concession in the

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6 (contd)		Anhui Province formerly granted to him, 1909; his bankruptcy in 1914 and the purchase of Denby Grange by his brother, Cecil (who succeeded him in the baronetcy in 1924); his First World War work organising the London Motor Transport [ie. Ambulance] Volunteers, 1917 and 1919; and obituaries of him, one of them headed 'The Happy Warrior', 1924.
7	1905: N.D. 1915: 1917-19 1924: 1929: 1937	Correspondence of Sir John's wife/widow, Natica, about life in Peking [whither she presumably went with Sir John in pursuance of his mining concessions, c.1905?]; her fund-raising among fellow-Americans in New York, Washington and elsewhere for the London Motor Transport Volunteers, 1917-19; her attendance at American Presidential inaugurations, 1929 and 1937, etc, etc. Three of the letters are written on behalf of or by Queen Mary, 1917 and 1924. [Only in rough chronological order.]
8	1866-1928	Box of letters and papers concerning the 6 th Duke of Newcastle and his wife, Henrietta, daughter and heiress of Henry Thomas Hope of The Deepdene, Surrey, present among the Lister Kaye Papers because one of their daughters, Lady Beatrice Adeline, married Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye, subsequently 4 th Bt.
The letters and papers are arranged as follows:		
8/1	[c.1866?]	Small envelope of letters and newspaper cuttings concerning the scandal over the Duchess of Newcastle's affair with an operatic tenor from Gloucestershire called Thomas Theobald Hohler, [whom she married in 1880, a year after the death of the Duke]. The sub-section includes newspaper cuttings alluding in not-very-veiled language to the affair, an anonymous letter to Mrs Hope, the Duchess's mother, warning her of what was going on, a letter to Hohler from someone who was obviously acting as his go-between or second in an impending duel over the Duchess's good name, and 3 sweetly reasonable letters from the Duke (one of them a copy in the Duchess's hand), protesting that he has not been persecuting or spying upon her. [Not in chronological order.]
8/2-4	[1866-73?]	Three envelopes of love letters from Hohler, who writes from innumerable places in England, Scotland and Ireland where presumably he was performing in operas, to the Duchess, some of them referring to the duel and to the Duke, but most Discussing ailments, lovers' tiffs, assignations and arrangements, etc, etc. Very few of the letters are dated, but the few that are fall within the period 1866-73. The first envelope (8/2) contains letters in which Hohler addresses the Duchess as 'Dear Duchess' or 'My dear Duchess', and which presumably fall within the early days of their relationship. The letters in 8/3 and 8/4 begin with much more imaginative endearments, which sometimes however include

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8/2-4 (contd)		the adjective 'old' – an insensitive reminder of the disparity in years between the Duchess and the tenor.
8/5	[1866-73?]	Letters from the Duchess to Hohler, similar in character to the foregoing, although for the most part found in their original envelopes which have date stamps on them. [Not in chronological order.]
8/6	1879-1928: 1980	Letters, newspaper cuttings and other papers of Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye, subsequently 4 th Bt, and his wife, Lady Beatrice Adeline, about her father, the 6 th Duke of Newcastle, and brothers, the 7 th and 8 th Dukes. The papers refer to: family rows; the attempt by Lord Francis Hope [later 8 th Duke of Newcastle] to sell pictures which had been designated as heirlooms, 1892, and the seizure of these or other heirlooms by bailiffs, 1902; the affairs of 'the Hope Trust' [see also M/34]; the coming-out of 'Miss Lister Kaye' [one of Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye's three daughters], which was held at the Newcastle seat, Clumber; etc, etc. Also included are correspondence and a family tree of 1980 deriving from Anne Countess of Rosse's interest in 'the Hope Diamond', also inherited and apparently sold by Lord Francis Hope, 8 th Duke of Newcastle. [Not in chronological order.]
9	1882-1927	Letters and papers of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye about his marriage settlement trust, the provision for his daughters, heirlooms inherited by him from [his aunt], Miss Emma Lister Kaye of Overton, etc. [Not in chronological order.]
10	[c.1894-1924]	Family and personal letters to Sir Cecil and Lady Adeline Beatrice Lister Kaye, in the following combinations and permutations: from Lady Adeline Beatrice to her husband, and from their daughters, Frances Lois (Countess of Rosse) and Adeline (Countess de la Feld) to them and to each other.

[A confusing factor in segregating these letters is that mother and daughters all address Sir Cecil as 'Pup' and mother as well as the appropriate daughter seems to subscribe herself 'Adeline' – though Lady Adeline Beatrice had been known as 'Beatrice', or simply 'B', in the Newcastle family. The principal correspondent is probably 'Adeline the younger', who did not marry Count de la Feld until comparatively late in life, in 1920, and up to that point spent much time in Russia, particularly Kiev, and among other things was responsible for the first (and probably still the best) translation of Chekov into English; her letters contain a number of references to her work on Chekov, as well as to such things as a production of *Pelléas et Mélisande* at Covent Garden. Other letters from her, and many of those from her mother, are written from the Palazzo Doria, Rome, the house of Lady Adeline Beatrice's sister, Emily, who was married to Prince Doria. References to London and, less frequently,

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10 (contd)		Dublin society are common, particularly to the Prince of Wales (the future George V) and other members of the royal family. One amusing letter of c.1905 describes a visit to the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, where were encountered '... Lord and Lady Pirrie, Mayor and Mayoress of Belfast, harmless, but quite middle-class ...'. Not in chronological order.]
11	1898-1914	Letters to Cecil Lister Kaye from his elder brother, Sir John, the earliest from the British Legation, Peking, and elsewhere in China, the latest about Sir John's bankruptcy in 1914, mitigated (in the eyes of the Carlton Club, which did not expel him, as it did on principle other bankrupts) by his 'patriotic' refusal to bail himself out of his difficulties by selling the Denby Grange colliery to either the German or the Austrian government. [Not in chronological order.]
12	1902: N.D.	Personal letters to Cecil Lister Kaye from his mother and aunt, [Miss] Em[ma Lister Kaye]. [Not in chronological order.]
13	1902-21	Letters and papers of Cecil Lister Kaye as a trustee of Princess Doria's marriage settlement. [Not in chronological order.]
14	1903: 1911: 1916-18: 1922	Letters and pedigrees of Cecil Lister Kaye about the Arbuthnot family and the related family of Gordon of Letterfourie[the wife of Sir Lister Lister Kaye, 2 nd Bt, had been an Arbuthnot, of the same family as the Rt Hon. Charles Arbuthnot and the Duke of Wellington's Mrs Arbuthnot]; Cecil Lister Kaye's principal correspondent is Mrs P.S. Arbuthnot of Harley House, Regent's Park, London, 1916-18. [Not in chronological order.]
15	1906-8	Letters to Cecil Lister Kaye about the marriage of his third daughter, Florence, to Major Charles Vaughan of Courtfield, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, of which Cecil Lister Kaye disapproved, partly on religious grounds, and partly because he claimed that the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle had arranged the match behind his back. [Not in chronological order.]
16	1907: 1916-78	Letters and papers of Cecil Lister Kaye, subsequently 4 th Bt, about the Denby Grange Colliery, including valuations of it, correspondence about the resettlement of it effected in 1919 whereby three-eighths of it was to pass to Cecil Lister Kaye on Sir John's death and in spite of Sir John's bankruptcy in 1918. [Not in chronological order.]

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17	1913-15: N.D.	Letters to Cecil Lister Kaye from his sister-in-law, Natica, the wife of Sir John, mainly about Sir John's debts and disgrace. [Not in chronological order.]
18	1913-26	Agent's letters to Sir Cecil Lister Kaye from Percy Greave, the manager of the Denby Grange colliery. [Not in chronological order.]
19	1913-29	Denby Grange estate and colliery accounts of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye. [Not in chronological order.]
20	[c.1915-20]	Small quarto volume containing political jottings [of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye], including references to Home Rule, Lord Haldane at the War Office, the evacuation of Warsaw, Lloyd George, the League of Nations, etc.
21	1920	Letters to Sir Cecil Lister Kaye about the settlement on his daughter, Adeline's, marriage to Count de la Feld. [Not in chronological order.]
22	1925-6	Correspondence of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye about coal-owning politics, the General Strike, etc. [Not in chronological order.]
23	1927-8	Letters and papers of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye as a trustee of Lord Sherborne's family trust. [Not in chronological orders.]
24	1924-63: 1976	Huge bundle and 1 box file of letters and papers of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye, [5 th Bt, only son and successor of Sir Cecil Lister Kaye, who died in 1931], about his estate and colliery interests – Denby Grange Collieries Ltd, Terry Greaves & Lister Kaye Ltd, trusts established under the marriage settlement of Sir Cecil and Lady Adeline Beatrice Lister Kaye (Sir Kenelm's parents), the settlement trust set up by Sir John and as a result of his bankruptcy, the property in the Irish Free State, Mearescourt, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, which Sir Kenelm acquired after he had sold Denby Grange, the winding-up of Sir Kenelm's estate after his death in 1962, and heritage items left by Jean, Lady Lister Kaye (Sir Kenelm's widow), to the 6 th Earl of Rosse, 1976. [Not in chronological order.]
25	1931-46	Letters and papers of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye concerning the Rosse family trusts and estates, and particularly the jointure interest which his sister, Frances Lois, Countess of Rosse [who married the 5 th Viscount de Vesci after the death of the 5 th Earl of Rosse, in 1918]. The papers principally concern a jointure trust established for Lady Rosse/de Vesci, and the Bradford and Womersley estate

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25 (contd)		trusts [for these Yorkshire estates of the Parsons family, see Sections G and H. Not in chronological order.]
26	1935-50	Letters and papers of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye as a trustee under the will of his late aunt, Lady Florence Pelham Clinton [his mother's unmarried sister, who died in 1935], principally her Harefield estate, Middlesex. [Not in chronological order. See also N/35.]
27	1943-54	Annual accounts for the property and shares included in the late 'Sir John Lister Kaye's settlement'. [Not in chronological order.]
28	1944-55	Annual accounts of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye's income, annual trading accounts of Denby Grange Collieries Ltd, etc. [Not in chronological order.]
29	1946-52	Accounts and correspondence of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye concerning the trusts and affairs of [his mother's late brother], the 7 th Duke of Newcastle, including the affairs of a company operated by the Newcastle family, called the London and Fort George Land Company Ltd. [Not in chronological order.]
30	1951-3	Letters and papers of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye as a trustee for Capt. R.A. Grosvenor's marriage settlement trust. [Not in chronological order.]
31	1918	Commission of Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye as a lieutenant in the Royal Air Force.
32A	c.1900-1940	Four boxes of letters and papers of Adeline, Countess de la Feld, recently arrived from Womersley and still to be listed.
32-40	1941-74	Box of letters and papers of Adeline, Countess de la Feld, consisting mainly of letters from Lady Bridget Parsons [her niece], the 6 th Earl of Rosse [her nephew], Lord Oxmantown [later 7 th Earl of Rosse, her great-nephew], etc; also included is a printed sale catalogue of jewellery belonging to Countess de la Feld, 1967, and other business and personal correspondence, as follows:
32	N.D.: 1941-7: 1967	Inventories/valuations and a 1967 Christie's sale catalogue, all relating to Countess de la Feld's jewellery, [and of interest because some of this jewellery once formed part of 'The Hope Collection'].

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33	1946-58	Letters to Countess de la Feld from solicitors, etc, about Lister Kaye family trusts, other financial matters, and her own will (which, again, makes mention of jewellery).
34	1949-58: 1985-6	Letters to Countess de la Feld from her 'godson' (in the sense that she stood sponsor for him when he was received into the Russian Orthodox Church), Robin Bryan of Brighton and London. The later items, of 1985-6, consist of letters from Bryan to the 7 th Earl of Rosse [Countess de la Feld's great-nephew] giving fascinating information about the Countess's early life and about recent Parsons family history, particularly in relation to Lady Bridget Parsons.
35	1949: 1953-78	Business letters to Countess de la Feld as a trustee of the Lady Florence Institute [set up under the will of Lady Florence Pelham Clinton], and correspondence and accounts of her nephew, the 6 th Earl of Rosse, in the same capacity.
36	1958-9	Two letters to Countess de la Feld from her younger great-nephew, the Hon. Martin Parsons.
37	1959-72	Fat bundle of letters to Countess de la Feld from her nephew, the 6 th Earl of Rosse, including a few from Anne, Countess of Rosse, many of them correcting false impressions she had been given [by Lady Bridget] of recent Parsons family affairs, and the Countess's susceptibility to which the 6 th Earl tactfully attributes to her remoteness from the British Isles. [The Countess spent most of her time, following the death of her husband, in Edmonton and Victoria, Canada, and died there in 1975.]
38	1962-71	Fat bundle of letters to Countess de la Feld from Lord Oxmantown, later 7 th Earl of Rosse, many of them describing his work for the United Nations, and obviously generating lengthy replies from her because of her own interest in such causes as famine relief in the Third World, foreign missions, etc, etc.
39	1960-69	Fat bundle of letters to Countess de la Feld from her niece, Lady Bridget Parsons.
40	1950-74	Miscellaneous personal and religious correspondence of Countess de la Feld, some of the letters from the Vicar of Wakefield (literally!)
41	1937: 1944	Bundle consisting of a 2-volume rough draft, a 2-volume final typescript (both written in 1937) and a 1-volume abbreviated version (written in 1944) of Countess de la Feld's life of her late mother, Lady Beatrice Lister Kaye

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41 (contd)	(d.1935).	Although the main emphasis is spiritual (eg. the chapter about her birth and early days is entitled 'Genesis'), the work does contain some information about the history of the Hope and Newcastle families, c.1800-1875.
42	1953-8	Bundle of jottings and papers of a still more religious complexion, titled 'Journals, diaries and records, 1953-1958'.
43	1918-53	Series of tied-up parcels containing a diary kept by Countess de la Feld, as follows:
43/1	N.D.-1917	Volume missing.
43/2	Jan. 1918-May 1921	Vol. 2 of the diary.
43/3	May 1921-Mar. 1922	Vol. 3 of the diary.
43/4	Apr. 1922-May 1924	Volume missing.
43/5	June 1924-Sep. 1927	Vol. 5 of the diary.
43/6	Sep. 1931-Dec. 1936	Vol. 6 of the diary.
43/7	May 1937-Mar. 1939	Vol. 7 of the diary.
43/8	Mar. 1939-Dec. 1945	Vol. 8 of the diary.
43/9	Sep. 1947-June 1953	Vol. 9 of the diary.
43/10	1951-3	'New Zealand diary, 1951-3.'
44	1919-5	Box of miscellaneous writings of Countess de la Feld on religious, historical and philological subjects, including 'Fantasies, monologues, musings on many topics, 1919-1934'. [Because of the Countess's importance as a Chekov scholar, it is regrettable that nothing of greater substance survives relating to her work as a translator.]

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45	1888-95	Volume of press-cuttings [of uncertain provenance, but at least appropriate in date to this section of the Rosse Papers], kept by Mrs Clifford Cory, nee Lethbridge, a member of a junior branch of the Lethbridge family, baronets, of Sandhill Park, Taunton, Somerset, and a sister of Julia, the wife of Lord Carew [of Castleborough, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford]. The cuttings all concern Court and social events in London and Dublin.
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46	1975	Letter to Anne Countess of Rosse from [Sir] John Lister-Kaye, [7 th Bt], with a list of Lister-Kaye plate which he had been successful in buying at auction in Dublin and had been sold (according to Lady Rosse's endorsement) by 'bloody Nora'.

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O/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-66	c.1610: 1638: [c.1690]: c.1745-70	Maps, plans and drawings, mainly of a size which makes it physically convenient to form them into a separate section, and either framed and hanging in the Muniment Room in Birr Castle, kept flat in the horizontal drawers of an old vestment chest in that room, or rolled in the left-hand compartment of that chest or in the cupboard to the right of it. [For other maps, plans and drawings, see A/17 and 24, B/8/7, E/4, E/39, G/64 and L. For leases with integral maps, see under Q/1-15 and 17-90.]
1A	c. 1610	Photocopy of map of the barony of Eglish, found by Rolf Loeber in The National Archives, Kew.
1	1638	Coloured map of John Crewe's park in Siffin Wood, Parsonstown, by Francis Morley. [Damaged and incomplete.]
2	[pre-2 Apr. 1691]	Photostats of a plan of Birr Castle and its defences, [by Michael Richards; the original is among the papers of George Clarke, William III's Secretary-at-War, in Worcester College, Oxford], of a letter from Richards of 2 April 1691 referring to this plan, and of a memo. By the historian, C.H. Firth, on the Clarke papers and maps, N.D. [A coloured print of the plan is framed and hanging in the Muniment Room.]
2A	1730	Rolled, coloured map of the lordship of Upper He[ll]msley, Yorkshire, belonging to John Wilmer, Gent., surveyed by Robert Bowlay. [See G/32.]
3	1745-6	Architectural drawings by Samuel Chearnley, [a native of Co. Tipperary, resident in Birr, who was a cousin and protégé of Sir Laurence Parsons, 3 rd Bt, but who died too young to make much mark in his profession], as follows: volume containing c.80 'Miscellanea structura curiosa, or [a] collection of different designs, inventions and edifices, as ruins, grottoes, surprises, cascades, fountains, ... triumphal arches, ... plans and elevations, by Samuel Chearnley, October the 24 th 1745' [but actually 1745-6], several of these often fantastic wash drawings dedicated to Sir Laurence Parsons; ground plan, with on the verso a front elevation, by Chearnley for a Classical mansion house to the specification of Parsons, N.D.; and a drawing, of similar type and period, for a temple-style folly, N.D. [The volume of 'Miscellanea structura curiosa' is currently bound in c.1923 purple half calf, but as the drawings are interleaved with paper marked 1829, it was probably first bound by the 2 nd Earl of Rosse. It is not kept along with the other maps, plans and drawings, but in the Library in Birr Castle. For modern papers about its interpretation and publication (in 2005), see W/27.]

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4	1763	Plan, on parchment, by Nicholas Moran of the route from Dublin Barracks to Tullamore, King's County. [Damaged and incomplete.]
5	1769	Plan, by John Carry, of the road from Birr to Cloghan.
6	1781	Plan, also by Carry, of the road from Birr to Portumna.
7	1784	'Plan and section designed for strengthening the market house of Birr.' [Damaged and incomplete.]
8	1786	Map, by John Carry, of the lands of Drinagh, barony of Eglish, King's County, part of the estate of Sir William Parsons, [4 th] Bt. [Damaged and incomplete.]
9	[1780s?]	Map of Derrinlough, [between Birr and Cloghan. [Damaged and incomplete.]
10	[late 18 th century]	Design for the former ceiling in the library in Birr Castle, reproduced in Part 1 of Mark Girouard's 1965 <i>Country Life</i> article on Birr Castle. Girouard comments: 'This room used to have what must have been an impressive, coffered ceiling, but although the original design for this survives, the ceiling itself was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1919. The design, incidentally, was copied very closely from one of the coffered burial chambers in a mausoleum at Palmyra, taken from Robert Wood's <i>Ruins of Palmyra</i> (1753), a much-used source for detail in the later 18 th century.'
11	[early 1790s]	Folding printed copy of Alexander Taylor's 'new map of Ireland', with MS. Markings made in May 1826 to denote mail coach roads, mail cart roads and riding posts, [and, obviously, deriving from the 2 nd Earl of Rosse's position as Joint Post Master General for Ireland].
12	1796	Folding printed copy of John Gary's map of England and Wale with part of Scotland, dedicated by permission to the Post Masters General of Great Britain.
13	[1790?]	Folding printed map of the north of France.
14	[c.1790s-c.1810s]	Bundle of 23 MS. Or printed drawings of facades of buildings, mainly castles and churches, interior features such as doors and windows, etc, etc, [probably collected by Sir Laurence Parsons, 5 th Bt, later 2 nd Earl of Rosse, with an eye to his own architectural alterations to Birr Castle].

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15	[1790s]	<p>Bundle of 22 ground plans, elevations, and other drawings, with measurements and other details written in the same or a similar hand, and all in a robust, not to say coarse, style; one of them signed, 'E. Johnston, 1793'. [Possibly plans for Birr Castle, and by the father or some other relation of the John Johnston whom shortly afterwards the 2nd Earl was to employ as his architect.]</p>
16	[c.1801-2]	<p>Notebook containing sketches, in the 2nd Earl's handwriting, from which John Johnston worked. This documents is described in Part 2 of Girouard's <i>Country Life</i> article as: '... full of little sketches of projects for the new work – for castellating the entrance front, for building a grand Gothic staircase at the end of the hall, for a new Gothic entrance gate from the town, and so on. The entrance was never executed, though a grand Gothic saloon or drawing-room was built along the river; the front was gothicised with a new facing of smooth, grey limestone, and there was further gothicising at the back. The new front was based on the simpler of the sketches, without, for instance, the great central turret shown, in one of them, rising from behind the battlements of the central porch. This porch, with its giant recessed arch, is now the dominant feature of the front ... It is a skilfully conceived feature, for its striking form diverts attention from the fact that the front of the house is only approximately symmetrical. In fact, the wall to the right of the porch is set considerably farther forward than that to the left; and the windows and the two sides by no means match each other.'</p>
17	[c.1801-2]	<p>Bundle of 26 ground plans, all apparently in the handwriting of the 2nd Earl, for his alterations to Birr Castle, and showing, in particular, what Girouard describes as his '... most memorable creation there, the Gothic saloon. A number of plans and designs for this survive, one of them on paper water-marked 1801. It is built out over an undercroft on the south side of the house, and its three Gothic windows look straight down into the river. It is fitted between the main block of the house and the yellow drawing-room, one half of which is in the old south flanker, probably originally a free-standing tower, and set diagonally to the rest of the house. The need to fit one end of the room between the main block and the diagonal wall of the flanker suggested the idea of ending it with a half-hexagon; in the interests of symmetry, the other end was finished in the same way; and the result was the extended octagonal shape that is one of the principal charms of the room.'</p>
18	[c.1801-4]	<p>Folder of 8 designs, some in the handwriting of the 2nd Earl, for the ceiling of the Gothic saloon, and for other internal features of the saloon and the new entrance hall, some of them paper-marked 1801, one paper-marked 1804. Girouard Comments: 'Slim white and gold Gothic columns support a Gothic plaster vault, also of white and gold, and resembling a light and elegant Gothic tent.'</p>

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18 (contd)		There is no elaborate ornament; but the tracery of the three large windows has the delicate absurdity of Georgian Gothic at its best.'
19	[c.1803]	Bundle of 14 drawings for the entrance front and central porch at Birr Castle, one of them signed by John Johnston, dated April 1803, and showing the porch almost as it was built, some of them probably representing sketches of what other castles looked like rather than serious suggestions for Birr; included in the bundle is an engraving of the entrance front at Birr Castle, c.1840, by which time it had undergone alterations described by Girouard after a fire in 1832.
20	1803	'A map of the demesne of Parsonstown, taken in the rough from the original, May 7 th , 1803, ... [by] Patt. McNevin, land surveyor, etc.' [Now framed and hanging on the wall in the Muniment Room of Birr Castle.]
21	1809	'A map of the old road leading from Birr to Cloghan ..., by William Horocan, land surveyor.' [Damaged and incomplete.]
22	1816	'A map of that part of the lands of Parsonstown [on the Mountmellick road] now in the possession of Patrick Nevin ..., [by] Patrick Nevin.' [Damaged and incomplete]
23A	[pre-1818]	Rolled, printed map, by John Taylor, of the environs of Dublin, dedicated to the Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Whitworth, and the Postmasters General, the 2 nd Earl of Rosse and Earl O'Neill.
23B	1821	Printed, hand-coloured map of Dublin, by J. Cooke, architect and surveyor.
24	[c.1820]	Front elevation (pen and wash) for an unexecuted 'Chinois' design for Tullynisky Park, Birr, together with a contemporary drawing of Birr Castle by George Petrie. The architectural design was acquired by Thomas Pakenham among a collection of such drawings, and was presented by him to the Birr Castle Muniment Room. Originally, it was found among drawings signed by Bernard Mullins, the architect of a number of buildings in Birr in the period c.1810-1820. It is unsigned, but may conceivably be attributable to Mullins. For leases of Tullanisky, see Q/56.]
25	[c.1820]	Bundle of 4 designs for fireplaces, one of them paper-marked 1821.

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26	1822	Non-contemporary [c.1880s?], coloured copy of an 1822 map of Parsonstown, the original possibly drawn by Thomas L. Cooke, whose name is mentioned in the description in the margin. [Framed in the Muniment Room in Birr Castle, and not kept with the other maps, plans and drawings.]
27	1823	‘Tracing from map on lease to Robert Robinson (of passage to water wheel), dated 29 September 1823, but not executed.’ [Damaged and incomplete.]
28	[c.1828]	Front and side elevations (2 versions of each) for ‘John’s Hall’ [the memorial building in Birr to the Hon. John Clere Parsons, second son of the 2 nd Earl], with ‘A design from the temple at Ilissus ... , selected by the Rt Hon. The Earl of Rosse’; all apparently (some actually signed) by Bernard Mullins [probably of Henry & Mullins, Talbot Street, Dublin – see E/23].
29	1834	Printed sale rental of certain lands in the barony of Athlone, Co. Roscommon, belonging to one Ignatius Keogh, to be sold under a decree of the Court of Chancery.
30	[c.1840-45]	Twelve designs by Mary Countess of Rosse [and/or Colonel Wharton Myddleton – see J/19] for a ‘bell ceiling’ [for the hall of Birr Castle], for the mock-Gothic structure housing the Great Telescope, for the iron gates set into the keep gate-house at Birr Castle, together with a ground plan and a pen and ink and watercolour design for the keep gate, showing the drawbridge with soldiers on guard.
31	1847	Outsize, rolled, coloured drainage map of the Parsonstown district by means of the Little Brosna River, by William Fraser, C.E. [See O/49.]
32-4	[c.1850]	Series of 3 outsize, rolled coloured plans for an intricate, formal garden immediately in front of Birr Castle, [the first two in the handwriting of Colonel Wharton Myddleton – see J/19], the third not in the same handwriting but apparently related to these unexecuted plans. [Two of the 3 have been framed and are hanging in or near the Muniment Room in Birr Castle.]
35	[c.1850?]	Sketches for a stove.
36	[c.1850?]	Engraving of the interior of St Brendan’s Church, Birr.

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37	1852	Volume of 'Maps of the estates of the Hon. Laurence Parsons [third son of the 2 nd Earl], situate in the King's County and county of Wexford'. These estates total 3,666 statute acres, 2,000 of which are in Wexford, and consist of the lands of Bloomfield, Ballinapierce, Ballyduff, Howell's Land, Knockmarshal, etc. [see B/12].
37A	1853	Outsize, rolled map of Birr, with the houses and holdings coloured red and the street numbers marked on them. " [Kept in the cupboard to the left of the vestment chest.]
38	1853-6	Outsize volume of 'Maps of the estates of the Rt Hon. William, Earl of Rosse, in the King's County and county of Tipperary ...; [surveyed by] John Logan, Dublin, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856'; these are fine coloured maps, with survey particulars given on the page facing each. They appear to cover all the agricultural land in the Rosse estate, together with the Birr Castle demesne, but omit the town of Birr. The total comes to 16,914 Irish acres, of which 1,139 are in the barony of Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary, and the rest in the baronies of Ballybritt, Eglish, Garrycastle and Coolestown, King's County. [Kept flat on top of the vestment chest.]
39	post-1855	Tracing from a map of part of Birr Castle demesne. [Damaged and incomplete.]
39B	[c.1850s?]	Tracing from a map of the lands of Bunraven, the property of Sir Robert Blosse Lynch, Bt, which lie between the Hon. Laurence Parson's townlands of Clondallow and Dovegrove.
40	1859	'Plan of proposed new road from Parsonstown to Banagher between the three roads at Annaghanerrig and three Roads in Clonrah at Derrinsallagh [sic – Derrinsallow] Mills', by John Hill, Tullamore.
41-4	c.1860	Four, rolled, coloured ground plans for Mary, Countess of Rosse's extension to Birr Castle, one of them endorsed, 'A. Salvin's plans for new kitchen ...'.
45	[c.1860]	Rolled, coloured elevation for an [unexecuted] extension beyond the dining-room, on the town side of Birr Castle.
46	1861-3	Original bundle of tracings, valuations, correspondence, etc., concerning parts of the townlands of Corraduff and Kileen needed in connection with the Parsonstown-Portumna Bridge Railway. [Not in chronological order. See also J/24.]

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47	1863	Four rough maps of parts of Shinrone, the joint estate of the 3 rd Earl of Rosse and John Lloyd, by James Kennedy, Parsonstown, together with a photocopy of a deed of partition dividing the estate between the 3 rd Earl and Lloyd. [The original of this deed is in the possession of Mrs Trevor Lloyd, formerly of Gloster. For an earlier deed of partition, see E/38.]
47A	1865	Large, long tin case containing plans of the townships of Heaton and Shipley [Mary, Countess of Rosse's estate at Bradford, Yorkshire], with a related statutory declaration by one Timothy Stocks. [Kept in the left-hand cupboard in the Muniment Room. See also G/64.]
48	1866	Outsize, rolled, printed map of the English Channel and the south coast of Ireland, [possibly present because of the 3 rd and 4 th Earls' enthusiasm for yachting – see J/25 and M/4].
49	1867	Outsize, rolled, coloured drainage map for the Parsonstown district, also by William Eraser [se 0/31].
50	1869	Tracing of a map of [Ballincloghan, near Frankford, King's County?].
51	[1860s?]	Sketch map of Boolinarrig drainage district.
52	1879	Drawings of Cappaneal cottages, built 1874-8, with reference.
53	1885	Sketch for [reredos?], 'Birr Parish, agreed by S[elect] V[estry], Dec. 9 1885'.
54	[c1885]	Two small albums of watercolours and other sketches by Lord Oxmantown [later the 5 th Earl of Rosse].
55	[c.1885?]	Tracing, probably from a much earlier plan, of the layout of Birr Castle and demesne.
56	1904	Letter and specification from Sir Thomas Drew, together with coloured and uncoloured drawings by him, for the new reredos for St Brendan's Church, Birr.
57	[c.1890s?]	Clutch of coloured ground plans for the Royal Dublin Society's premises in Leinster House, Dublin.

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57A	1898	Map of Killeen, near Roscrea, with subsequent sketch marking Leap Castle. [This is a different Killeen from the Birr Castle home farm, and the map is endorsed, 'Darby v Drought. This suggests that it may derive from the Droughts of Whigsborough, King's County –see V/11.]
57B	1900	Tracing for an enlargement of Clonoghill Cemetery, Birr.
57C	1909	Ordnance Survey map of Birr. [See also O/60-61.]
57D	[c.1914-18]	Three tracings for a forge and farm buildings [at Birr Castle?], by Thompson Bros., contractors, Wexford.
58	[c.1915-18]	Printed maps of the Balkans, Egypt, France and Germany, one of the maps of Germany dated 1877, [but all presumably related to the 5 th Earl's service in the First World War?].
58A	[c.1915]	'Map of Mrs Mary Ann Clary's premises at Mill Street [Birr]'.
59	1919	Tracing of Kemmis's estate in Tara [near Durrow. For the significance of this document, see V/16.]
60-61	[late 19 th -mid 20 th century]	c.60 rolled or folded sheets of Ordnance Survey maps, some of them with MS. Markings, together with c.25 loose, rolled maps of King's County and other parts of Ireland and the world. [These maps are kept in the left-hand cupboard in the Muniment Room.]
62	1920	Coloured street plan of Birr.
63	1921	Outsize, rolled map of the Birr Castle demesne, by H. Browne.
64	[c.1939?]	Crude tracing of the Boora Bog, Co. Offaly, acquired by Bord na Mona.
65	1957	Roll of designs for alterations to the yellow drawing room, Birr Castle. [See also T/39.]
66A	1965	'Proposed alterations and additions to houses in Rosse Row [Birr].'
66	1970	Offaly County Council plans for an old people's home in Birr.

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	c.1870-c.1975	Twelve photograph albums, ranging in size from folio to small octavo, 5 bundles of loose photographs, and other material yet to be examined, deriving from the Earls of Rosse and the Lister Kaye family.

The earliest of the photographs are of Lister Kaye provenance, and consist of one humorous and one not-so-humorous album of group and individual portraits, c.1870 onwards; a subsequent Lister Kaye album shows Frances Lois Lister Kaye, the future Countess of Rosse, and her sisters skating or otherwise actively employed.

The earliest Rosse album is dated, in whole or in part, 1882, and consists of a collection of photographs of eminent contemporaries mainly in the scientific field, made by the 4th Earl; loose in the fly-leaves are a couple of letters from scientists enclosing photographs at the 4th Earl's request. The Rosse albums of the period c.1890-c.1910 record a number of foreign tours, notably in Holland, France, Italy and India, the last of 1898 and made by the 4th Earl. Nearer home, they record the external appearances of numerous county houses, not only the Rosse houses of Heaton and Womersley, both in Yorkshire, but many other stately homes in England, Scotland and Ireland, such as Longleat, Wiltshire, and Lough Cutra, Co. Galway. An album of 1906-12 is devoted to shots of the 2nd Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, mainly of its officers, at Aldershot and, later, serving in Canada; this album presumably derives from the 5th Earl. There are one album and numerous loose photographs for the 1930s and 1940s, most of them depicting Birr Castle gardens, with a few shots of the interior, together with a box of photographs relating to Anne Countess of Rosse, the Messel family and Nymans, Sussex, [see also S/7], c.1900-60.

One loose, but mounted photograph, shows Cumberland Square, Birr, with the Duke of Cumberland still on top of his column, c.1875 [see B/4]. Another bundle of loose photographs, sent to the 6th Earl in 1928, is devoted to shots of plasterwork in, and interiors of, houses some of which have since been destroyed; the houses include Belvedere House [Dublin?], Castle Ward, Dowth Hall, Florence Court, Flatten, 4 Rutland Square (Dublin), Summerhill, etc.

The Rosse archive is of great importance to the historian of photography, because of the activity of Mary, Countess of Rosse, wife of the 3rd Earl, as a pioneer photographer. In 1985 an exhibition was mounted at Birr Castle entitled 'Impressions of an Irish Countess: Centenary Exhibition of the photographic Heritage of Mary Rosse, 1811-1885' [see J/19/2 and W/17/4]. The following is an extract from the catalogue:

'Mary Rosse's darkroom ... is in one of Birr Castle's remotest towers and remained unknown since the Countess' death. What has been preserved is a photographer's treasure trove: a darkroom as set up a hundred and thirty years

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ago with boxes of glass plates showing the *impressions* of the times and cupboards full of the chemicals used.

This exhibition shows for the first time the essential contents of this darkroom with other items portraying the life and work of Mary Rosse in photography and other fields: the models she made for the Keep and the Main Entrance, the great heraldic gates she made in the turf-fired foundry, as well as fascinating early photographs of her family and friends in the 1850s.

The exhibition starts with the Countess' childhood in Yorkshire and her marriage to the future 3rd Earl of Rosse. He was the astronomer famous for building the largest telescope in the world and her first pictures were of it. On show is the actual correspondence exchanged between her husband and William Henry Fox Talbot describing her first attempts at photography. In 1856 Mary is believed to have become the first lady member of the Dublin Photographic Society and won their magnificent silver medal "For the Best Paper Negative". This is on display, as are some of the cameras used by Mary Rosse, many contemporary journals and booklets on the early processes by the pioneers like Gustave Le Gray and Fox Talbot.

There are examples featuring Mary's groups, landscapes, the castle and even the building now serving as exhibition gallery. We can thus see Birr and its environs as it was a hundred and thirty years ago. Also to be seen is something of the part played by this Victorian lady as wife and mother. Her money paid not only for the construction of the telescope, but she also had the moats and fortifications rebuilt as famine relief. As a mother, she was no less remarkable, giving birth to eleven children and raising those that survived to emulate their parents. Their youngest child, Charles, shown in the exhibition as a boy in a perambulator, went on to invent the steam turbine.

Also featured are photographs of Birr and other views of Ireland taken in the nineteenth century by the 4th Earl and other amateurs.']

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1-395	1604: 1662: 1668: 1673: 1675: 1679: 1685-1985	Papers transferred from the Birr Estate Office, opposite the main gates of the Castle, to the Muniment Room, mainly dating from c.1850, but including 26 boxes of leases some of which date back to the 17 th century. The material is arranged as follows: leases and leasebooks (1-99); rentals and rent accounts (100-250); other accounts (251-314); miscellaneous, including Irish Land Commission papers (315-326); and letter-books and correspondence (327-395).
1-15		LEASES OF PROPERTY OUTSIDE KING'S COUNTY
1/1-3	1604: 1662	Original lease (1604) and 2 non-contemporary copy leases of 'The Myrtle House', Youghal, [former home of Sir Walter Raleigh], held by the Parsons of Parsonstown under a lease from the [1 st and Great] Earl of Cork.
2	1736: 1760: 1790-91: 1809: 1830	Envelope of leases of premises in Dublin City and County, principally the Stephen's Green house of the 1 st Earl of Rosse (1736 and 1760), the lease of which was assigned by his widow to the 2 nd Earl in 1809; and the 2 nd Earl's own house (when Sir Laurence Parsons, 5 th Bt) in Rathmines Road (1790-91). [See also E/5.]
3/1	1793	Lease to the 2 nd Earl, when Sir Laurence Parsons, of a house in Newtown Pery, Limerick, [presumably occupied by him when the King's County Militia was stationed in Limerick].
4	1675: 1698: 1700: 1725: 1728: 1732: 1736: 1739: 1749: 1752: 1759: 1761-2: 1770: 1776: 1780-81	c.25 leases of lands in the manor of Parsonstown, Co. Wexford, which reverted to the Parsons of Parsonstown, King's County, between 1708 and 1711, [and seems to have been settled by them on a younger son, Piggott Parsons, brother of Sir Laurence Parsons, 3 rd Bt, on the failure of whose issue it seems to have reverted to the King's County Parsons, only to be used again as an appanage in the mid-19 th century]. Some of the lands mentioned are Cullentrough, barony of Gorey; Ballyduff, Mangan, Killenagh, Howell's Land and Glascarrig, barony of Ballaghkeen; and parts of the manor of St John's (Tomnegrano, Knockmarshal, etc), barony of Bantry. [The documents are in date order and are ready for numbering, or rather re-numbering, as each has an obsolete number written on it.]
5/1-16	1793-5: 1799: 1802: 1808-9: 1814: 1827: 1831: 1833: 1837: 1840	Wexford estate leases granted by Sir Laurence Parsons, 5 th Bt, 2 nd Earl of Rosse. [In date order.]

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6/1-3	1851: 1864: 1875	Wexford. Estate leases granted by the Hon. Laurence Parsons, third son of the 2 nd Earl, on whom the Wexford estate was settled [see 0/37].
7	1783: 1802: 1805: 1815-16: 1819-20: 1824: N.D: 1895: 1943: 1978	Envelope of Co. Tipperary estate leases: Ballyloughnane, alias Riverstown, barony of Lower Ormond. The leases up to and including 1820 are granted by Lord Dunalley, [as this and a couple of other townlands forming part of his Sopwell Hall estate, near Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, were purchased from him for £20,000 in that year (see E/38). The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of the premises to George Kennedy. In date order. For leasebooks which include the Tipperary estate, see Q/16.]
8	1789: 1795: 1801-2: 1865: 1867: 1922-3: 1926-7: 1935: 1937: 1945: 1958-9: 1974: 1976-8: 1981: 1991	Envelope of Co. Tipperary leases: Croghan, barony of Lower Ormond, also part of the Dunalley estate. The leases of 1795 and 1802 are to Sir Laurence Parsons, 5 th Bt, who held parts of Croghan as a tenant or sub-tenant prior to his acquisition of the fee in 1820. [In date order, but with obsolete Q/8 piece numbers on them, and some unnumbered.] Also included are papers relating to the sale of the premises to Louis McCormack.
9/1	1783	Lease of Corraghduff, [part of the Dunalley estate in the barony of Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary.]
10	1844: 1847: 1849: 1855: 1882-1902: 1920: 1936: 1941: 1947: 1954: 1958-9: 1972: 1993	Two large envelopes containing a few leases, but mostly tenants' wills and case papers, all relating to Derrinsallagh, barony of Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary, [which may or may not have been part of the Dunalley estate, but probably was a much later acquisition of the Earls of Rosse.] This section also includes Irish Land Commission sale papers relating to the 'Derrinsallow' property of John Pilkington.
11	1829: 1874: 1891: 1896-7	Envelope of leases of Drangan (and Newtown), barony of Middlethird, Co. Tipperary, [not part of the Dunalley estate. In date order.]

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12	1801-2: 1813: 1819: 1821: 1866: 1879: 1889: 1922: 1933: 1937: 1941-2: 1947-8: 1959: 1973: 1976	Envelope of leases of Killeen, barony of Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary, part of the Dunalley estate; including the will of one of the tenants, William Burke of Killeen, 1821. [In date order.]
13/1-4	1830: 1839: 1867: 1874	Leases of Killenaule, barony of Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary, [which may or may not have been part of the Dunalley estate. In date order.]
14/1-3	1873: 1881: 1902: 1909	Three leases, and a deed merging tithe rent-charge, in respect of two further townlands in the barony of Lower Ormond, Carrigagowan and Clonmona.
15/1-3	1718: 1739: 1786	Three singleton leases of lands in Co. Tipperary with baronial location not specified: Lelagh (1718), Lissballyard and Rathmakeena (1739), and Kilgrogane (1786). The first 2 leases were granted by Sir William Parsons, 2 nd Bt; the last does not have a Parsons as a party.
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16/1-3	c.1710-1965	Three large folio leasebooks [see also Q/249-50], the first started c.1820 but containing details of leases back to c.1710 and continued up to c.1850; the second and third started c.1850, containing details back to c.1775 and continued almost up to the present day. The second and third are still in the Estate Office, so only the first has been examined. It contains few entries later than 1840, but this possibly reflects the fact that few leases were granted after the 1830s, rather than that the book ceased to be maintained. It is arranged in 2 sequences: first, King's County property; second 'the Killeen estate' [ie Tipperary property, principally of Dunalley provenance]. The leases are arranged alphabetically according to the initial letter of each tenant's name, although within each letter of the alphabet no order is observed. [The book is thus a ready-made finding aid for genealogical inquiries, which are likely to be strong on surname but weak on location. With its aid, it is probable that further refining could be made of the arrangement of the individual King's County leases which follows, as the leasebook sometimes (particularly in the case of renewals) contains details of location which the individual lease or renewal does not. Nevertheless, this is a slow business, and time did not permit much research along these lines. Q/16/1 has been copied by PRONI – see MIC.564.]

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16/4	c.1705-1864	Smaller folio leasebook recording, c.1865, details of leases back to c.1705 on the estate of the Hon. Laurence Parsons in King's County and Cos Tipperary and Wexford [see 0/37 and Q/6. Q/16/4 is also on MIC.564].
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17-56		KING'S COUNTY LEASES, OTHER THAN BIRR TOWN, ARRANGED IN ROUGH ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY TOWNLAND
17	1747-1898	Box of leases of Ballindarra, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr. [Sometimes these, in common with other leases of suburban or rural townlands in King's County, include in the same lease premises in the town of Birr. There is therefore a good deal of inevitable overlap between the King's County and Birr runs of leases. Within each townland or denomination there is also a good deal of duplication, because when renewable leases expired, the tenant's original was returned to the Estate Office and often survived there along with the Estate Office counterpart.]
18	1746: 1796: 1802: 1816: 1831-2: 1866: 1969-70	Envelope of leases of Ballindown, barony of Eglish. [In date order.] The envelope also includes two documents relating to the transfer of parts of Ballindown from the Birr Estates Company to Erin Peat Products Ltd. [For this and other transactions relating to bogs on the estate, see also Q/326A.]
19	1726: 1728: 1747: 1778: 1783: 1794: 1796: 1799: 1831: 1903: 1921-3: 1943: 1948	Envelope of leases of Ballinree, barony of Ballybritt, adjoining Birr and Crinkle. [In date order.]
20	1707: 1719: 1758: 1776: 1802: 1814: 1817: 1832	Envelope of leases of Ballyduff, barony of Ballybritt. [In date order.]
21/1-4	1804: 1831: 1862	Leases of Ballykealy (and Ardgoga), barony of Eglish. [For further leases of Ardgoga, either on its own or in conjunction with other townlands, see Q/25. In date order.]

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22	1787: 1793: 1816: 1821: 1881: 1897: 1921-2: 1975-7	Envelope of leases and deeds of conveyance of Ballywilliam, barony of Ballybritt, near Birr. [In date order.] The envelope also includes modern papers about the sale of Rangers Lodge in Ballywilliam to Bridget and James Callaghan.
23/1-2	1803: 1823	Lease and surrender of premises in the town of Banagher [apparently unconnected with the Earls of Rosse].
24	1658-9: 1668: 1673: 1797-9: 1801-2: 1815: 1817: 1825: 1831: 1834	Envelope of leases of Boolanarrig, barony of Eglis, the lease of 1801 being of a part of Boolanarrig called Clonmelin. [In date order.]
25	1774: 1807: 1810: 1817: 1831	Envelope of leases and deed of conveyance of Bruckera, Brockerybeg, Cushnavanlagh, Gortgreen and Ardoga [see Q/21. In date order.]
26	1769: 1771: 1773: 1795-6: 1801: 1816: 1830: 1833: 1903: 1975-77: 1985: 1989: 1991-93: 1994: 1996-8: 2001	Two envelopes of leases of Cappaneal, including Cows Bawn, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr. [In date order.] The sub-section also includes papers relating to the sale of properties in Cappaneale to Tony Kelly and various other purchasers.
27/1	1815	Lease of Cloghan, barony of Garrycastle. [For leases of Clonbaniff, see Q/44.]
28	1816-17: 1832: 1858: 1865: 1872: 1892: 1909	Envelope of leases of Clonbrone, barony of Ballybritt. [In date order.]
29	1796: 1800: 1817: 1824-5: 1860: 1865: 1872: 1932: 1941-2: 1956: 1965: 1977: 1986-9: 1990-91: 1997	Envelope of leases of Clondalla, alias Clondallow, alias Clondallagh, barony of Eglis, adjoining Boolanarrig. [In date order.] The leases, up to and including 1825, are from members of the Berry family of Dovegrove, an adjoining townland; Clondalla, Dovegrove and Clonahane were held by them under a perpetuity from the Viscounts Loftus/Marquesses of Drogheda. In or about the 1830s, the 2 nd Earl of Rosse must have acquired the Berry interest, which was tantamount to outright ownership, in these townlands, subject

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29 (contd)		to continued Berry occupation of and residence in part of Dovegrove. These townlands were then subsequently settled on the 2 nd Earl's third son, the Hon. Laurence Parsons, who is a party to the leases of 1860, 1865 and 1872 in this sub-section.] The sub-section also includes papers relating to the sale of Clondallow to Daniel J. Earley, and deeds and documents relating to the (re-)purchase of 'Finnegan's field' in 1997.
30	1694: 1794: 1802	Envelope of leases of Clonivoe and other parts of the Sprigge estate in the barony of Coolestown. [In date order.]
31	1726: 1736: 1792: 1796: 1818	Envelope of leases of Clonlagga, barony of Ballybritt, a bog adjoining Birr. [In date order.]
32	1668: 1673: 1832	Envelope of leases of Clonlyon, barony of Garrycastle. [In date order.]
33/1	1787	Lease of Cowspark, barony of Eglish [probably near Birr].
34	1741-1946: 1985-9	Box of leases of Clonoghill, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr, and adjoining Newbridge, to which some of the leases refer [see Q/84]. Also mentioned are the 2 substantial houses situated in the townland of Clonoghill, Elmgrove and Syngefield. A number of papers, ending in 1946, relate to the former property. Because of Clonoghill's proximity to Birr, an unusually high proportion of the leases also include holdings in the town. One interesting component of the box is the probate of a local land surveyor, Maurice Downer, 1786, whose estate included part of the lands of Clonoghill; this will is of interest as giving some indication of the degree of affluence enjoyed by a member of his profession. The box also includes papers relating to the sale of a fee farm grant of Elmgrove Bridge to Offaly County Council in 1989.
35	1763-1946: 1980-90: 1993	Box of leases of Crinkle, alias Crinkhill, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr, and many of them therefore including holdings in the town. The Crinkle leases also contain an above-average number of integral maps, some of them rather handsome. Included under Crinkle are the sub-denominations of Whiteford and Birr View, the latter of which is described in a lease of 1797 as 'the spot of ground whereon the viewing-house for the quality is placed to see the races of Birr'. Crinkle was also the site of the Birr Military Barracks, and a lease of 1831 is from the 2 nd Earl of Rosse to the Ordnance Department. A number of the leases are dated 1763 (the earliest date in the box), which would suggest that a substantial middleman's lease, perhaps of the whole townland, fell in in that year. The box also includes papers relating to the sale of a fee farm grant of the Military Road (purchased by Michael O'Dwyer) and to the sale of the Old Schoolhouse (purchased by John and Sophia Hogan).

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36	1735: 1747: 1767: 1773-4: 1797: 1815: 1831: 1838: 1875	Envelope of leases of Derrinduff, baronies of Ballybritt and Clonlisk. [In date order.]
37	1791: 1794-6: 1822: 1827: 1829: 1831-2: 1841: 1864: 1959-60	Envelope of leases of Derrinlough, barony of Eglish. [In date order. See also Q/47.] The envelope also includes a deed of conveyance of Derrinlough from the 6 th Earl to the Birr Estates Company.
37A	1831	Lease of Derryadd, barony of Eglish.
38	1771: 1810: 1822: 1831	Envelope of leases of Derrymullen and Carrigeen, alias Corrageen, barony of Eglish. [In date order.]
39	1800: 1855: 1864: 1881: 1893: 1916: 1939: 1948-9: 1953: 1958: 1972	Envelope of leases of Dovegrove, barony of Eglish. [See also Q/29 and 47. In date order.] The envelope also includes an agreement with John Boland to fell timber at Dovegrove, a Land Registry certificate, and the sale of a Dovegrove fee farm grant to Mrs. Emily C. Mitchell.
40	1740-42: 1763: 1792: 1801: 1807-8: 1813: 1816: 1819: 1824-5: 1830: 1834: 1861: 1888: 1898	Large envelope of leases of Drumbane, barony of Eglish, on the outskirts of Birr. [In date order.]
41/1	1794	Lease of Drynagh, barony of Eglish.
42	1733: 1796- 1830: 1906: 1939: 1992-3: 1996: 2002-3	Half-box of leases of Eden and New Eden, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr. The box also includes papers relating to the sale of property at 6, 7, and 8 Eden Road to Assumpta Molloy and other purchasers.
43	1746: 1764: 1781: 1796: 1809: 1815: 1836: 1894	Envelope of leases of Feddens, Feddenmore and Feddenbeg, barony of Garrycastle. [In date order.]

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44	1701: 1784: 1794: 1802: 1804: 1807: 1824: 1832: 1933-5: 1942: 1945: 1973: 1976-8: 1981- 2: 1985: 1988	Envelope of leases of Lisclooney and Clonbaniff, barony of Garrycastle. The earliest lease, of 1701, was granted by William Sprigge of Clonivoe, so these townlands, together with Clonivoe itself [see Q/30] and probably all the lands in the barony of Garrycastle, must have formed all or part of the Parsons family's inheritance from the Sprigges. [In date order.] The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of Lisclooney Cottage to Oliver Claffey.
45	1747: 1759: 1763: 1780: 1797: 1816	Envelope or leases of Loretto, barony of Ballybritt. [In date order.]
46	1823: 1831: 1864: 1872: 1885	Envelope of leases of Lumpcloon, alias Lumploon, alias Lumcloon, barony of Garrycastle. [In date order.]
47	1757: 1794: 1802: 1815-17: 1831: 1857: 1886: 1920	Envelope of leases of Newtown, barony of Ballybritt, the lease of 1757 (which is long and complicated, and which makes reference to the debts of Sir William Parsons, 4 th Bt) also comprising parts of Derrinlough and Dovegrove [see Q/37 and 39. In date order.]
48	1815-17: 1841	Envelope of leases of Parkmore, barony of Eglish. [In date order.]
49	1815-17: 1831: 1921	Envelope of leases of Powlduff, barony of Ballybritt. [In date order.]
50	1805: 1808: 1815: 1817	Envelope of leases of Rathbeg, barony of Clonlisk. [In date order.]
51	1794: 1828: 1844: 1859: 1873: 1912: 1926: 1936: 1942: 1994:	Envelope of leases of Rossacareen, alias Rossecareen, alias Ross Wood, barony of Eglish, which contains a limestone quarry. [In date order.]
52	1734: 1790: 1793: 1801: 1808: 1814: 1824: 1831: 1844: 1898: 1930: 1967: 1983-93	Envelope of leases of Scurragh, barony of Ballybritt, on the outskirts of Birr. The lease of 1912 describes Scurragh as being part of the Townparks of Birr, and the subsequent leases are of 'Townparks' and do not specifically mention Scurragh. The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of properties in Scurragh to the Birr Urban District Council and other purchasers.

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53	1775: 1818: 1832	Envelope of leases of the Shinrone estate (Shinrone, Cloughmoyle, Manure, etc) owned jointly by the 2 nd Earl of Rosse and the Lloyd family of Gloster. Leases of this property seem to have continued to be made jointly, in spite of the partition effected in 1806 [see E/37. In date order.]
54/1	1779	Renewal of an unspecified King's County property.
55	1710-1942: 1973-75: 1988-93	Box of leases of Siffin, alias Seffin, barony of Ballybritt, situated on the outskirts of Birr towards Roscrea. The box also includes papers relating to the sale of properties and fee farm grants in Seffin to Edward Dooley and other purchasers.
56	1778-1835: 1894: 1921: 1936: 1946-7: 1954: 1957: 1959: 1963: 1972: 1989- 2000	Box of leases of Tullynisky, alias Tullaneskeagh, etc, etc, Woodfield and Woodville, barony of Eglisli. [The present house on this townland, Tullynisky Park, was built by and for the two bachelor brothers of the 2 nd Earl of Rosse, Rev. William Parsons and Thomas C. Parsons, c.1820; but in the first half of the 18 th century the heir apparent to the baronetcy seems to have lived in an earlier house situated in this townland. From c.1860 it was the residence of the three generations of the Garvey family who acted as Rosse agent, up to at least the 1890s being called 'Thornvale' (an English translation of the Irish, Tullaneskeagh) – see V/27. Woodfield and Woodville are sub-denominations, not townlands in their own right.] The box also includes papers relating to a 10-year lease of Tullynisky Park to George Gossip, together with maps of the premises, an agreement to surrender, and a 1997 licence to extract sand and gravel from Kiltemony Quarry, beside Tullynisky.
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57-90		LEASES OF BIRR TOWN, ARRANGED WITH SOME REGARD TO GEOGRAPHY
57	1747-1849: 1859: 1862: 1975-93	Box of leases of The Green and The Upper Green. [Some of the earliest leases of Cumberland Street (see Q/58) state that it was built on The Green, so it is probable that, as building progressed, leases of The Green change names to leases of sundry streets.] The box also includes papers relating to the sale of properties and fee farm grants in Green Street to the Birr Urban District Council and other purchasers.

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57A	2005	Draft index to Birr town leases, prepared in 2005 by Margaret Hogan. Properties are arranged by street and ordered chronologically within each street. The index (copies of which are included on a CD and diskette) also gives the name, occupation, and other particulars about the lessees.
58	1760-1835: 1889	Half-box of leases of premises in Cumberland/Duke Street and Square. This section also includes an original fee farm grant of the premises, offered to Mrs E.M. Quigley.
59/1-5	1749: 1801: 1829: 1831: 1834: 1993	Leases of and a conveyance of premises in Church Lane. [In date order.] This section also includes papers relating to the sale of a Church Lane fee farm grant to Patrick Daly.
60	1791: 1801: 1816: 1824: 1827-9: 1832: 1834: 1840: 1845: 1880: 1945: 1999	Envelope of leases of premises in Connaught Street. [In date order.] The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of the pub in Connaught Street to Thomas and Ann Rohan.
61	1856-7: 1868: 1891: 1930-77: 1986-93	Leases of premises in Wilmer Road and Wilmer Terrace. This sub-section also includes papers relating to the sale of properties in Wilmer Terrace to Ann Ritchie and other purchasers.
62	1710-1886: 1896-7: 1997- 2000	Half-box of leases of premises in or near Main Street, also called 'the street of Birr' or 'the town street'. This sub-section also includes papers relating to the sale of fee farm grants of Bowes' Shop (purchased by Mary McLoughlin) and Griffin's Bakery (purchased by John and Arthur Joyce), both on Main Street.
63	1721: 1762: 1773: 1783: 1803: 1843	Envelope of leases of 'Samuel Abbott's holding' between Main Street and Back Lane, together with fields and parks on the outskirts of Birr. [In date order.]
64	1733: 1739: 1767: 1780: 1787: 1795: 1801: 1803: 1822: 1824: 1826: 1828: 1838: 1840: 1914	Envelope of leases of premises in Back Lane. [In date order.]

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65	1780-1824	Envelope of leases of premises in Langton's Lane and other premises bearing the name Langton, [which seem to have been in the vicinity of Chapel Lane and Back Lane]. The Langton who was extant in the 1790s was a Philip Langton of Trinidad, [but clearly the family were major Birr tenants of the Parsons, some of whose leases were probably reacquired by the 2 nd Earl of Rosse, who seems to have been active in buying out long and perpetuity leases in the town – presumably in connection with his building plans.]
66	1782: 1794: 1799: 1802: 1810: 1824: 1834: 1838: 1865: 1899: 1944	Envelope of leases of premises in Chapel Lane or described as 'near the Chapel'. [In date order.]
67	1868: 1900: 1902: 1908-9: 1919-20: 1928: 1937: 1943: 1961-2: 1964- 5: 1967: 1972- 83	Envelope of leases of premises in Brendan Street, [formerly Kennedy's Lane], and Market Square. The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of properties in Brendan Street and Market Square to the Electricity Supply Board and various other purchasers.
68	1710-1809: 1843	Envelope of leases of the tuck mill of Birr and premises nearby.
69	1710-1847: c.1920: 1966- 91	Envelope of leases of premises in or near Mill Lane. The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of a Mill Lane fee farm grant to John Harte.
71	1719: 1724: 1728: 1772: 1779: 1804-6: 1808-9: 1812: 1816: 1834: 1855: 1857: 1860: 1937	Leases of premises in Graveyard Street, which in the lease of 1857 is described as having been re-named 'High Street', [though this name did not stick. In date order.]
72	1740-41: 1792: 1833: 1976-8	Envelope of leases of premises in Moore Park or Moorpark Street. [In date order.] The envelope also includes a file relating to the sale of property in Moorpark Street to Mary Dunne.
73	1752: 1793: 1796: 1843	Envelope of leases of premises in Mount Sally. [In date order.]

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74	1709: 1719-20: 1727: 1737: 1796: 1799: 1809: 1829: 1859: 1876-7: 1941: 1956: 1973-8	Envelope of leases of premises which are described as being near the old bridge, near the old gaol (alias 'house of correction') or in Old Bridge Street. [In date order.] The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of property in Bridge Street to Mary Dunne.
75	1685-1912 (with many gaps): 1943: 1987-8: 1991: 1999-2000	Box of leases of premises in Castle Street, including a lease and counterpart lease of 'Crotty's Church', 1837 [see E/11], and papers relating to the sale of a Castle Street fee farm grant to the personal representatives of Claude Corcoran. The box also includes a large folder of correspondence about the Birr Trustee Company's proposed purchase of Spinner's Bistro in Castle Street, which was eventually bought by another party.
76	1818-1949: 1951-8: 1964: 1971-2: 1974- 80: 1982-9: 1997-9: 2002	Three large folders of leases of premises in Oxmantown Mall/Place. This sub-section includes 14 files of papers relating to the sale of properties and fee farm grants in Oxmantown Mall to various purchasers.
77	1824: 1899: 1946: 1950- 2001	Envelope of leases of premises in Mellsop Street, the last of them stating that it is now known as Townsend Street. [In date order.] The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of Townsend Street fee farm grants to Michael Kearns and Gerard and Evelyn Bell.
78	1804: 1822: 1919: 1946: 1950	Leases of premises in [Townsend Street].
79/1-3	1866: 1883: 1942	Leases of premises in Pound Street.
80/1-5	1818: 1832: 1949: 1976-7	Leases of premises in Walcot Avenue [off William Street] and in William Street itself. This sub-section also includes papers relating to the sale of 187 William Street to John Sherlock.
81/1-3	1809: 1819: 1831: 1978	Leases of premises in Rosse Row/Street.
82	1766: 1783: 1808: 1855: 1952	Miscellaneous leases, which seem to have it in common that they are of premises and fields near the Birr Castle demesne. [In date order.]

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83	1728-1842	Envelope of leases of premises and fields in Clonahane or on the outskirts of Birr in the direction of Clonahane. [For the background to Clonahane, see Q/29.]
84	1735-1862: 1889: 1937	Half-box of leases of premises in Newbridge, Newbridge Street and Newbridge Lane [see also Q/34].
85	1839-49: 1859: 1861: 1873: 1887: 1890: 1892: 1896-7: 1913: 1920: 1944: 1947: 1959: 1963-4: 1979-2000	Large envelope of leases and fee farm grants of premises in John's Place/Mall. [The short time-span (1839-49) of the original lettings is a reminder that this street was laid out in memory of the adored second son of the 2 nd Earl of Rosse.] The envelope also includes papers relating to the sale of properties in John's Mall to various purchasers.
86	1719: 1741- 1860: 1891: 1921: 1946	Half-box of leases of premises in Burkeshill.
87	1742: 1792: 1803: 1807	Envelope of leases of premises which are all described as being on the road to Burkeshill or as adjoining Burkeshill, and have no other intelligible indication of location. [In date order.]
88/1-2	1764: 1830	Leases of premises in Love Lane.
89	1769-1878	Half-box of leases of 'the Fair Green', 'the Factory Field' and other premises and parks described as being bounded on one side by 'the new road from Parsonstown to Frankford'.
90	1679: 1715- 1864: 1896: 1994	Box of leases of premises in or near Birr which, even with the aid of Q/16/1, it has not proved possible to pin precisely or even approximately.
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91-9	1870-1951	Series of original bundles of tenants' proposals or agreements for and surrenders of conacre, grazing, weekly, monthly, yearly and caretaker lettings [most of them relating to King's County and Birr, but some of them quite possibly

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91-9 (contd)		relating to the Tipperary estate. Ideally these papers should be integrated with Q/17-90, but as the labour involved in so doing would be considerable, and as they are distinguished from the earlier leases by their temporary nature, they have been left in their original state, except that they have been reduced to rough chronological order, as follows:
91	1870-79	Box of conacre, grazing, weekly, monthly, yearly or caretaker proposals/agreements.
92	1880-96	"
93	1897-1905	"
94	1905-12	"
95	1913-21	"
96	1922-32	"
97	1933-79	Half-box "
98	1879-1907	Lease-book titled 'R[osse] agreements, No. 1', recording details of such lettings as the above.
99	1908-50	The same, titled 'R[osse] agreements, No. 3', [and continuous as far as dates are concerned, although No. 2 appears to be missing?].
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100-231		SLIM, FOLIO VOLUMES OF RENTALS, WITH AGENT'S ACCOUNTS INCORPORATED
100A	1848: 1931: 1988	Rental of the 'Outer estate', which includes [the Sprigge lands of] Lisclooney, Clonivoe and Lumpcloon, and has a half-yearly rental of £6,500. [Papers about the sale of Lisclooney to one Oliver Claffey can be found in the black tin Estate Office box in the right-hand corner of the Muniment Room.]
100B	1848	Rental of the 'Inner estate' [Parsons-town and the immediately outlying townlands], with a half-yearly rental of £4,500.
[101-5]	1849-52	Volumes missing.
106A-B	1853	Rental and account.

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107	1854	Rental and account.
108	1855	" [Also on MIC/564]
109	1856	"
110	1857	"
111	1858	"
112	1859	"
113	1860	"
114	1861	"
115	1862	"
116	1863	"
117	1864	"
118	1865	"
119	1866	"
120	1867	"
121	1868	"
122	1869	"
123	1870	"
124	1871	"
125	1872	"
126	1873	"
127	1874	"
128	1875	" [Also on MIC/564]
129	1876	"

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130	1877	Rental and account.
131	1878	“
132	1879	“
133	1880	“
134	1881	“
135	1882	“
136	1883	“
137	1884	“
138	1885	“
139	1886	"
140	1887	"
141	1888	"
142	1889	"
143	1890	"
144	1891	"
145	1892	"
146	1893	"
147	1894	"
148	1895	" [Also on MIC/564]
149	1896	"
150	1897	"
151	1898	"
152	1899	"

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153	1900	Rental and account.
154	1901	"
155	1902	"
156	1903	"
157	1904	"
158	1905	"
159	1906	"
160A	May 1907	"
160B	Nov. 1907	"
161	1908	"
162	1909	"
163	1910	"
164	1911	"
165	1912	"
166	1913	"
167	1914	"
168	1915	"
169	1916	"
170	1917	"
171	1918	"
172	1919	"
173	1920	"
174	1921	"

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175	1922	Rental and account.
176	1923	"
177	1924	"
178	1925	"
179	1926	"
180	1927	"
181	1928	"
182	1929	"
183	1930	"
184	1931	"
185A	1932	"
185B	1933	"
186	1934	"
187	1935	"
188	1936	"
189	1937	"
190	1938	"
191	1939	"
192	1940	"
193	1941	"
194	1942	"
195	1943	"
196	1944	"

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197	1945	Rental and account.
198	1946	"
199	1947	"
200	1948	"
201	1949	"
202	1950	"
203	1951	"
204	1952	"
205	1953	"
206	1954	"
207	1955	"
208	1956	"
209	1957	"
210	1958	"
211	1959	"
212	1960	"
213	1961	"
214	1962	"
215	1963	"
216	1964	"
217	1965	"
218	1966	"
219	1967	"

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Q/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
220	1968	Rental and account.
221	1969	"
222	1970	"
223	1971	"
224	1972	"
[225]	1973	Missing.
226	1974	Rental and account.
227	1975	" [In respect of the 'Oxmantown Trust']
228	1976	" "
229	1977	Rental and account for the Birr Estates Company [ie <i>not</i> the Oxmantown Trust]
230	1978	"
231	1979	"
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232-5	1900-67	RENT LEDGERS FOR WEEKLY TENANTS
232	1900-16	Weekly tenants' rent ledger.
233	1917-32	"
[234]	1933-51	Volume missing.
235	1952-67	Weekly tenants' rent ledger.
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236-8	1852-1926	RENT BOOKS FOR HON. LAURENCE PARSONS'S ESTATES

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236	1852-76	'Tenants' accounts' for the estates of the Hon. Laurence Parsons in King's County and Cos Tipperary and Wexford [see 0/36 and Q/6 and 16/4].
237	1876-1926	"
238	1890-1920	'L.P. ledger, No. 2.'
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239-48	1834-7: 1844-6	RENT ACCOUNT BOOKS
239	1834-7	Quarto account book in which the agent, Dr George Heenan, has kept his rent accounts with the 2 nd Earl for the entire Rosse estate in King's County and Tipperary. [Also on MIC.564]
[240-42]	1838-43	Volumes missing.
243	1844	Heenan's rent account book for the half year to April.
[244]	1844	Volume missing.
[245]	1845	"
246	1845	Heenan's rent account book for the half year to October.
[247]	1846	Volume missing.
248	1846	Heenan's rent account book for the half year from July to October.
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249-50	1881-1924	RENT RECEIPT LEDGERS
249	1881-99	Thick folio volume titled 'Parsonstown [ie inner estate]: tenants' accounts', [including details of tenures and therefore possessing elements of a leasebook [see Q/16].
250	1899-1924	The same titled 'Outer estate: tenants' accounts'.
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251A-253	1875-1931	'OUT-GOINGS' LEDGERS
251A	1875-85	Battered folio ledger titled 'Out-goings, 2 [no sign of '1']', recording 'out-goings' on sundry people and for sundry purposes (drainage, interest, head rents, game and farm expenses, etc).
251B	1886-1903	Battered folio ledger, titled 'Out-goings, 3', recording 'out-goings' on sundry people and for sundry purposes (drainage, interest, head rents, game and farm expenses, etc).
252	1904-16	'Out-goings, 4'.
253	1917-31	'Out-goings, 5.'
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254-60	1904-42	DAY BOOKS
254	1904-8	Squat folio volume, titled 'Ledger, No. 10' [no trace of 1-9], recording estate, farm, demesne, forestry, garden, etc, receipts and out-goings on a day-by-day basis, [and therefore in the nature of a day book rather than a ledger].
255	1908-12	'Ledger, No. 11.'
[256]	1913-16	Volume missing.
257	1917-20	'Ledger, No. 13.'
[258]	1921-6	Volume missing.
259	1926-33	'Ledger, No. 15.'
260	1933-42	'Ledger, No. 16.'
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261-7	1894-1974	FARM, FORESTRY, PERSONAL AND GARDEN LEDGERS
261	1894-1955	Ledger for the home farms at Dovegrove, Killeen and Newtown.

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262	1904-55	Forestry 'out-goings' ledger.
263	1909-13	'Forestry account ledger' [mostly empty].
264	1909-45	'Forestry account cash ledger', 1909-39, used simultaneously as a Birr Manor Sawmills account book, 1910-45.
264A	1929-32	'Forestry account timber sales ledger.'
265	1930-60	'Rt Hon. Earl of Rosse: private ledger.'
266	1961-74	Ledger: 'Earl of Rosse – personal account and Womersley Park'.
267	1949-55	[Birr] Castle gardens ledger.
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268	1929-30: 1933: 1947	Box containing bundles of weekly returns of income and expenditure (mainly on labour) for Birr Castle, gardens, pleasure grounds, forestry, farm, etc, [sampled from a vast quantity of similar material in order to show how the accounting system then in operation worked.]
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269	1917-19: 1922-36	Box containing annual sets of estate and farm accounts, audited by Stokes Bros. & Pirn of Dublin [see also Q/393].
270	1937-46: 1949-64: 1971: 1979-80	Box containing annual sets of estate and farm accounts, audited by Stokes Bros. & Pirn of Dublin [see also Q/393].
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271-314	1901-56: 1902-74	LABOURERS AND WORKMEN'S TIME BOOKS
271	1901	Slim, workmen's time book – miscellaneous farm, forestry and sawmills work. [Also on MIC/564]
272	1901-3	Slim, workmen's time book – miscellaneous farm, forestry and sawmills work.

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273	1903	Slim, workmen's time book – miscellaneous farm, forestry and sawmills work.
274	1904-5	"
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275	1907-8	Same format – sawmills only.
[276]	1908-10	Volume missing.
277	1910-11	Slim, workmen's time book for the sawmills.
278	1911-12	"
279	1912-13	"
280	1913-14	"
281	1914-15	"
282	1916-17	"
283	1918-19	"
284	1919-20	"
285	1920-21	"
286	1921-2	"
287	1922	"
[288-9]	1923-5	Volumes missing.
290	1926-8	Slim, workmen's time book for the sawmills.
291	1928-31	"
292	1931-5	"
293	1935-8	"
294	1938-9	"

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295	1939-40	Slim, workmen's time book for the sawmills.
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296	1911-12	Slim, daily labour book (woods).
297	1913-14	"
298	1915-17	"
299	1917-18	"
[300]	1919-20	Volume missing.
301	1921-4	Daily labour book (woods).
302	1924-7	"
303	1927-30	"
304	1930-32	"
[305]	1933-4	Volume missing.
306	1935-7	Daily labour book (woods).
307	1937-9	Daily labour book (woods).
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308	1939-43	Thicker, folio volume recording workmen's time and accounts (forestry, sawmills, garden, farm, etc).
309	1943-5	"
310	1946-9	"
311	1950-53	"
312	1953-5	"
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313	1956	Softback, quarto wages and time book for forestry workers.
314	1972-4	"
314A	c.1950-1998	Six garden books kept by the head gardener, Michael Hogan.
314B	"	"
314C	"	"
314D	"	"
314E	"	"
314F	"	"
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315-23	1854-1967	MISCELLANEOUS VOLUMES RECORDING STOCK, GAME, VALUATIONS, ETC.
315	1854	Printed <i>Griffith's Valuation</i> of the Union of Parsonstown.
316	[c.1850s?]	Octavo volume recording, by townland and then alphabetically by tenants, houses and offices on [the 'outer estate'. Q/316 is also on MIC.564.]
317	1876-82	Large folio stud book.
318	1889	Printed Blue Book on market rights and tolls in Ireland (p. 383 et seq. consisting of evidence from Toler R. Garvey Senior about Birr.).
319-21	1896-1918	Three chronologically overlapping game books.
322	1931-3	Octavo bank book of the 6th Earl of Rosse recording, among other things, investments.
323	1950-67	Small folio volume recording turf-cuttings on the bogs of the Rosse estate.
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324	1884-c.1935	Large cardboard box [equivalent of 3 PRONI boxes] and small tin deed box [equivalent of 1 PRONI box] containing Land Court case papers and Irish Land Commission sale papers, including lists of tenants, of court cases to be heard, some correspondence [but see Q/388], a small quarto volume [of c.1900] recording valuations of holdings, either for land purchase purposes or in connection with appeals against judicial rents, etc, etc, all in connection with the Rosse estate in King's County and Co. Tipperary.
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325	1874-c.1910	Five envelopes containing miscellaneous estate accounts and financial and estate correspondence of the Birr Estate Office, much of it about arterial drainage (including printed matter back to 1869), one account of 1874 mentioning the cost of labour on the mounting for the three-foot telescope, and other long runs of accounts relating to the Dovegrove, Killeen and Newtown farms and stock, and to the manor saw mill, 1886-1912. [Not in chronological order.]
326	1928: 1933: 1935: 1944: 1947: 1954: 1957: 1960: 1966: 1970: 1974	Envelope of legal papers about the estate, including non-contemporary copies of deeds back to 1909, and counsel's opinions on cases concerning repairs to tenanted houses, rates on such houses, the claims of J. Laurie, a dismissed steward [see Q/389], etc, etc.
326A	1957-73	Envelope of papers about the bogs on the estate. [See also Q/18.]
327	1940-42	Carbon out-letter book of the sawmill manager, W.Y. Chisholm [see Q/383].
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328-82	1879-1951	AGENTS' COPY OUT-LETTERS
328-82	1879-92: 1899-1900: 1903-26: 1928-51	52 quarto volumes of damp press, copy out-letters from Toler R. Garvey Senior [and Junior] and Capt. Alec Drought, successive agents for the Rosse estate, writing from the Birr Estate Office. [The bindings of some are in a shocking state of repair, so a progressive operation of conservation is under way. When the volumes currently with the binders are back at Birr Castle, it will be possible to provide a chronological breakdown for each volume and to ascertain which volumes are missing and which were with the binders.]

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383-394	1910-51	IN-LETTERS TO AGENTS
383-394	1910-51	<p>Series of original bundles of in-letters to the successive Rosse agents, Toler R. Garvey Junior and Capt. Alec Drought, alphabetically arranged by correspondent (with all the usual inconsistencies which such a system produces) by Garvey and Drought, and now boxed in alphabetical order, except where strict adherence to the alphabet would have meant an uneconomical use of the boxes. The principal problem with the in-letters to Garvey (which constitute the lion's share) is that he ran other agencies besides the Rosse from the Birr Estate Office and used the one alphabetical system for his correspondence, regardless of agency or estate. The result is that at least half the letters to him rightfully belong in Section V (the section devoted to the other agencies of Garvey, his father and grandfather). To divide up the correspondence by agency and estate would take an inordinate amount of time, would probably not be wholly practicable, would dismantle an original filing-system and in any case would give an unnaturally 'cut-and-dried' appearance to Garvey's daily office routine. No such attempt has therefore been made. Instead, the correspondence has been arranged, exactly in the bundles as it was found, as follows:]</p>
383	1910-51	<p>Box of in-letters from correspondents whose names begin with 'A' and 'C', including correspondence about Sir Nesbitt Armstrong's trusts, and letters from James Callaghan (a thatcher employed by the Rosse estate), from the 'Chief of Staff, January 1923' about the occupation of Birr Castle by the Free State Army, from W. Y. Chisholm (manager of the Rosse sawmill [see Q/327]), from Miss Edith A. Cramer, [see M/18], from Messrs Coutts & Co., etc, etc.</p>
384	1910-51	'B' - principally Richard F. Barry & Son, solicitors, Birr.
385-6	1910-51	Two boxes of letters from 'D' -principally Darley, Orpen & McGillycuddy/Synnot, solicitors, Dublin, who write mainly in their capacity as solicitors to the Rosse estate, but who also acted for other employers of Garvey as well.
387	1910-51	<p>'E', 'F' and 'G' - principally Evans, Barraclough & Co., Bayswater, London (solicitors to the Hon. Richard Clere Parsons), French & French, solicitors, Dublin (who acted for Mrs Manning Robertson of Drumbane House, Birr, another of Garvey's employers), the General Accident Assurance Corporation and the Guardian Assurance Company, both of Dublin (who write about Birr Castle and the Rosse estate), etc, etc.</p>

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388	1910-51	'H', 'I' and 'J' - principally the Irish Land Commission [see also Q/324] and Inspectors of Taxes in Dublin and various Irish provincial out-posts.
389	1910-51	'K' and 'L' - a very miscellaneous lot, but including Colonels Kingscote and Lodwick (two more of Garvey's employers -[see Section V/21-2]).
390	1910-51	'M' - an over-full box, including letters from Allen H. Morgan, solicitor, of Thurles, Co. Tipperary (who writes about the Bennett/Ryan estate [see V/3-6]), Montgomery & Chaytor, solicitors, of Dublin (who write about the Eyre estate [see V/10]), A. Meldon & Co., solicitors, of Dublin (who write about the Banon estate [see V/2]), etc, etc.
391	1910-51	'N' and 'O'.
392	1910-51	'P', 'Q', 'R' and 'T' - including the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, members of the Pigott family [see V/24], Mrs Manning Robertson, the 5th and 6th Earls of Rosse, J.H. Tyler (the Womersley agent [see H/117]), etc, etc.
393	1910-51	'S' - principally Stokes Bros. & Pirn of Dublin (the Rosse accountants [see Q/269-70]), E. & G. Stapleton, solicitors, of Dublin (who write about the Barrett estate [see V/7]), etc, etc.
394	1910-51	'W' and 'J' - principally Edward Walsh (town clerk of Birr, who writes about all manner of local government matters), Harold J. Wiley & Co., insurance brokers of Dublin (who write about Birr Castle insurance), Mrs F. White Spinner of Milltown Park, Shinrone, King's County (whose estate Garvey managed [although, apart from these letters, no other record of this agency survives in the archive at Birr Castle]), etc, etc.
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395	1958-65	Original box of Birr Estate Office in-letters to the then Rosse agent, A.E. Telford, many of them from the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse. Lord and Lady Rosse's letters do not confine themselves to estate business, but include arrangements for house parties at Birr Castle. [For the other side of the correspondence with Lord and Lady Rosse, see T/34].

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GEOFFREY L. PARSONS**

R/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-16	1856-1990	Artificial collection of letters, obituary and biographical notices, printed orders for memorial services, photographs, etc, received or assembled by the 4th, 6th and 7th Earls of Rosse, the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons and Mr Laurence Parsons, all concerning the inventor of the turbine, Sir Charles Parsons, a younger brother of the 4th Earl.
		The material has been arranged as follows:
1	1856-c.1910	Miscellaneous photographs, original and copy, all featuring Sir Charles Parsons and the steam turbine.
2	1884: 1898: 1918: 1932	Formal documents relating to Sir Charles and Lady Parsons, including a photocopy of a patent of 1884, an original letter of 1898 announcing Sir Charles's election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, a letter concerning a presentation to Lady Parsons by the Order of St John of Jerusalem in recognition of her First World War work; a draft of a licence to manufacture and sell turbines; and a copy of court proceedings relating to the well-known 1932 patent case, Parsons v. United States.
3	1896-1909	Photocopies of letters from Sir Charles to 'My dear Simpson', clearly a business associate, about the 'screw propeller question' (1896), the results of 'some runs on the Tyne today' (1897), scientific evidence being given to the Privy Council (1898), the need 'to wait until we have a destroyer going and a success' (1899), Mr Street's 'methods of calculating the age of the earth by radium' (1909), etc, etc.
4	1896-1932: 1944: 1949	Two envelopes of miscellaneous letters and papers, mainly printed matter, collected by the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, about the work of Sir Charles and about inventions and engineering generally. The envelopes include what appears to be a rough, working drawing by Sir Charles, his report on vessel propulsion published for a 1905 navigation congress, and a letter to the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons from a University College (Dublin) professor describing Sir Charles as a 'superb embodiment of handcraft and redecraft (the power of extracting from books the knowledge we seek for, the ability to ponder over it and to digest it) in action, working hand in hand to guide a great engineer to wonderful achievement.'
5	1907-34	Highly artificial bundle of letters from Sir Charles and Lady Parsons to other members of the Parsons family, mainly the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, Mr Lawrence Parsons and the 6th Earl of Rosse.

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6	1931-8: 1950	Mainly printed obituary and memorial material about Sir Charles and Lady Parsons, including a letter from Eamon de Valera to the 6th Earl, 1950, observing, 'It was a bad lapse on my part not to have known that Parsons of the steam turbine was of your Family. I am delighted that Ireland has to her credit so distinguished a scientist and inventor'; and articles on the dedication of a Sir Charles memorial window in Westminster Abbey (1950).
7	1941-2: 1944: 1948: 1950: 1954	Four published Sir Charles Parsons Memorial Lectures, collected by the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, as well as letters to G. L. Parsons from one Stanley Goodall regarding the research and writing of Goodall's 1942 Parsons Memorial Lecture.
8	1933-55	Correspondence and papers of the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, mainly about the editing and publication of the <i>Scientific Papers and Addresses</i> of Sir Charles (Cambridge, 1934), together with a few miscellaneous letters, including one from a Mrs Kathleen Consdale regarding the late Sir Charles's interest in the x-ray analysis of artificial diamonds.
9	1942: 1952-55	Correspondence and papers of the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, mainly relating to shares in and the management of the Parsons Marine Steam Turbine Company, Limited.
10	1954	Cuttings from newspapers and periodicals, and other printed matter, relating to the career of Sir Charles, published to mark the centenary of his birth.
11	1956-2002	Correspondence of the 6 th and 7 th Earls of Rosse about Sir Charles's only child, Rachel Parsons, whose executor the 6th Earl was. The 6 th Earl's letters and papers about her include: a copy of a page from a photograph album at Ray showing a coarse-shooting party (with the signatures of each participant, including Rachel Parsons, captioned below) and in the background a view of the gardens in summer; a biographical note on Rachel Parsons from Newnham College, Cambridge; photographs of her inkstand; a 6-paragraph appreciation of her by Anne Countess of Rosse, 1956; numerous press-cuttings about Rachel Parsons and her death, and a copy of an undated letter of protest from the 6 th Earl to the editor of some periodical which had printed an article misrepresenting as 'wicked' and devilish Miss Parsons's 'eccentric habits'. [Rachel Parsons had been eccentric for most of her life and died violently at the hands of a stable boy. Because she died intestate, her considerable estate was divided among her relations, the 6th Earl's share (of c.£10,000) financing the creation and decoration of the Yellow Drawing Room at Birr Castle (see T/39).] The 7 th

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11 (contd)		Earl's letters and papers about Rachel Parsons include his correspondence, 2000-01, with Edward Raphael Baldrusski, who was hoping to publish a piece about her and who raises the question of how the Women's Engineering Society began and developed; it had been founded on Lady Parsons's initiative, and had Rachel Parsons as its first president.
12	1955: 1957: 1962: 1966-7: 1971: 1974-8	Letters to the 6 th Earl of Rosse from his cousin, Norman Parsons, head of C.A. Parsons & Co. Ltd., and other members of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne branch of the family.
13	1964-9	Miscellaneous printed matter collected by the 6 th Earl and Lord Oxmantown about Sir Charles, together with a letter from G.M. Sisson to the 6 th Earl, 1969, enclosing and commenting on a lecture by Sisson on Sir Charles's contribution to astronomy and referring to Sir Charles's adventures with the Russians in 1925 which, according to Sisson, 'make most amusing reading.'
14	1984: 1988: 200-02	Letters and papers of Lord Oxmantown, now 7 th Earl of Rosse, and his mother, Anne Countess of Rosse, about the Sir Charles Parsons Centenary Exhibition in Newcastle, 1984 (including 2 letters on this subject from Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who writes to Anne, Countess of Rosse, '...I am glad that his many and varied achievements have been so aptly commemorated'); about the First and Second Parsons International Turbine Conferences, held at T.C.D., 26-8 June 1984 and 1988 (to the first of which Norman Parsons contributed a paper entitled 'Parsons – the man', a 4-page copy of which is present), papers on subsequent Sir Charles Parsons Lectures, memorial events, etc, which were attended by the 7 th Earl, and correspondence of the 7 th Earl about his purchase in May-July 2000 of a model of Sir Charles's experimental vessel, the 'Turbinia'.
15-16	1981-91	Two envelopes of original and photocopied printed matter, all collected by the 7 th Earl and relating to Sir Charles Parsons. [See also W/17/1.]

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1-17	1802: [1809?]: 1826: 1873- 2005	Letters and papers of the Linley, Sambourne and Messel families, the ancestors of Anne (nee Messel), Countess of Rosse, wife of the 6th Earl. These include: bills of 1802 to Thomas Sambourne and an inventory of [1809?]; a letter of 1826 to Edward Mott Sambourne of Easton, Pennsylvania; letters, newspaper cuttings, pedigrees, etc, of his son, Edward Linley Sambourne of 18 Stafford Terrace, Kensington [cartoonist-in-chief to Punch], and daughter-in-law, Marion, daughter of Spencer Herapath, all concerning family history and genealogy, the wedding of the Edward Linley Sambournes in 1874, etc, etc, and letters to the 6th Earl and Countess of Rosse about 18 Stafford Terrace, [1960], 1969, 1972, 1977-8 and 1981 [see also T/38].
		There is a great deal more Linley and Sambourne material in the former family home in Stafford Terrace, which is now a museum administered by the Victorian Society. This includes material on slave-ownership in the West Indies, and possibly on the early Linleys, including the celebrated Elizabeth, wife of Richard Brinsley Sheridan. This Linley connection is commemorated today by the viscountcy of Linley, the courtesy title of the Earl of Snowdon [see T/169], who is the son of Anne, Countess of Rosse, by her previous marriage to Ronald Owen Armstrong-Jones.
		Shirley Nicholson, author of a book on the Herapaths and Sambournes of Stafford Terrace, published in 1988 under the title, <i>Victorian Household</i> , listed the material which has subsequently been formed into S/1/1-7 during a visit to Birr Castle in May 1989, as follows:
1/1		‘Letters from Linley Sambourne to Marion Herapath, April to July 1874, including his proposal of marriage dated 21 May 1874. (Two other letters from this period are at 18 Stafford Terrace).
1/2		Letters from Marion Herapath to Linley Sambourne, April to July 1874.
1/3		Letters from Marion Sambourne to her husband, September 1875. He was in Scotland with Arthur a’Beckett, making drawings for the book they published together called “Our Holiday in the Scottish Highlands”. Marion was staying with her parents at Westwood Lodge, in Kent, after the birth of their first child, Maud. (Letters from Linley to Marion covering this period are at Nymans, Sussex [but have not yet (1995) come to light among the papers of Anne Countess of Rosse, who died in June 1992].) Also two letters from Marion’s brother, Spencer Herapath, and one from her mother, to Linley.
1/4		Letters concerning the Sambourne American connection - not very informative. (More of these at 18 Stafford Terrace).

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1/5		Three packets of letters and genealogical notes, put together by Marion Sambourne, concerning the Sambourne, Herapath and Moore families. (More of these at 18 Stafford Terrace).
1/6		Letters and bills (1802-1809) concerning Thomas Sambourne. Bill for funeral of James Wheat Sambourne, 1843. Letter from a friend in America to Edward Mott Sambourne. (All contained in envelope inscribed by Linley Sambourne, but inscription and contents do not match).
1/7		Letter[s] from Gilbert Wheat, descendant of Thomas Wheat, the grandfather of Thomas Sambourne, about the said Thomas Sambourne (1981[-4]). Letter and genealogical information from Annie Gray, descendant of Thomas Sambourne and his wife Elizabeth Linley. Various letters circa 1978 ..., [1981 and 1986].'
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2	c.1888-92	Run of letters to Marion Sambourne ('Polly') from her husband, Edward Linley Sambourne ('Dickie'), some of them including rough cartoons. They are personal letters, but they range over all manner of topics and are not without relevance to Linley Sambourne's career. They include a thoughtful parody of Southey's poem on the Battle of Blenheim.
3	1888-92	Letters to the Sambournes from their children, Maud and Roy, from Marion Sambourne's mother, and from various people about business matters and Edward Linley Sambourne's work.
3A/1	1993	Thesis prepared by Mary Anne Roberts for the Royal College of Art, on Edward Linley Sambourne and photography, 1993.
3A/2	2001	Correspondence and materials about the Linley Sambourne exhibition called 'Public Artist: Private Passions', which was opened by the 7 th Earl at Leighton House in 2001, and whose detailed 60-page programme, with a foreword by Lord Snowdon, is here included.
4	1899-1904	Bills and receipts to Roy Sambourne from tailors and other tradesmen, tutors, clubs, hotels (frequently the Randolph in Oxford), charities, etc, mainly in Eton, Oxford and London. Some of the bill-heads are of interest in their own right.

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5	1903-4	Letters to Roy Sambourne from his parents, Edward Linley and Marion Sambourne, his sister, Maud (Mrs Leonard Messel), 'Aunt Gabby' at Pyt House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, and all manner of friends, 'dates' and the mothers of the young ladies concerned. Generally, these letters recreate the life-style of an amiable, if somewhat dissipated (and, from the point of view of the young ladies' mothers, evasive) young man-about-town. Discordant notes are struck (a) on the subject of Roy Sambourne's fondness for drink, and (b) on the subject of his neglect of his military duties in Leonard Messel's regiment. Also included are a few printed ephemera, among them invitations, programmes for dances (with names of partners inserted in pencil), Christmas cards, etc.
6	1901-15 (mainly 1901-4)	Box of family and personal letters to Maud Messel [daughter of Edward Linley and Marion Sambourne, and wife of Colonel L.C.R. (Leonard) Messel, then of Balcombe House, Balcombe, Sussex, later of Nymans, Handcross, Sussex].
7	1906: c.1910-50	Registration paper and photographs relating to Ludwig Messel's motor car, 1906; water-colour of the garden at 25 Eaton Terrace, 1930, and photograph of the front of the house, N.D., the latter endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'The home that my father gave up on [my] marriage to Mr A.-Jones in 1925'; and miscellaneous Messel family photographs c.1910-50, including youthful photographs of Anne and Oliver, c.1910. [N.B. These latter photographs should ultimately be incorporated in Section P, but since this is the most physically dispersed and imprecisely described section of the archive, they have been left here for the moment, for ease of retrieval.]
8	1908	Diary-cum-address book of Mrs Leonard Messel, with some loose, later enclosures, 1908-25.
9	c.1910-50	Recipe book and loose recipes kept by Mrs Leonard Messel.
10	[c.1930]: 1942: 1947: 1949: 1971: 1984	Letters and papers of Colonel Leonard Messel and his daughter, Anne Countess of Rosse, about the firm of Ludwig Messel & Co., stockbrokers - a list of the partners since 1871, some correspondence about its activities in the 1940s, a printed catalogue of 'The Messel Collection' of recent paintings purchased by it in 1984, letters of the same year from the then senior partner, David Lloyd, to Anne Countess of Rosse about the firm's 'alliance' with Shearson Lehman American Express, etc.
11	1934-59 (mainly 1951-9)	Box of letters and papers of Mrs Leonard Messel, Nymans and (from 1947) Holmstead Manor, Cuckfield, Sussex, from family (including Anne Countess of Rosse and Oliver Messel), friends, tradesmen, etc, and also including letters

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11 (contd)		and printed matter about the death of Colonel Leonard Messel in 1953. The most important 'tradesmen' are Maggs Bros. Ltd., who write in 1947 offering an autograph letter embellished with 2 sketches by her father, Linley Sambourne, to 'My dear Birch', which concerns a decorative design he has to do for an in-coming Lord Mayor and asks Birch if he knows of a male model, Garrick Club, 1888 (together with that autograph letter, which Mrs Messel obviously purchased), and Henry Sotheran Ltd, who write in 1951 offering Mrs Messel '... a fine run of <i>Punch's Pocket Books</i> from 1845 to 1881 ...' and various other items. Also included in the box is a fairly youthful letter from 'Maudie', writing from 18 Stafford Terrace, to ' <i>My own darling Nana</i> ', and illustrating her letter with charming pen sketches.
12	1947-9	Box of letters and papers of Colonel Leonard Messel and Anne Countess of Rosse about the fire which in 1947 destroyed most of the house at Nymans and the bulk of the collections which it contained [see T/25], the ensuing insurance claims, Colonel Messel's purchase of and move to nearby Holmstead Manor, Cuckfield, the compiling of inventories of his surviving collections both there and in London, the work of Michael Tapper, FRIBA, in converting the stump of Nymans into a habitable house, the trust set up by Colonel Messel to provide for his grandchildren [and also, presumably, to endow the garden at Nymans, which he had decided to leave to the National Trust at his death. Clive Aslet, in <i>The Last Country Houses</i> (New Haven, 1982), p.166, describes Nymans as '... a traditional-looking manor house ..., evolved out of an unsatisfactory Regency building ... which Lt-Colonel Leonard Messel ... inherited in 1915. The Messels had an attachment to the house, which had been Leonard Messel's boyhood home, but required a building that would set off Mrs Messel's oak furniture. Consequently, Norman Evill built a "Tudor" front and Walter Tapper a mock 14th-century great hall. Christopher Hussey entered into the spirit of the thing and wrote a spoof topographical history for <i>Country Life</i> [in 1932]. ...' The habitable stump of the house became one of the homes of Anne Countess of Rosse and the 6th Earl.]
13	1937-54	Letters and papers of Colonel Leonard Messel about the Nymans garden [see also T/24-5], including letters from Professor Hen Hsu-Hu, Director of the Fan Memorial Institute of Biology, Peking [see T/16 and 18], and the Directors and other officials of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and Edinburgh, letters and other papers about plant-hunting expeditions to China and Mexico, letters of appreciation from visitors to the garden at Nymans, and newspaper cuttings about its opening as a National Trust property in 1954.
14	1947-50: 1953	Five diaries kept by Colonel Messel.

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15	1945-9	Letters to Colonel Messel from miscellaneous correspondents about the Second World War, personal and minor artistic and literary matters.
16	1946-52	Letters to Colonel Messel about miscellaneous matters of business (other than those already covered) -the insurance claim following a burglary at Nymans in 1946, wills and deceased estates, building work on 104 Lancaster Gate and 18 Stafford Terrace, etc.
17	1961-3: 1966-70: 1972-4: 1976-93: 1999-2005	Box of letters and papers of Anne Countess of Rosse, the 6th Earl and their son, the 7th Earl, about the Messel family and Lady Rosse's share of the Messel artistic inheritance. Included are inventories of Stafford Terrace [see also T/38] and letters and papers about its being made over to the Victorian Society via financial support from the GLC, 1978-9, letters about the Herapath family, 1966 and 19[?80], letter from Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, 1976, and other papers about the architect, Alfred Messel (1853-1909), letter and newspaper cutting about Anne Countess of Rosse's work on the Linleys, 1970, letters to her about the collection of fans [formed by her grandfather, Ludwig Messel of Darmstadt, and her father, Colonel Messel], 1963 and 1969, letters and papers about her collection of her own and her mother's dresses and accessories (some of them by the designer, Charles James), the loan of some James items to the Brooklyn Museum, New York, and the placing of the whole collection in the Royal Pavilion Gallery and Museum, Brighton, 1981-3, and letters and papers of the 7th Earl and her about the sale of the fan collection to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and the opening of the first display of it there, 1984-6, principally correspondence with the Museum's Director, Professor Michael Jaffé [See also T/60/6]. Also included is a copy of Anne Countess of Rosse's 2-page typescript biography of her father entitled 'Leonard Messel, the Collector and the Man, 1872-1953', 1985, letter with enclosures to the 7th Earl from Shirley Nicholson [see S/1/1-7] discussing the Messel family and her research visit to Birr Castle, 1989, and correspondence about the restoration of the Sambourne family tomb. [The papers about the fan collection, which are the biggest component of the subsection, have been grouped in one large folder. For personal and family letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from her Messel relations, see T/165-7.]

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	1918-92	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl and Anne, Countess of Rosse.
		FAMILY HISTORY
1	1918: 1923: 1926: 1935-8: 1940-42: 1945: 1947: 1950: 1952-3: 1956: 1961: 1965: 1967-71: 1983	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, some of them from Thomas U. Sadleir of the Office of Arms, Dublin Castle, and papers (many of them inherited from the 6th Earl's uncle, the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons [see T/10]), about Parsons, Boleyn, Savage and Sprigge genealogy and family history, including: a typescript copy of the well-known letter written by Francis Johnston in 1820 in which Johnston itemises his architectural opera to date [and excludes Birr Castle from the list]; extracts from Gilbert's <i>History of Dublin</i> concerning the raffish life of the 1st Earl of Rosse (of the first creation) in Dublin in the 1730s and his patronage of a portrait painter called James Worsdale; an MS. copy of a poem by Sir Laurence Parsons, 5th Bt, [c.1793], on the decadence of the Irish parliament taken from Wolfe Tone's <i>Life</i> , by his son; the loss or destruction of the papers of the Lloyd family of Gloster, near Birr; etc, etc. Also included are correspondence and papers about the 6th Earl's being placed on the roll of baronets, 1918, and establishing his right to vote in Irish representative peerage elections, 1936-7.
2-12		LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE 6 TH EARL'S FAMILY
2	1914	Two post-cards to the 6th Earl, then Lord Oxmantown, from his father, the 5th Earl, in Berlin, one of them showing and commenting upon a Zeppelin.
3	c.1920-1979	Three boxes of letters to the 6th Earl, including some to Anne Countess of Rosse, from his mother, the Dowager Countess of Rosse [who in 1920 married the 5th Viscount de Vesci, whose letters to the 6th Earl will be found at T/12].
4	1922-39	Two envelopes of letters to the 6th Earl from his younger brother, the Hon. Desmond Parsons, including letters about Desmond's whereabouts and health, numerous letters of condolence on Desmond's early death in 1937 and several obituary notices. [See also Section U.]
5	1923-72	Large envelope of letters to the 6th Earl (including a few to Anne, Countess of Rosse) from his sister, Lady Bridget Parsons. Also included is an original bundle of letters of condolence on her death, 1972.

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6/1-4	1920-38	Letters to the 6th Earl from his maternal grandparents, Sir Cecil and Lady Beatrice Lister Kaye, and his great-aunts/uncles on the Lister Kaye side of the family [see Section N], as follows:
6/1	1924-35	Envelope of letters from Sir Cecil and Lady Beatrice Lister Kaye.
6/2	1920-24: 1946: 1957	Envelope of letters from 'Linny' [Lady Beatrice's brother, the 7th Duke of Newcastle], 1920-24, together with one from [her nephew, the 9th Duke], 1946, and a letter accompanying a photograph of a portrait of Adrian Hope of Amsterdam (1709-81), 1957.
6/3	1935: 1946: 1949-50: 1952	Three letters from 'Aunt Kathleen Newcastle' [Lady Beatrice's sister-in-law, widow of the 7th Duke], together with one written on her behalf.
6/4	1928: 1938	Three letters from Natica Lister Kaye [widow of Sir Cecil's brother, Sir John Lister Kaye, 3 rd Bt].
7/1-3	1924-72	Letters to the 6th Earl from his mother's brother and sisters, as follows:
7/1	1927-56	Envelope of letters from Sir Kenelm Lister Kaye, 5 th Bt [son and successor of Sir Cecil], and his wife, Jean.
7/2	1924-53	Envelope of letters from Florence Vaughan [daughter of Sir Cecil] and other members of the Vaughan family of Courtfield, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.
7/3	1926-75	Two envelopes of letters from Adeline, Countess de la Feld [another of Sir Cecil's daughters].
8	1925-68: 2000	Envelope of letters to the 6th Earl from the Countess Orietta Borromeo d'Adda, [daughter of Lady Beatrice Lister Kaye's sister, Emily], and from Countess Orietta's son, Carlo, and other members of the Borromeo and Doria families; including an obituary of the last Princess Orietta (Pogson) Doria Pamphili, 2000.
9	1922-36	Envelope of letters to the 6th Earl from his great-uncle, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Randal Parsons.

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10	1927-56 1956-7. [See also T/36.]	Envelope of letters to the 6th Earl from his uncle, the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons of The Manor House, Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, and box file of papers and correspondence concerning the winding-up of his estate after his death,
11/1-3	1910: 1921-77	Letters to the 6th Earl from other Parsons relations, as follows:
11/1	1910: 1920-21	Three letters from his grandmother, Cassandra, Countess of Rosse [nee Hawke], the first of them to Miss Edith A. Cramer [see T/157].
11/2	1936: 1958: 1967-9: 1971	Envelope of letters from John and Alice Parsons of Little Grillions, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.
11/3	1947-77: 1986	Envelope of letters from miscellaneous Parsons, including [Rev.] Desmond, Canon Edward, Christopher and 'Cousin Lawrie'. [For letters from yet another branch of the family, see Section R.]
12-29		HORTICULTURAL AND BOTANICAL CORRESPONDENCE
12	1924-52: 1957	Letters to the 6th Earl from the 5th Viscount de Vesci, [his step-father, who had married the widow of the 5th Earl in 1920], about family affairs, de Vesci manorial rights in Rotherham, Yorkshire, the difficulty of obtaining insurance on Irish property because of the fears in the City of civil commotion in Ireland (mainly 1932), and seeds, trees and gardening. Although Lord de Vesci owned nearby Abbeyleix, Co. Leix, these letters are almost all written from London (where he was an under-writer at Lloyds) or his country house, Monk Hopton, Shropshire. Also included are letters from Lord de Vesci's younger brothers, Osbert and Thomas Vesey, and from Evelyn, Viscountess de Vesci, [widow of the 4th Viscount], 1922-30 and 1951. [For letters from the 5th Viscount's nephew and successor, see T/170.]
13	1920-21: 1925: 1927-78	Three envelopes of bills to the 6th Earl from sundry nurserymen and seedsmen (all British and Irish), and also from booksellers specialising in horticultural materials; [in continuation of M/33. The first envelope contains all the booksellers' bills and most of the significant seedsmen's: envelopes 2-3 consist mainly of seedsmen's bills from Drummonds and Rowans, both of Dublin, and from Watsons of Killiney, Co. Dublin.]

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14	1929-38	Quotations to the 6th Earl - some of them involving detailed horticultural explanations - from all manner of nurserymen and seedsmen, principally Hilliers of Winchester, and two firms quoting for wrought-iron garden arches and a gate.
15	1933: 1935: 1952: 1962: 1985	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about plant-hunting expeditions led by Frank Kingdon Ward, Joseph F. Rock and James C. Archibald, including an offprint of a <i>Country Life</i> article on the subject by William and Mary Webb, 1985.
16	1933-8	Communications to the 6th Earl from the Royal Horticultural Society, London, about his appointment to its council, Professor H.H. Hu's Chinese expedition, etc.
17	1934 onwards	Designs by Anne, Countess of Rosse, for the Birr Castle gardens - some executed, others not [for earlier garden designs, see O/32-4]; together with instructions written by her on the planting of borders, on taking chrysanthemum cuttings, etc, notes of talks she gave overseas on the gardens of Birr Castle, and cards sent from some of the other gardens (like Bel Oeil) which most inspired her.
18	1933-42	Letters, bills and printed catalogues to the 6 th Earl from botanists and horticulturists in Hong Kong and China - Professor Geoffrey Herklets of Hong Kong, and R.C. Ching, Sohstu G. King and Professor Hen Hsu-Hu [see also S/13 and T/25/1], all three of them associated with the Fan Memorial Institute of Biology, Peking, and the Lu-Shan Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Ruling, Kiukiang, China. Professor Hu's 3 letters, 1935-7, are mainly about the possibility of a seed-collecting expedition going to north-west Yunnan and south-east Tibet, and there is another letter from Hu to Sohstu G. King about sending a plant specimen to the 6 th Earl [all 4 of them have been photocopied by PRONI, T/3498/6]. Of particular interest is a detailed price list of Chinese tree seeds, 1935. Also included is a letter from Schwerin, Germany, proposing an expedition to China, 1933, a letter from the plant hunter, J.F. Rock, about funding for the publication of a 'Plant Geography of West China', and a bill for plant seeds bought by the 6 th Earl from the Lu-Shan Arboretum, 1938 (PRONI, T/3498/7).
19	1932: 1937-43	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sir Charles Barrington of Fairthorne Manor, Botley, Southampton [a former trustee of the Rosse estates - see H/117], about gardening.
20	1938-9	Letters to the 6th Earl from horticulturists and botanists in America (North and South), principally Dr B.P. Reko of Tacubaya, Mexico, T.H. Everett of the New York Botanical

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20 (contd)		Gardens, P.J. le Clair of the Soil Conservation Service, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Professor M. Martinez of Mexico City.
21	1938-40	Letters to the 6th Earl from F.W. Chaundy and Lady Beatrix Stanley about <i>The New Flora and Silva</i> , an illustrated, quarterly horticultural journal, published by a company of which the 6th Earl was chairman.
22	1924-39: 1943	Mainly pre-war letters to the 6th Earl from miscellaneous British and Irish horticulturists and botanists, including representatives of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, Glasnevin and Edinburgh, [the 2 nd] Lord Aberconway [President of the Royal Horticultural Society, 1931-53], Peter Coats, Manning Robertson, Wilfrid [?Fox], Lords Dunalley and Headfort, etc.
23	1938-47	Letters to the 6th Earl from the successive head gardeners at Birr Castle, James Armit and Thomas Fenton.
24	1938: 1940: 1944: 1947-8: N.D.: 1970: 1984: 1992	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from James Comber, head gardener at Nymans, Handcross, Sussex, together with a letter from J.D. Boles, Director-General of the National Trust, and a copy of a letter to Lord Gibson, Chairman of the Trust [see T/61/5], about the Nymans garden, 1978 and 1984 respectively, letters from [the 3 rd] Lord Aberconway [President of the RHS, 1961-84] and others about a RHS visit to Nymans, 1984, and other papers and photographs about Nymans. [See also S/12-13.]
25/1	1945-84: 1994	Large bundle of post-war letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from miscellaneous horticulturists, botanists, and garden enthusiasts. These include Professor Hu [see also S/13 and T/18], Jules Delacroix and Lucie Delacroix (in whose house at Tirlemont the 6 th Earl had been billeted during the war), Lady Lovell (writing on behalf of 'the Congleton horticulturists', Cheshire), Sir George Taylor (Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Harold Fletcher (Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh), Patrick Bowe, Peter Coats, Brian O. Mulligan (Director of the University of Washington Arboretum), Richard Evans Schultes (Director of the Botanical Museum of Harvard University), R.B. Walpole (of Mount Ussher, Ashford, Co. Wicklow), John Fowler, [the 5th Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and his wife], Lindy, David Webb [see also T/51-2], and Mrs K.N. Sanecki and Mrs Mavis Batey (successive Hon. Secretaries to the Garden History Society, of which the 6 th Earl was Vice-President). Some of the letters discuss particular gardens (Claremont, Surrey, Levens Park, Westmorland, etc [see also T/61/6]), many praise and comment on the gardens at Birr Castle and Nymans, many discuss particular plant species, many reflect the fraught politics of the

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25/1 (contd)		Northern Horticultural Society in the period 1952-3, and many refer in general terms to matters which cannot be pinned to any particular botanical organisation with which the 6th Earl was connected. The last items, of 1994, relate to the planting of a tree at Birr Castle in David Webb's memory.
25/2	1950-73	The same, except that the letters are from [the 7th] Lord Talbot de Malahide ('Milo') and a few from his sister, Rosie Talbot, although not all of them are about horticulture. Lord Talbot's letters, in particular, are many of them written from his overseas postings (eg Laos and Paris) in the British diplomatic service.
25/3	1964-75	The same, except that all the letters are from the [4th] Duke of Abercorn, writing mainly in his capacity as President of the International Dendronology Union/Society, of which the 6th Earl was Chairman.
25/4	1964-78	The same, except that all the letters are from the Duke's successor as President, the Vicomte de Noailles.
25/5	1965-79	Loose letters and papers of the 6th Earl as Chairman and, in 1979, President of the I.D.S., including letters from its successive Secretaries, and from Sir George Taylor [see also T/25/11], Harold Fletcher, Lulu de Vilmorin [Avenue Foch, Paris], etc, etc.
25/6	1971-8	File titled 'International Dendronology Society', and subdivided into 'AGMs, Council, Finance, Year-book, Tours, Correspondence, General correspondence'. [N.B. The distinction between the contents of this file and of T/25/5 is not clear and probably nonexistent.]
25/7	1976-8	Loose letters and papers of the 6th Earl about I.C.O.M.O.S. - the International Council on Monuments and Sites and, in particular, its International Committee on Historical Gardens and Landscapes. [See also T/61/10.]
25/8	1977-8	File titled 'I.C.O.M.O.S.', and subdivided into 'U.K. Committee, I.F.L.A. (Paris), I.F.L.A. (correspondence), U.K. Historic Gardens Committee - formation, minutes, correspondence'. The correspondents include René Pechere, Rue du Chatelain, Brussels, Paul Miles and J.D. Sales of the National Trust [see T/61], Dorothy Stroud of Sir John Soane's Museum, etc, etc.
25/9	1965-8: 1970: 1972: 1979	Letters to the 6th Earl from Robert de Belder of the Kalmthout Arboretum, Belgium, mainly but not exclusively about the affairs of the I.D.U./I.D.S.

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25/10	1961-82	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lanning Roper, who describes himself as 'Garden Consultant' and is endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse as 'Darling Lanning', about the I.D.U./I.D.S., I.C.O.M.O.S. and horticultural matters generally.
25/11	1969-70: 1971-2: 1975: 1978: 1985	Letters to the 6th Earl from Patrick [Synge], sometime Secretary to the I.D.U./I.D.S. and Chairman of its Conservation Committee, Byworth Edge, Petworth, Sussex, about the affairs of that organisation and about horticultural and botanical matters generally.
26	1948-9	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about garden statuary.
27	c.1950-69	Disintegrating folio notebook containing rough garden designs and horticultural notes of Lady Rosse and, loosely inserted, some seedsmen's bills and quotations to her.
28	1949-69	Large bundle of letters and papers of the 6th Earl in connection with the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland: the silver medal won by him for his collection of hippeastrums, and his minutes and correspondence as President of the Society, most of the correspondence being letters supporting him and regretting his resignation over the royal toast incident in 1969. One major correspondent is Phyllis Moore of Willbrook House, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, one of whose letters is endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse '... widow of the great Sir Frederick'; this might be thought to be satirical, except that another letter is endorsed 'Dear Lady Moore'.
29	1959: 1975	Original bundles of correspondence, photographs and newspaper cuttings, all relating to the I.D.U.'s/I.D.S.'s [see T/25/2-11] Irish tours and visits to Birr Castle gardens. [For other correspondence about horticulture, see T/61, 79, 81, 107, 114 and 148.]
30-41		AGENT'S AND OTHER LETTERS ABOUT BIRR CASTLE, TOWN AND ESTATE
30	1916-17	Original bundle of accounts to the 6th Earl and his mother, Frances Lois Countess of Rosse, from Birr tradesmen. [See also M/35.]
31	1921-37	Letters to the Dowager Countess, [now Viscountess de Vesci], to her brother-in law, the Hon. Geoffrey L. Parsons, and to the agent for the Rosse estates, Toler R. Garvey Junior, [the only person permanently on the spot at Birr

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31 (contd)		during the minority of the 6th Earl], concerning the Civil War as it affected Birr Castle and other places; including a letter from the Countess of Bandon about the destruction of [Castle Bernard, Co. Cork], and the kidnapping of her husband, Lord Bandon, 1921. The principal topic, however, is the Free State government's responsibility to the Rosse family for loss and damage incurred as a result of the Free State army's occupation of Birr Castle from 1922 to 1924, which the shrewd and resourceful Garvey construes as extending to the cost of Lord and Lady de Vesci's London house, No. 1 Hyde Park Street (!). Included in the bundle is a copy of a letter from Garvey to the Irish Land Commission [see Q/324 and 388] arguing that compulsory acquisition of any more of the home farm at Birr would serve as a major disincentive to the 6th Earl's taking up residence and therefore giving widespread employment there on his coming-of-age, 1926.
32	1928-46: 1948	Two bulging envelopes of letters to the 6th Earl from or about Toler R. Garvey Junior, including letters of condolence and appreciation at the time of his death in April 1946 (which show the importance which the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse and their close friends attached to Garvey's services). [For letters from the 6th Earl to Garvey, see Q/392.]
33	1946-57	Bulging envelope of letters to the 6th Earl from Garvey's successor, Capt. Alec Drought.
34	1957-9: 1961-78	Envelope of letters to the 6th Earl from Drought's successor, A.E. Telford. [See Q/395.]
35	1932-53: 1957-76: 1979-80: 1984: 1986	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse and printed histories, all relating to the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland churches and communities in Birr; the correspondents include Monsignor J. Ryan, Rev. Dr Edwin Owen (later Bishop of Killaloe and Limerick [see also T/53]) and Mrs Owen ('Peggy'), and Monsignor Patrick J. Hamell.
36	1930-32 1936: 1947-9: 1956-7: 1977	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the re-modelling of the morning room in Birr Castle, 1930-32, and about the 'garage bath room', 1936, new churchyard gates designed by Anne Countess of Rosse in memory of [her brother-in-law, the Hon.] Desmond Parsons, 1939, 'central heating', 1947, 'dining room and own bedrooms', 1948-9, 'inscription on statue [to the] 3rd Earl of Rosse: Michael Briggs', 1956, 'Uncle Geoffrey [L. Parsons]'s memorial: new chancel steps', 1957 [see T/10], and 'roof repairs [to Birr Castle]', 1977.

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37	1928-60: 1966: 1969: 1976: 1987: 1995: 2002	Bills and correspondence concerning the purchase/restoration/identification/sale of furniture, pictures, objets d'art, flags, etc, for 25 Eaton Terrace or Birr Castle, including: a bill to the 6th Earl for £15 in respect of a William Kent side table, 1934; letters about the purchase by him of alleged Parsons family portraits, 1936; letters from E.J. Gwynn about the 6th Earl's purchase of a set of Voltaire's Works for the Birr Castle library, 1939; and a letter from a retiring railway official in Dublin sending him a plaque of the defunct Dundalk, Greenore & Newry Railway Company [formerly hanging in the television room at Birr Castle, but sold in 2002], 1952; and a bill to Anne Countess of Rosse for 3 Chippendale settees and 10 armchairs purchased by her for the Birr Castle saloon in 1935 at the sale of the contents of the Marquess of Zetland's town house in Arlington Street, together with a photograph of Chippendale's bill to Lord Zetland's ancestor, Sir Laurence Dundas, 1766, and later correspondence about the suite, 1987 and 1995. [It was subsequently (1988) sold and is now at Charleville, Bray, Co. Wicklow.]
38	c.1958-65: 1973-7: 1980	Inventories of jewellery, plate and pictures at Birr Castle, Stafford Terrace [see Section S], etc. [For other such inventories, see H/8 and 117 and M/25.]
39	1945-59	Disintegrating volume in which Anne Countess of Rosse has written or inserted designs and notes for decorative schemes for the Yellow Drawing Room and other rooms in Birr Castle, and inserted magazine illustrations, tradesmen's quotations, etc, 1945-59; together with a correspondence file on the same subject, 1957. [See also 0/65.]
40	1954-7	Correspondence of the 6th Earl, together with legal papers, concerning the unsatisfactory performance of a turbine installed in the Birr Castle demesne in 1947 [see also M/26-7].
41A	1927-79: 1988-9	Miscellaneous letters, papers and photographs of the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse concerning Birr Castle, town, gardens and estate: congratulations from Birr Urban District Council on his marriage, 1936; the Irish Girl Guides' rally at Birr Castle, 1939; letters and papers about his efforts to promote industry and employment in Birr, 1940-52; Birr Hospital, 1947-9; the visit of the International Castles Society to Birr, 1961; the Birr Branch of the Women's British Legion, 1963-9; Mark Girouard's <i>Country Life</i> article on Birr, 1964-5; valuations made of Birr Castle, the home farm, timber, etc. 1970-74; papers about the Birr Castle woodlands and pleasure grounds, 1977-8; papers about the Birr Community School, 1978-9; papers about the general financial

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41A (contd)		situation of the Birr estate and the Rosse family trusts, 1977-9 [for the continuation of this, see T/66B and W/5]; etc, etc. [For further papers of the 6th Earl on Birr, see K/38-9.]
41B	1933-70	Correspondence, account books, minute books, etc, of Anne Countess of Rosse and Mrs K.M. Doolan of Oxmantown Mall, Birr, concerning the Birr Jubilee Nursing Association, of which Lady Rosse was Patron and Mrs Doolan Hon. Treasurer.
41C	1962: 1987-78	Minute books of Birr Branch of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Anne Countess of Rosse was chairman.
42-64		CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS CONCERNING THE 6TH EARL'S CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC AND CULTURAL LIFE
42	1936-44: 1947-52	Loose letters, and overlapping file of letters, to the 6th Earl about an architectural advisory committee established at his suggestion to record by means of drawings buildings of merit in Dublin; the principal correspondents are Professors R.J. Best and R.M. Butler, T.U. Sadleir [see also T/1], George Furlong (Director of the National Gallery of Ireland), Gordon Sutton Kelly, Sir Shane Leslie, [3rd Bt - see also T/136], etc.
43	1937-40: 1944	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about European Federal Union; the letters are from R.R. Figgis, [the 3rd] Lord Derwent and others.
44/1	1937-45	Letters to the 6th Earl [a founder, subsequently Chairman and ultimately (1969) President, of the Georgian Group, a conservation body formed in 1937 by Robert Byron [see T/182] and him with the object of preserving Georgian buildings], from another of the Group's founder-members, Lord Derwent, who writes from Hackness Hall, Scarborough, and from various places in France and Switzerland about the early years of the Group (one of them a 'confidential' letter of 1946 about the future of Osterley Park [Isleworth, Middlesex].
44/2	1948-68	Letters to the 6th Earl from the [5th] Marquess of Salisbury, President of the Georgian Group, mainly about his annual, Presidential address to the Group and about other Georgian conservation affairs, but including references to Standing Commission [see T/55-60] and National Trust [see T/61] business.

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44/3	1947-62	Letters to the 6th Earl from [the 3rd Viscount Esher, Chairman of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings] about the work of the Georgian Group and about National Trust business and conservation generally.
44/4	1938-9: 1947: 1960-64: 1967: [c.1970]: 1983	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the Georgian Group's campaign to save Georgian buildings in London, to limit the height of new buildings, etc, etc. Some of the buildings particularly referred to are Chiswick Villa, St John's, Smith Square [see also T/61/13], St John's, Westminster, the Regent's Park Terraces, the Euston Arch or Portico [ie the entrance to Euston Station] (a campaign in which the Georgian Group co-operated with the Victorian Society), Wimborne House, Cumberland Terrace, various developments in Bloomsbury, Little Venice, etc, etc.
44/5	1945-50: 1952-4: 1959- 66	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the work of the York Georgian Society and the preservation of Georgian buildings in Yorkshire - the Richmond Theatre, Heath Hall, Hickleton Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Leeds, Flixby Orangery, near Huddersfield, etc, etc. [Presumably Yorkshire is disproportionately represented among the 6th Earl's Georgian Group papers because he was himself a Yorkshire resident and landowner. See also H/118.]
44/6	1939-40: 1942: 1948: 1950-53: 1960-65: 1967-8	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about Georgian Group activity elsewhere in England than London and Yorkshire - the Oxford and Cambridge colleges; the Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham; and Georgian houses in that town; the Lancaster Music Room, Staunton Harold, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch (threatened by open-cast mining); St George's Church, Great Yarmouth; Raynham Hall, Norfolk; Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, etc, etc. [See also T/96/1.]
44/7	1949	Folder containing an original run of letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the Georgian Group's visit to Dublin.
44/8	1937-40: 1945-7: 1951: 1954-74: 1985	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from miscellaneous correspondents, and some miscellaneous papers of his, all relating to the Georgian Group. Some of the letters straddle the divisions between previous sub-sections of T/44 (eg they may relate to buildings in London <i>and</i> elsewhere in England. Many relate to general matters of Georgian Group policy and administration (including the hiring and firing of secretarial staff), to fund-raising events such as balls and dinners, and to attempts to induce individuals to join and subscribe. Among the subscribers are Evelyn Waugh [see also T/96/2] and Violet, Lady Leconfield (whose letter is endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse: '... the mad Violet Leconfield, who got into the lift naked

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44/8 (contd)		at Claridges ...' - the rest of the endorsement is illegible, but concerns 'the poor little liftboy's nose'). Other correspondents are Angus Ackworth, Cosmo Russell (who writes about Moor Park, Hertfordshire), Sir Albert Richardson, Sir John Summerson and Sir Anthony Wagner. [For John Betjeman's contribution to Georgian Group affairs, see T/148.]
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45	1939-48: 1984: 2000	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the Second World War: his personal role in it as an intelligence officer attached to the Guards Armoured Division (including numerous 'newsy' letters from brother-officers), his scheme to prevent the bombing of cultural landmarks (with a letter from the Grand Duke of Luxembourg to the 7 th Earl on this subject, 1984), the 6 th Earl's top-secret personal notes on Operation Overlord, 1944, as well as a map and a diary of troop movements and casualties, etc, together with correspondence of the 7 th Earl about the Centenary of the Irish Guards in 2000. This section also includes many wartime photographs taken by the 6 th Earl.
46-8	1951-6	Two box files of correspondence and proofs and 1 large tin box (equivalent in size to 4 ordinary boxes) of loose drafts and proofs, all concerning the 6th Earl's and Colonel E.R. Hill's <i>Story of the Guards Armoured Division, 1941-1945</i> (London, 1956), including correspondence over a row with Collins, the publishers.
49	1946-69: 1977-9	Fat bundle of minutes and correspondence of the 6th Earl concerning An Taisce, the National Trust for Ireland, of which he was a founder-member (in 1948), including a letter from L.D. Trant of Dovea, Co. Tipperary, offering the proposed body a portrait of [the 1st Earl of] Clare, letters from Brian and Henry Fitzgerald about the Castletown obelisk, 1946, letters from Mary [Princess Royal and Countess of Harewood] and the [3rd Lord Killanin] about Portumna Castle and Dominican friary, [Co. Galway], 1948, letter from Lord Kildare about the future of Carton [Maynooth, Co. Kildare], 1949, letters from the Duke of Wellington about the Wellington column at Trim, Co. Meath, 1953, letters from Lord Pembroke about the E.S.B.'s intention to acquire and demolish good buildings on the Fitzwilliam of Merrion estate in Dublin, 1963, correspondence about the 6th Earl's proposal that the bogs of Ballywilliam and Clonoghill, Co. Offaly, be vested in An Taisce in order to ensure their permanent preservation, 1970-71, letters and minutes about An Taisce's Heritage Gardens Committee, 1977-9, etc, etc. [This sub-section provides case histories of a number of major Irish buildings.]

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50	1951-75	Correspondence of, and annually (1954-73) sampled minutes kept by, the 6th Earl as a government-nominated member of the Arts Council of Ireland, 1951-73; together with 3 letters to him about the Gulbenkian-funded report on the arts in Ireland, 1975.
51	1950-77	File and miscellaneous correspondence of the 6th Earl as Vice-Chancellor of T.C.D., particularly concerning his successful fund-raising in the British Isles and the U.S.A. for the library extension and the New Arts Building, and including 2 photographs of him in Vice-Chancellor's robes. The correspondents include [the 2nd Earl of] Iveagh (Chancellor of T.C.D.), Provost Henry Alton and his wife/widow, John [Sparrow, Warden of All Souls, Oxford], and David Webb [see also T/25/1].
52	1963	T.C.D. correspondence of the 6th Earl for that year alone, particularly concerning the election of a Chancellor vice Lord Iveagh.
53	1939: 1941: 1943: 1951: 1953-7: 1965-71: 1976	Mainly 'personal' or 'confidential' letters to the 6th Earl, as a leading Church of Ireland layman in the diocese of Killaloe, concerning the filling of that bishopric and other diocesan affairs.
54	1956: 1965-6	Letters to Anne Countess of Rosse about the Arts and Crafts Society of Ireland.
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55/1	1964-78	Letters to the 6th Earl as Chairman of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries [his most important cultural role], 1956-78, from successive Secretaries to the Commission, Miss Armide Oppé, Mrs Barbara Granger-Taylor and Arthur Heskett; Heskett's letters, in particular, range over all manner of policy. issues and personalities connected with the work of the Commission.
55/2	1962-6	Letters to the 6th Earl, as Chairman, from [the 7th Earl Spencer, a member of the Standing Commission].
55/3	1964-7: 1969: 1972-3	Letters to the 6th Earl, as Chairman, from Sir Colin Anderson, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission and Vice-Chairman of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery, London, about Tate Gallery and wider Standing Commission affairs;

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55/3 (contd)		one of these letters is endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse with a note that the 6th Earl owed his K.B.E. to Anderson's recommendation.
55/4	1964-5: 1972: 1976: 1978	Letters to the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, from Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Army Museum, about the affairs of that museum; the item of 1978 is an envelope of photographs of a N.A.M. banquet.
55/5	1958-78	Letters to the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, from miscellaneous correspondents including Lords Anglesey, Ilchester and Trenchard, the Duke of Wellington, Dennis Farr (Director of the City Museums and Art Gallery, Birmingham), [Sir] William [Hayter], Dr John Tanner of the R.A.F. Museum, Robin Fedden of the National Trust [see T/61], John Letts of National Heritage (about the 'Museum of the Year Award' scheme), Brian Morris (Professor of English Literature at Sheffield University, who writes an important letter about the future of the Commission, 1976), etc, etc.
56/1	1956: 1963-5: 1966-8: 1970-75: 1977-8	The same, except that all the letters relate to the appointment and re-appointment of the 6th Earl as Chairman and of other people as members, and partly consist of letters from the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's Office; although the Prime Ministerial communications are fairly pro-forma in content, the sub-section includes a number of private and confidential letters about the suitability or otherwise of various individuals for service on the Commission, among them letters from the individuals concerned expressing their reasons for wishing to continue or to retire. [There is no logical distinction between the contents of this bundle and of the folder on the same subject (T/56/2).]
56/2	1970-78	Folder of letters and papers about the Standing Commission, marked 'Personal', and mainly relating to the 6th Earl's appointment and re-appointment as Chairman.
56/3	1978	Letters to the 6th Earl from members of the Commission, heads of leading museums, etc, etc, all paying tribute to his work and regretting the necessity for his retirement on grounds of age, and some of them providing insights into his skills as a chairman; the correspondents include the Prime Minister, James Callaghan, and the 6th Earl's successor as Chairman, Sir Arthur Drew.
57	c.1956-75	Exercise book containing speech-notes in the 6th Earl's handwriting, and the text of numerous other lectures and speeches made by him, mainly in connection with the work of the Standing Commission.

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58/1	1958-9: 1963-78	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl relating to the Standing Commission's intermediary role with government in the matter of tax incentives to prevent the sale and dispersal of works of art, in co-ordinating the acquisitions policies of the major national institutions, etc, etc. This sub-section in fact represents a merger of loose papers, an untitled original folder about the Land Fund, and three original folders respectively titled 'Purchase grants' and 'Works of art in lieu of Estate Duty'. The correspondents include the [3rd] Earl of Halsbury, Denis Mahon, Mrs [later Dame] Jennifer Jenkins (Chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for England), 'Bobby' Gower of the National Trust [see T/61], Peter Thornton (Keeper of Furniture at the Victoria and Albert Museum), Patrick Cormack, M.P., Ronald Adams of the Treasury, J.C. Stormonth Darling (Director of the National Trust for Scotland, who writes about the house and contents of Lennoxlove and other houses and contents owned by the Duke of Hamilton), etc, etc.
58/2	1964-79	Correspondence between the 6 th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, and sundry Ministers and officials about funding for the building and acquisitions programmes of the various museums, tax incentives to help secure privately owned works of art, responsibility as between different Ministers and Departments for museums and the arts, planning difficulties impeding the expansion of the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and the Museum of London, etc, etc. The correspondents include the Prime Minister (notably Harold Wilson and Edward Heath), the Paymaster General (notably Viscount Eccles [see also T/61/1]), the Secretary of State for Education and Science (notably Shirley Williams), Ministers of State and Ministers for the Arts within the Department of Education and Science (notably Jennie Lee and Lord Donaldson), and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and other Treasury Ministers and officials.
58/3	1977	Folder of letters and papers of the 6th Earl, marked 'Personal', about the appeal to save the Cornbury Park Bellini.
59	1966-9: 1972-7	Folder, to which a number of related papers (found loose) have been added, about 'Conservation', particularly proposals, notably from the Gulbenkian Foundation, to set up a centralised conservation institution which would fulfil the requirements of the various museums, the self-interested response which this evoked in some quarters, etc, etc; the correspondents include Sir Robin Darwin of the Royal College of Art, Lord Kilmaine (Secretary to the Pilgrim Trust), Sir Charles Whishaw of the Gulbenkian Foundation, etc, etc.

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60/5	1965-71	Folder of correspondence of the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, titled 'Transport Museums', and mainly relating to the creation of a specialised Transport Museum in York, to which the relevant holdings of other institutions, particularly the Science Museum in London, were to be transferred.
60/6	1965-78	Letters to the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, from and about university museums, particularly the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers Museums, Oxford, various museums connected with the University of Newcastle, and the Manchester Museum. The correspondents include Sir Arthur Armitage, Michael Jaffé [see also S/17], David Piper and Sir Kenneth Wheare.
60/7	1959-60: 1965: 1970: 1978	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, about English museums other than those already covered in T/60/1-6: the Museum of London, the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, the Dulwich Picture Gallery, the Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, the Beamish North of England Open Air Museum, the Cooper Art Gallery, Barnsley, and the Bagshaw Museum, Batley, Yorkshire.
60/8	1962-7: 1972: 1977-8	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl, as Chairman of the Standing Commission, about museums in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, principally a site near Glasgow for the Burrell Collection, 1962, '... the proposal for a building on the Chambers Street site in Edinburgh to be used by both the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and the Royal Scottish Museum', 1964, the National Museum and National Library of Wales, 1964, the National Library of Wales (again), 1977, and the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland (again), 1978. The letters and papers relating to Northern Ireland include some important correspondence about a report by the Standing Commission on the funding of the Northern Ireland museums, 1965-6. A letter of the early 1970s discusses the 'pretty dim' situation of the Ulster Museum (and also raises a 'staff in confidence' matter about that institution), and a partly confidential letter from Paul Channon, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, discusses future responsibility for the Armagh Museum, 1972.

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61/1	1939: 1943: 1946: 1951-2: 1955: 1957: 1959-60: 1968-77	Miscellaneous letters and papers of the 6th Earl in relation to the National Trust, and mainly reflecting his important roles within the Trust as its Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of its Properties Committee. The correspondents include Sir John Beith, J.D. Boles, Viscount Eccles [see also T/58/1], Lord Fairhaven, Robin [Fedden], 'Bobby' [Gower - see also T/58/1], Eardley Knowles, Duncan Sandys, the Duke of Wellington, etc, etc, and some of the properties mentioned are Clumber (Nottinghamshire), Cragside (Northumberland), Nostell Priory (Yorkshire), Runnymede and Waddesdon (Buckinghamshire). [N.B. a number of these correspondents recur elsewhere in T/61, but in sub-sections where their letters have been arranged by subject.]
61/2	1936-88	Long run of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from James Lees-Milne, mainly but (as he was a close personal friend) not exclusively about the National Trust. [Lees-Milne was, from 1936, the first Secretary to the Trust's Historic Buildings Committee, of which the 6th Earl subsequently became Chairman.]
61/3	1946-77	Fat bundle of letters to the 6th Earl from the [28th] Earl of Crawford and Balcarres about the National Trust, of which he was Chairman, and also about the Standing Commission [see T/55-60], of which he was a member.
61/4	1938: 1940: 1949-71: 1973: 1975: 1977	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lord Crawford's successor as Chairman of the National Trust, the Earl of Antrim [who was also an old friend via Lady Antrim, a member of the Sykes family - see T/96], one of them (dated 2 April 1971) commenting on the future of Waringstown [Co. Armagh], as follows: '... although it is not important architecturally, it is of considerable local interest, as it is almost certainly 17th century, was built during the Plantation and, with Springhill, gives a fair idea of what the local undertakers, as they were known, were able to build. I think one must look at it with entirely different eyes from its counterpart in England Undoubtedly ... we should have to ask for an endowment from the Ulster Land Fund which will be far bigger than anything we have had from that source up to date. ...'
61/5	1971: 1975-9: 1983-4	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lord Antrim's successor, Lord Gibson, including letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from Lady Gibson. [See also T/24].
61/6	1968-82: 1991-2	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from John Cornforth, mainly about the National Trust, but including some more general discussion of incentives to private owners of heritage objects, etc, etc. Among the

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61/6 (contd)		National Trust topics discussed are rows over the Bath Assembly Rooms [see also T/61/9 and 12-13], over the gardens at Levens Park, Westmorland [see also T/25/1], and over the re-decoration of Sudbury Hall, Yorkshire, recently acquired from Lord Vernon (who started the row).
61/7	1946-51: 1967-72	Letters to 6th Earl from various private owners about negotiations (successful or otherwise) with the National Trust over the acquisition of their properties, the terms of the endowment, etc, etc. The properties, apart from a couple of unspecified ones, are Attingham Park, Shrewsbury; Carlton Towers, Coole, Yorkshire; Clifton Hall, Nottingham; Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Cheshire [see also T/79]; Bramham Park, Boston Spa, Yorkshire; Holkham Hall, Norfolk; Kedleston, Derbyshire; the West Markham Mausoleum (to be uplifted to Clumber), Nottinghamshire; and Wood Hall, Norton, Worcester. The correspondents include Teresa Lady Berwick (one of whose letters is dated 1937), [the 4th Baron Howard of Glossop, later 17th Duke of Norfolk], and [the 10th Earl of Stamford].
61/8	1949: 1959: 1962: 1969: 1971	Correspondence of the 6th Earl about the Northern Ireland Region of the National Trust, principally about Primate Robinson's Chapel in the grounds of The Palace, Armagh. The correspondents include Hugh Armitage Moore of Rowallane, Saintfield, Co. Down, Lady Bangor of Castle Ward, John Lewis-Crosby (Secretary to the National Trust Committee for Northern Ireland) and Archbishops McCann and Simms. There is also correspondence about the National Trust's only Irish property outside Northern Ireland, Kanturk Castle, Co. Cork.
61/9	1950: 1952: 1954: 1961: 1974	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about Bath Assembly Rooms [see also T/61/6 and 12-13], particularly about a row with the Bath City Council over the design of a bar, 1974. Correspondents include Viscount Head, Chairman of the National Trust Committee for the Wessex Region, and John Fowler.
61/10	1948-9: 1952: 1961: 1965: 1970-78	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about National Trust gardens, the National Gardens Scheme of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, I.C.O.M.O.S. and other schemes for listing gardens [see also T/25 17-8], the future of Westonbirt Arboretum, [Gloucestershire] (1952), and the gardens at Clumber (Nottinghamshire), Erdigg (North Wales), Felbrigg (Norfolk), Mottesfont (Hampshire), and Stourhead (Wiltshire) [see also T/61/12]. The correspondents include J.D. Boles, Robin Fedden, Ivan Hill (the Trust's Chief Agent), the Earl of Euston, Lady Heald, etc, etc.

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61/11	1954: 1961-2: 1967-79	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about National Trust personnel, paid and unpaid. Some of the letters and papers take the form of tributes, obituary or otherwise, to staff and committee members (Robin Fedden, the 6th Earl himself, etc), but others are of a 'staff in confidence' nature, and some throw revealing light on clashes and antagonisms at a senior level within the National Trust.
61/12	1958-68	File containing an original arrangement of letters and papers of the 6th Earl relating to the National Trust - the Bath Assembly Rooms [see also T/61/6, 9 and 13], Stonehenge, the Stourhead grotto [see also T/61/10], etc - including letters from correspondents such as James Lees-Milne who feature elsewhere in T/61.
61/13	1959-63	Similar file titled 'Special cases', which are: St John's, Smith Square [also a concern of the Georgian Group -see T/44/4]; Avebury; Bath Assembly Rooms, Cusworth; Woolbeding fountain; and Conway Suspension bridge. The same overlap of previous correspondents applies.
61/14	1969	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about a promotional tour of Denmark which Anne Countess of Rosse and he made on behalf of National Trust.
61/15	1973-4	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the Trust's archaeological and industrial-archaeological sites and the special responsibilities which these entail.
61/16	1977-8	Letters and papers of the 6th Earl about the Trust's acquisition of Speke Hall, Liverpool.
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62	1945-7: 1949- 52: 1964-5: 1976: 1985	Formal documents and related papers and correspondence about some of the honours and honorary degrees conferred on the 6th Earl (and, in one instance, Anne Countess of Rosse): his M.B.E., 1945 and 1949, his doctorate of laws at Queen's University, Belfast, 1964, etc. [For a separate and original bundle of correspondence about his K.B.E., 1974, see T/164. This latter was conferred in recognition of his contribution to public and cultural life, while the M.B.E. of 1945 was primarily for military services.]
63	1945-51: 1959: 1963 1966-7: 1969: 1972-5	Letters, mainly of thanks and compliment, to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from various diplomatic and political 'notabilities' - Lord Rugby [British representative in Eire], Mr and Mrs George Garrett [the first American

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63 (contd)		Ambassador to Dublin], Eamon de Valera [see also K/38], Erskine Childers, Jack Lynch, Freddie Boland, the French Ambassador to Dublin, Terence O'Neill, etc. [For another diplomat, Reginald Ross-Williamson, see T/150.]
64	1939-40: 1945-50: 1956-7: 1964: 1967: 1972-9: 1989-91	File and miscellaneous correspondence of the 6th Earl concerning cultural and charitable activity in Ireland - the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland (of which he was President), the Moyne Institute in T.C.D., 1950, the 'Rosc' exhibition of modern painting in 1967, the National Monuments Advisory Council, the [future] Irish Architectural Archive, the Irish Landowners Convention Ltd (and in particular its Historic Properties Sub-Committee), the Edgeworth Society, a proposed Irish Victorian Society, 1974, the Adelaide Hospital, etc; including correspondence of 1989-90 about planting a tree to commemorate the 6th Earl's chairmanship of the Adelaide Hospital.
65	1934: 1936: 1940: 1942-6: 1950-56: 1965-78	Miscellaneous correspondence of the 6th Earl concerning cultural activity in the U.K. - the Bath Preservation Trust, the Boston (Lincolnshire) Preservation Trust, the research and publications of Haio Ch'ien of the School of Oriental Studies, London University (1942-3), [Glyndebourne], the Ancient Monuments Society (of which the 6th Earl was President), the Society of Dilettanti, the London Society, the National Monuments Record (with particular reference to its obtaining from the 6th Earl photographs of Denby Grange [see N/24])), the Furniture History Society (numerous letters, mainly from the Chairman, Francis Watson of The Wallace Collection), the Victorian Society (Nikolaus Pevsner's knighthood for services to it in 1969), the Buildings of England Group, the Historic Houses Association, and unspecified addresses, meetings, etc.
66A	1979-85	Box containing obituary and memorial material about the 6th Earl, mainly reflecting his various contributions to public and cultural life, but including letters and papers of Anne Countess of Rosse about Simon Verity's wall monuments to him in Birr and Womersley parish churches, and also including a file kept by her, 1980-81, as one of the executors to his will, and drafts and copies of her own wills, codicils and 'wishes' [see also W/1].
66B	1979-94	Box containing 10 folders and a bundle of accounts with Coutts & Co., all deriving from the 6th Earl's other, and active, executor, Alistair J. Buchanan of Hillbarn House, Great Bedwyn, Marlborough, Wiltshire. These papers range

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66B (contd)		over all manner of issues - the tax liability on the 6th Earl's estate, mineral rights at Womersley [see H/119], putting the management of the legal and financial affairs of the family's Irish estate into new hands, minimising the tax liability on the estate of Anne Countess of Rosse, the family's right of residence at Nymans after her death in 1992, etc. [For other correspondence reflecting the 6th Earl's contribution to public and cultural life, see T/69-70, 80, 82, 125, 130 and 137-156.]
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67-85		LETTERS FROM 'THE RAILWAY CLUB', 'THE AESTHETES' AND OTHER OXFORD FRIENDS
67	c.1924-43	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from William Acton.
68		Blank in the sequence.
69	1929-79	Fat bundle of letters to the 6th Earl from Harold Acton, written mainly from Acton's Villa, La Pietra, situated between Florence and Bologna, [where the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse frequently stayed with him]. The letters of 1937-8 are written from Peking and relate to the shipping home of the late Desmond Parsons's effects (Harold Acton having been his executor) - see U/51.
70	1940-89	Box of letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from Harold Acton. [In 1939 Acton entrusted to Anne Countess of Rosse a considerable volume of his own papers prior to that date, which were at Womersley until 2005 and whose future location is currently (2005) under discussion.]
71	1924-7: 1936	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. Hugh Lygon [younger son of the 7th Earl Beauchamp, of Madresfield Court, Malvern, Worcestershire], and, probably, from Hugh's elder brother, Viscount Elmley; including letters from other members of the Lygon family about Hugh's early death in 1936. [For other letters from Hugh Lygon's sisters, see T/88-9].
72	1924-36	Letters to the 6th Earl from Berkeley Villiers, many of them written from India.

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73	1925-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from Romney Summers, [who accompanied him on his travels in Eastern Europe in the late 1920s].
74	1925-7	Letters to the 6th Earl from Bryan Howard.
75	1925-36: 1941	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from David Plunket Green (with sympathetic and affectionate endorsements by Anne Countess of Rosse, whose endorsements on letters are frequently of a contrary description).
76	1925-67	Letters to the 6th Earl from Mark Ogilvie Grant, whose post-war letters are written from Greece.
77	1926-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from Johnny Drury Lowe of Locko Park, Derby, and his fiancée/wife, Ronnie [nee Hope-Vere].
78	1926-59	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Harry Stavordale' [later 7th Earl of Ilchester. For a letter from the 6th Earl of Ilchester, see T/55/5.]
79	1926-76	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from and about Colonel Charles Brocklehurst of Hare Hall, Macclesfield, Cheshire, many of them relating to horticulture, some to his hopes of being appointed National Trust curator of Osterley in 1946, one to the Georgian Group, 1955, one to negotiations over the National Trust's acquisition of Dunham Massey from the then 'fragile' Lord Stamford [see also T/61/7], 1969, and several to the desirability of obtaining an honour for him when he retires from the chairmanship of the Trustees of the Wallace Collection after four years in that office and 21 years as a Trustee, 1976.
80	1928-83	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from John Sutro, including an envelope of letters and papers, 1929-33, about 'The Railway Club' of which he was the founder and of which the 6th Earl was a member, and letters to John Sutro from Major Algy Sladen [J/145] about their travels with the 6th Earl in Central Europe in 1930. [John Sutro (1904-85), film producer and brilliant mimic, was a lifelong friend of the 6 th Earl.]
81	1929-38	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. John Fox-Strangways, youngest brother of Lord Stavordale.
82	1930-46	Letters to the 6 th Earl from Robert Byron and his mother Margaret.

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83	1930-40: 1946: 1952	Letters to the 6th Earl from Patrick Balfour, [from 1939 3rd] Lord Kinross [the well-known journalist, who was press officer to the R.A.F. during the Second World War], the last of them containing an amusing reference to 'Sexy Remy' [Rex Beaumont].
84A	1930-66	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Sir Roy Harrod of Holt, Norfolk, [Fellow of] Christ Church College, Oxford, [editor of <i>The Economic Journal</i> , and pupil and biographer of John Maynard Keynes].
84B	1927-36	Letters from the 6 th Earl to Sir Roy Harrod (returned by Lady Harrod in 1982).
84C	1928	Letters from [?El Cayle] to Sir Roy Harrod giving the 6 th Earl's final results at Oxford.
85	1931-58: 1974	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Henry Weymouth' [later 6th Marquess of Bath] and his first wife, Daphne [nee Vivian, subsequently Daphne Fielding]. The last 2 letters, of 1974, are entertaining and characteristically brusque responses to requests that Lord Bath give talks on Longleat.
[For other letters from Oxford friends see T/106-9, 124 and 127.]		
86-105		LETTERS FROM VARIOUS 'BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS' OF THE TWENTIES AND THIRTIES
86	[c.1925]: 1938: 1965	Four letters to the 6th Earl from Princess Indira of Cooch Bihar.
87	1925-31: 1944	Letters to the 6th Earl from Eddie Tatham, who worked for Messrs Justerini & Brooks, wine merchants of London.
88	1924-7: 1933	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Ladies Dorothy and Lettice Lygon and from their mother Lady Beauchamp. (These and various other ladies are described, in a series of amusing endorsements by Anne Countess of Rosse, as 'idiotic', 'dotty', 'adoring', etc, etc.) [See also T/71.]
89	1926	Letters to the 6th Earl from another of the Lygon sisters, Lady Sibell. [See also T/71.]
90	1926-9: 1937	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lady Mary Ashley Cooper [daughter of the 9th Earl of Shaftesbury] and of her husband, Napier [Sturt, 3rd] Lord Alington.

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91	1926-7	Letters to the 6th Earl from Francis Stoner [whose identity has been ascertained from the appropriate volume of the Birr Castle visitors' book, an invaluable source for this purpose].
92	1927	Letters to the 6th Earl from Henry Douglas-Home.
93	1927-33	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. Mrs Georgie Ward.
94	1927-30	Letters to the 6th Earl from a so-far-unidentified 'Kit' [who is neither Christopher Sykes nor another friend of the 6th Earl, Kit Dunn, daughter of the Canadian financier and art-collector, Sir James Dunn, and later Mrs Robert Adeane].
95	1927-52	Letters to the 6th Earl from one Alice Preston.
96/1	1927-71	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sir Richard Sykes, [7th Bt], of Sledmere, Malton, Yorkshire, including two letters of 1947 about the restoration of Liverpool Town Hall, and one letter from Sykes's younger brother, Christopher [the biographer of Robert Byron (see T/82) and Evelyn Waugh. The latter was an Oxford contemporary but not a particular friend of the 6th Earl].
96/2	1946-7	Two letters to the 6th Earl from Evelyn Waugh about Waugh's wish to buy Charleville [Tullamore, Co. Offaly] or some other 'habitable castle' in Ireland for c.£15,000. [See also T/44/8.]
97	1927-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from Diana Fellowes, subsequently Diana Broughton, together with a letter from her husband thanking him for his condolences on her early death.
98	1928-35	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Baby' Youngman.
99	1929-31: 1951	Letters to the 6th Earl from Geoffrey Allen of David Allen & Sons. [N.B. There may be more than one Geoffrey in the bundle, so they may not all be from Geoffrey Allen.]
100	1929-32: 1955: 1967: N.D.: 1980	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lady Diana Bridgman, subsequently Lady Diana Abdy [it is difficult to distinguish this Diana from Diana Fellowes, and the attempt which has been made may not be wholly successful], and from her husband, Sir Robert Abdy.
101	1929-38	Letters to the 6th Earl from Cedric [Alexander].

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102	1929-41: 1946: 1951	Letters to the 6th Earl from Gavin Henderson of Buscot Park, Berkshire, later 2nd Lord Faringdon, [who accompanied the 6th Earl on his travels in India and later gave Buscot to the National Trust]; together with a letter to Faringdon from Oliver Messel, pre-1937, tearing strips off him.
103	1930-34: 1938: 1940	Letters to the 6th Earl from David [(later Sir David) Barran], who writes on Burmah Shell writing paper from Calcutta and Bombay and makes frequent reference to 'Robert [Byron]'. He appears in the Birr Castle visitors' book in May 1932, but his signature there is illegible.
104	1930-39	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. Sir Gerald ('Timmie') Chichester, [younger son of the 3rd Lord Templemore and private secretary to Queen Mary], including a letter from Lady Templemore about Sir Gerald's premature death in 1939.
105	1931-7	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lord Charles Cavendish of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford [younger brother of the 10th Duke of Devonshire], and his wife Adele [sister of Fred Astaire].
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106-115		LETTERS FROM AMERICAN FRIENDS
106	1925-67: 1976: 1986	Huge bundle of letters to the 6th Earl from Robert Coe ('Bob'), [sometime U.S. Ambassador to Dublin, but a close friend of the 6th Earl from Oxford days, and one of the godparents of the 7th Earl]; including 3 letters from Coe's sister, Natalie, and correspondence of 1986 between the 7 th Earl and Coe's executors concerning Coe's legacy to his godson.
107	1927-78	Two envelopes of letters to the 6th Earl from Benjamin Kittredge, [another American at Oxford, and also a kindred spirit because of their shared interest in horticulture], including letters from Kittredge's successive wives, Carola and Daphne.
108	1931-75	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Eugene Reynal [the third American friend from Oxford days and a fine art publisher], and Reynal's wife, Kay.

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109	1927-34	Letters to the 6th Earl from Heyrick Pease, an acquaintance and contemporary at Oxford [though not a friend in the sense that the foregoing three were friends].
110A	1927-9: 1937	Letters and invitations to the 6th Earl from Laura C[orrigan, the famous American hostess, philanthropist and Mrs Malaprop].
110B	1927-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from Mabel Drury (endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'great American hostess') and other members of the Drury family.
111	1939: 1945-6 (T/85)]	Three letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from 'Emerald' [Lady Cunard, another great American hostess, whose biography was written by the 6th Earl's friend, Daphne Fielding, sometime Marchioness of Bath], together with a letter from Sir Thomas Beecham written on Lady Cunard's instructions.
112	1929	Letters to the 6th Earl from Walter B. Ryan Jr of Pine Street, New York.
113	1931-65	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Schuyler L. Parsons (endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'our very dear bogus relation').
114	1951-77: 1985-6	Letters to the 6th Earl from Henry McIlhenny of Glenveagh Castle, Churchill, Co. Donegal, containing disappointingly few references to horticulture.
115	1959-61: 1968: 1984	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Ved Mehta of 'the New Yorker', [a friend of the future 7th Earl at Oxford], and described in an endorsement by Lady Rosse as a 'Totally blind Indian boy and a wonderful personality and writer'.
[For letters from Mr and Mrs George Garrett, two other American friends, see T/63.]		
116-120		LETTERS FROM CONTINENTAL FRIENDS
116	1924-36	Letters to the 6th Earl from Germaine de Noirmont [who has escaped endorsing by Anne Countess of Rosse, but was a major correspondent of the 6th Earl prior to his marriage].

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117	1927-75	Large bundle of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Prince Henry Lubomirski of Cracow, Poland.
118	1930-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Prince Lonyay of Oroszvar, Hungary, and from his steward, mainly about the 6th Earl's purchase of Tockay.
119	1930-33	Letters to the 6th Earl from Hanna [?Wickes], a Hungarian or Rumanian lady who seems to have been friendly with the Londonderrys as well as with the 6th Earl.
120	1930-39: 1945: 1947: 1952	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Count Giovanni Gregorini. [For letters from other Continental friends, see mainly T/25.]
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121-136	LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GUINNESS FAMILY AND OTHER IRISH FRIENDS	
121	1925-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from Tanis Guinness, later Montague [who belonged to the English banking side of the family, and therefore is not particularly Irish].
122	1925-31: 1943	Letters to the 6th Earl from the sisters Maureen and Aileen Guinness [daughters of the Hon. Arthur Ernest Guinness of Glenmaroon, Chapelizod, Co. Dublin, and Luggala, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow - the latter of which houses features prominently as a meeting place for the 6th Earl's circle], subsequently Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and Mrs Brinsley Plunket respectively.
123	1928-33	Letters to the 6th Earl from Ladies Honor and Evelyn Guinness and Henry ('Chips') Channon, subsequently husband of Lady Honor.
124	1925-78	Large bundle of letters to the 6th Earl from Bryan Guinness, [subsequently 2nd Lord Moyne], and his successive wives, Diana [nee Mitford, subsequently Lady Mosley], and Elizabeth; Lord Moyne's letters of the 1930s and 1950s-70s include references to Georgian Group, National Trust and other conservation affairs. [Lord Moyne could be classified as an Oxford as well as an Irish friend of the 6th Earl.]

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125	1954-71: 1976: 1978	Letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. Desmond Guinness [second son of Lord Moyne, and the 6th Earl's godson], including one from his first wife, Mariga, some of them about conservation matters. One of Desmond Guinness's letters, and the only letter from Mariga Guinness, express thanks for hospitality received on the occasion of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon's visit to Birr Castle in 1965, and Mariga Guinness's letter (which makes entertaining comments on the security arrangements) goes on to refer to the alterations to the hall at Belvedere, Mullingar, recently made by Rex [Beaumont].
126	1975: 1977	Two letters to the 6th Earl from the Hon. Jonathan Guinness, [Lord Moyne's eldest son], mainly about investments but with some reference to the wealth tax in the Irish Republic.
127	1924-39: 1946-50	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Billy' Clonmore, [later 8th Earl of Wicklow, an Oxford as well as an Irish friend of the 6th Earl].
128	1925-35: 1943: 1947-8: 1949	Letters to the 6th Earl from [the 4th Marquess] of Headfort, Lady Headfort and [their second son], Lord William Taylor. [For letters from Lord Headfort about horticulture, see T/22.]
129	1927: 1932	Two letters to the 6th Earl from 'Tom' Ponsonby of Kilcooly Abbey, [Co. Tipperary], a sometime trustee of the Rosse estates.
130	1927-52: 1977	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sir Alfred Beit [2nd Bt] and Lady Beit, one of Sir Alfred's letters discussing his purchase of Russborough, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, as a fitting setting for his picture collection, the letter from Lady Beit (of 1977) discussing the opening of Russborough to the public. One of Sir Alfred's earlier letters is endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'a cheque from Alfred Beit!'. 1977)
131	1935-8: 1945: 1949-50: 1962	Letters to the 6th Earl from Colonel Charles Howard Bury of Belvedere, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
132	1936-40	Letters to the 6th Earl from [the 8th Earl of] Granard, [Master of the Horse, 1924-36, and subsequently H.M.'s Comptroller at Ascot].
133	1938-79: 1990: 1992	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from and about Roderic More O'Ferrall of Kildanagan, Monasterevan, [Co. Kildare], one of the earlier ones relating to advice given

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133 (contd)		him by the 6th Earl about alterations to Kildangan. The last item is a letter to the 7th Earl about planting a tree in memory of O’Ferrall.
133A	1946: 1950	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from [the 28th Lord] Dunboyne about escorting ‘William’ [the future 7 th Earl] by boat and train to London, about the future of Dunboyne Castle and about Lord Dunboyne’s marriage in 1950.
134	1960-87	Letters to the 6 th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Derek Hill of Churchill, Co. Donegal. They are mostly about social trivia rather than artistic matters, but include letters about an exhibition of Hill’s pictures at the Wexford Opera Festival in 1965. Also included is correspondence of 1987 between the Office of Public Works and the 7th Earl of Rosse, about the loan of Hill’s pictures of Birr for an exhibition marking the 70th birthday of the artist, together with a catalogue of this exhibition, which opened at the Glebe Gallery, Churchill, and then moved to Kilkenny and to the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.
135	1963	Three letters to the 6th Earl from Micheal Mac Liammoir.
136	1961-85	Letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from Anita Leslie King [née Leslie of Castle Leslie, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan], the authoress, who writes mainly from Oranmore Castle, Co. Galway, including two letters of 1950-51 from [her brother], John Leslie [later 4th Bt], letters from [her father, Sir] Shane Leslie, [3rd Bt (see also T/42)], 1956, and letters of 1967 and [c.1975] to the 6th Earl from ‘Bill’ [King, her husband]. One of Sir Shane Leslie’s letters refers to a visit from American [book-dealers to whom he give the entree to private Irish libraries], including ‘Mr [John] Fleming ([A.S.W.] Rosenbach’s heir)’, who ‘... are most knowledgeable and are to distribute information as well as largesse. Everybody wants to know what are masterpieces and what are not.’
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137-156	LETTERS FROM MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENTS, MAINLY LITERARY OR ARTISTIC	
137	1925: 1929-39: 1952: 1959: 1971	Letters to the 6th Earl from Nancy Mitford and her brother, Tom Mitford, [children of the 2 nd Lord Redesdale].
138	1930	Three letters to the 6th Earl from one Harry Thomas of 9 York Gate, Regent’s Park, London.

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139	1930-69	Letters to the 6th Earl from Lord Herbert [subsequently 16th Earl of Pembroke] and other members of the Herbert family of Wilton, Salisbury, Wiltshire. [See also T/49.]
140	1932: 1946	Two letters to the 6th Earl from Peter Quennell.
141	1932-40: 1948: 1954: 1967: 1969	Letters to the 6th Earl from Adeline Genée/Isitt, endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'the famous ballerina'.
142	1933: 197[?6]	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Sir Cecil Beaton.
143	1933-7	Four delightful letters to the 6th Earl from Rosa Lewis of 'The Cavendish'.
144	1934-77	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sacheverell and other Sitwells, one of them (of 1947) referring to 'the other and much more beautiful Castletown' [ie Castletown Cox, Co. Kilkenny].
145	1934-8: 1946	Letters to the 6th Earl from Major Algy Sladen of The Travel Club of Great Britain and Ireland. [With his wife, Freddie, Algy Sladen had earlier toured Central Europe, where the Sladens had many contacts, with Robert Byron and John Sutro in 1928 and with the 6th Earl and John Sutro in 1930. See also T/80.]
146	1937: N.D.	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Osy Darell, who according to Anne Countess of Rosse's endorsement doped and drank himself to death.
147	1938: 1952	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sir Owen O'Malley, British Ambassador to Mexico at the time the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse visited it in 1938, together with 2 letters from his wife, Mary, whom Lady Rosse identifies as '... Anne Bridge, the authoress'.
148	1930-72: 1975: 1978-9: 1984	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Sir John Betjeman, mainly about Georgian Group [see T/44] and other conservation matters (and including unflattering references to Nikolaus Pevsner); also included is an unpublished poem about Birr Castle, and a moving and informative letter to Anne Countess of Rosse written shortly after the 6th Earl's death in 1979.
149	1940: 1946: 1970	Letter to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from Dame Una Pope-Hennessy and her son, James Pope-Hennessy (who writes about his biographies of Lord Houghton and Anthony Trollope).

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149A	1945-52	Letters, of a purely social and personal nature, to the 6th Earl from 'Tom' [identified by the 7th Earl as Thomas Calderwood Dundas, later 7th Bt, a Director of Barclay's Bank], who writes from various addresses in Sussex.
150	1946-64	Letters to the 6th Earl from Reginald Ross Williamson [sometime British Representative in the Irish Republic] and his wife, Eileen.
151	1945-50: 1963-5	Letters to the 6th Earl from Jocelyn Pereira, one of them about the 6th Earl's criticisms of Pereira's book, <i>A distant Drum</i> , 1947.
152	1947-50: 1953: 1956	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, endorsed by Lady Rosse 'Oggie Lynn, the singer.'
152A	1949-50	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Kitty' [Viscountess Mersey, née Lady Katherine Petty-Fitzmaurice, Baroness Nairne], who writes from Bowood, Calne, Wiltshire, about the possibility of a re-arrangement of the family property whereby she would acquire Derreen [Co. Kerry].
152B	1952: 1955: 1961: 1972: 1986	Letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from Emlyn Williams, the actor.
153	1962: 1967-8	Letters to the 6th Earl from Sir Desmond Cochrane [3rd Bt, Consul General of Ireland to the Republics of Syria and Lebanon].
154	1965-6: 1975: 1977	Letters to the 6th Earl from Kobina Kessie, a prominent Ghanaian from Ashanti.
154A	1967-71: 1982	Letters to the 6th Earl from John [Barr] of the Metallgesellschaft, Frankfurt-am-Main, mainly written from Melbourne, about the career and prospects of [the 6th Earl's second son], Martin, who was then working in Australia. [See T/172.]
155	1964-5: 1968	Two letters to the 6th Earl from Harold Nicolson about Nicolson's illness in 1964, and two from Nigel Nicolson congratulating the 6th Earl on Lord Oxmantown's work for the U.N. in Ghana and acknowledging condolences on Harold Nicolson's death.

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155A	1972	Two letters to the 6th Earl from Diana Holman-Hunt, the writer.
155B	1975-84	Letters to Anne Countess of Rosse from Jane Abdy, Lady Abdy [third wife of Sir Robert Abdy, 5 th Bt (T/100); antique-dealer and society figure], who writes mainly about literary and artistic matters and with some telling comments (1980) on the writings of Anita Leslie (T/136).
156	1939: 1957: N.D.: 1959: 1961: 1969: 1971: N.D.: 1977: 1983	Letters to the 6 th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from miscellaneous 'celebrities', including Henry Yorke (the writer, Henry Green), 1936; Gerald Berners, 1939; Dame Margot Fonteyn, 1957 and N.D.; Sir John Glubb, 1959; Sir Compton Mackenzie (mentioning the Wexford Opera Festival), 1961; Elizabeth Bowen, 1969; Peter Sellers, 1971 and N.D.; and Lady Diana Cooper, N.D.; her son, John Julius [2nd Lord Norwich], 1977; Lady Longford, 1983; and Sir Hugh Casson, [c. 1983].
157-159	LETTERS FROM NANNIES	
157	1929-42	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Gran Nannie' [Miss Edith A. Cramer of Loughborough, the former housekeeper at Birr Castle, who died at a very advanced age in 1941 - see also M/18 and T/11/1], including two much earlier letters <i>to</i> her from the 5th Earl, then Lord Oxmantown.
158	c.1926-31	Letters to the 6th Earl from 'Nannie' [Mrs Harvey, who really had been his nannie].
159	1921-38	Letters to the 6th Earl from Kathleen H. Grant, writing mainly from Barbados, whose affectionate mode of address has drawn down numerous irate endorsements from Anne Countess of Rosse, but who was - according to a letter included in this sub-section - the former nannie of the Hon. Desmond and Lady Bridget Parsons].
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160-164	PERSONAL LETTERS ARRANGED OTHER THAN BY CORRESPONDENT	
160	1917-24	Early personal letters to Miss Anne Messel from her nanny, various friends and some officers on active service in the First World War; together with a series of pocket diaries of the same period kept by the future Anne Countess of Rosse,

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160 (contd)		recording not only engagements and events but her reactions and impressions of things.
160A	1940-45	Box-file and fat bundle, the former endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse, 'War-time letters from dear friends to Womersley [where she lived for most of the war, while the 6th Earl was away on active service] - so many dead ...'. The box-file contains a largely original arrangement of the letters she received from miscellaneous correspondents during that period, including [Capt.] John [Pelham, 8th] Earl of Chichester [of the Scots Guards, who was killed in a car crash near Womersley], Capt. George Godfrey Faussett of the Welsh Guards, John Schiff of the U.S. Navy, sundry 'poor Air Force splendid lads - all killed', Field-Marshal Alexander (whose letter or letters Anne Countess of Rosse notes that she 'burned', and none of which survive), etc. etc. [N.B. The only respects in which this arrangement has been disturbed is that the fat bundle has been added and that letters of some content from lifelong correspondents of the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, such as James Lees-Milne and Harold Acton, have been removed and united to the sub-sections devoted to these individuals.]
160B	1921-90	Fat bundle of miscellaneous personal letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, either too few in number or unimportant in content to merit a separate sub-section for the writer concerned.
161	1928-32	Letters to the 6th Earl from miscellaneous correspondents concerning his travels in Russia, India, China, etc.; the correspondents are mainly British and foreign diplomats and colonial governors who write about visas, social engagements, etc., etc.
162	1935-8: 1940: 1962: 1976	Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings and pro forma material concerning the 6th Earl, Anne Countess of Rosse and their circle; the pro forma material consists of summonses to the coronations of Edward VIII and George VI.
163	1935	Large bundle of letters of congratulation to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse on their engagement/marriage, with other papers about the wedding.
163A	1968: 1970: 1984-5	Letters to Anne Countess of Rosse about her contributions to various books, from Barbara Cartland's <i>We Danced all Night</i> (1970) to Derry Moore and Michael Pick's <i>The English Room</i> (1984); the correspondents include Christina Foyle of W. & G. Foyle Ltd, Lord Weidenfeld of Weidenfeld & Nicholson and Merlin Waterson of the National Trust.

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164	1974	Box of letters of congratulation to the 6th Earl on his receiving the K.B.E. [The patent conferring this honour and signed by the Queen and Prince Philip, is framed and hangs in Lord Rosse's dressing room in Birr Castle. For some of the 6 th Earl's other honours and decorations, see T/62.]
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165-172	CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE 6TH EARL AND ANNE COUNTESS OF ROSSE, AND LETTERS TO THEM FROM THE MESSELS, LADY ROSSE'S CHILDREN AND THEIR OWN CHILDREN	
165	1914-57	Box and a half of letters to Miss Anne Messel/Mrs. Ronald Armstrong-Jones/the Countess of Rosse and to her second husband, the 6th Earl, from her parents, Leonard and Maud Messel, including a few letters from grandmothers and aunts and 4 letters from Mrs Messel's brother, Roy Sambourne, 1918 and 1943-5.
166	1919: 1936-8: 1947: 1951: 1982-3	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from her brother, Linley Messel, his first wife, Anne, and his son (by his second wife), Thomas, etc.
167	c.1914-1983	Box of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from and about her brother, Oliver Messel, the artist and designer, including numerous letters of condolence on his death in 1978. This section includes one drawing and two paintings which Oliver Messel did of lilies and wildflowers at Birr Castle.
168	1934-79	Outsize [equivalent of 3 PRONI boxes], black, tin deed box of correspondence between the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse, including her account of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The letters of 1937 mainly relate to the illness and death of the Hon. Desmond Parsons.
169	1938-91	Box of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from and about her son, Anthony Armstrong-Jones, [subsequently created 1st Earl of Snowdon], and from members of the royal family; the other correspondents include her ex-husband, Ronald Owen Armstrong-Jones and his second wife; Princess Margaret; Queen Elizabeth II; Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother; Sir David Bowes-Lyon, etc., etc.

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170	1935-87	Letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from her daughter, Susan Armstrong-Jones, her daughter's husband, John [6th Viscount] de Vesci, and their children. [For previous de Vesci correspondence, see T/12].
171	1936-90	Two boxes of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from their elder son, Lord Oxmantown, [subsequently 7th Earl], his wife, Alison [see Section W], and their children, including letters from others about Lord Oxmantown's health and education in early life. The later letters, from 1963 onwards, are of much more than family and personal interest, because they document the 7th Earl's career as a Principal Officer of the United Nations Development Programme, and include significant comment on the countries in which he served in the following capacities: Reports Officer, Ghana, 1963-5; Assistant Resident Representative, Dhomey, 1965-8; Area Officer for Mid-West Africa, UN Headquarters, New York, 1968-70; Assistant Resident Representative, Iran, Representative of UNESCO and Field Director, United Nations Volunteers, 1970-75; Deputy Resident Representative, Bangladesh, 1975-8; and Deputy Resident Representative and Acting Resident Representative, Algeria, 1978-80. From 1980 on, the letters mainly relate to the 7th Earl's plans to put family finances back on a sound footing and develop the heritage and tourist potential of Birr Castle and gardens.
172	1951-91	Box of letters to the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse from and about their second son, Martin, and his wife, Aline. [A considerable quantity of personal letters <i>to</i> the Hon. Martin Parsons, mainly while at Eton, 1951-6, will be found in the bottom drawer of the left-hand, matching chest of drawers in no. 12 ('The Boys' Dormitory') on the top floor of Birr Castle. See also T/154A.]
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173	1992	Letters of condolence to the 7th Earl and Alison Countess of Rosse, together with printed obituaries, appreciations and orders of service, all relating to the death of Anne Countess of Rosse.

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1-52	1920-38	Letters and papers of the Hon. Desmond Parsons, younger brother of the 6th Earl of Rosse [originally kept in a suitcase and a large red trunk in his former bedroom (No. 3) in Birr Castle], and including travel journals and other writings of Desmond Parsons, letters to him from his brother, the 6th Earl, his sister, Lady Bridget, his aunt, Countess de la Feld, and miscellaneous British and Chinese correspondents (including Robert Byron (who was in love with him), John [Sparrow, the future Warden of All Souls College, Oxford]), etc. etc.

New light on Desmond Parsons has been shed by James Knox's recent *Robert Byron* (London, 2003). A few basic facts and dates may be found in the following contemporary obituary notice of 1937 (T/4): 'At Zurich, on 4th July, Desmond Parsons died after suffering for two years from an illness which seemed to have been the outcome of hardships while travelling in China. Though aged only 26, he had made active advances in the study of Chinese civilization which was his chosen work. Having visited places of archaeological moment in the provinces of Honan and Shensi, he made a journey to Tunhuang in difficult circumstances, examining the geographical features of the ancient highway to the West along the Kansu corridor. Some misunderstanding by the local authorities led to his arrest, and he was released at Lanchou only after diplomatic intervention. Before that he had managed to take over 120 photographs in the famous Buddhist cave-shrines at Tunhuang, including certain wall-paintings which had not yet been recorded. Copies are preserved in the Courtauld Institute, and in the collections of Harvard University and several American museums. Possessed of an unusual capacity for observation and of a fine scholarly instinct, he would doubtless have contributed ably to the Chinese studies he loved. His charming personality and transparent honesty of purpose claimed the admiration of all who knew him.'

Desmond Parsons's best-known correspondents (ie those who are likely to be studied in their own right) also feature prominently and over a far longer period in the correspondence of the 6th Earl and Anne Countess of Rosse—eg James Lees-Milne (T/61/2), William and Harold Acton (T/67-8) and Robert Byron (T/82B).]

FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE OF THE HON. DESMOND PARSONS

1	1923-37	Correspondence between the Hon. Desmond Parsons and his mother, Lady de Vesci. [See also T/3.]
2	1924-37	Letters to Desmond Parsons from his brother, the 6 th Earl, along with one letter from Anne, Countess of Rosse.
3	N.D.: 1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from his sister, Lady Bridget Parsons. [See also T/5.]

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4	1926: 1929	Letters to Desmond Parsons from his grandfather [Sir Cecil Lister Kaye.]
5	c. 1934	Letters to Desmond Parsons from his aunt Adeline, Countess de la Feld. [See also N/32-40 and T/7/3.]
LETTERS TO DESMOND PARSONS FROM FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES		
6	[c. 1928-9]	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Robert Byron. [See also T/82.]
7	1929-37	Letters to Desmond Parsons from John Sutro. [See also T/80.]
8	1930-38	Letters to Desmond Parsons from William Acton. [See also T/67.]
9	1931-4	Letters to Desmond Parsons from miscellaneous German correspondents.
10	1931-6	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Harold Acton. [See also T/69.]
11	1930-34	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Count Stephanie Vichlitz-Amade, Böös, Hungary.
12	c. 1930	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Mark Ogilvie Grant. [See also T/76.]
13	c. 1932	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Axel Viale, Barcelona, etc.
14	1932-33	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Dame Una Pope-Hennessy. [See also T/149.]
15	1932-33	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Frances Dakyns, 5 Devonshire Place, London W.1 and Pulborough, Sussex.
16	1932: 1936	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Piet Meyer, endorsed by Anne, Countess of Rosse as a 'very dear friend of Desmond.'
17	1932-5: 1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Roy Harrod. [See also T/84A.]

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18	1933	Letters to Desmond Parsons from [Mrs.] Vera Bryce [later the first wife of Randall Plunket, 19 th Lord Dunsany.]
19	1933	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Dr T.H. Rosenheim, Berlin, all written in German.
20	1934	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Shelley Lee, Peking.
21	1934	Letters (3 from each) to Desmond Parsons from 'Mushvag', who writes from Thatta Gurmani, Muzzaffargarh District, Punjab (and seems to be a lover), and from 'Anijadi,' Ashiana, Lahore (who is a mutual friend). There are references to a trip to Afghanistan which Anijadi's father, an official of the Indian government, was arranging for Anijadi, Mushvag and Desmond Parsons to make.
22	1934	Letters to Desmond Parsons from David [Barran]. [See also T/103.]
23	1935	Letters to Desmond Parsons from J. Chang, Western City, Peking.
24	1936	Letters to Desmond Parsons from John Hope-Johnstone, Peking City.
25	1936	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Larry Luckman, endorsed by Anne Countess of Rosse as 'The Great Orientalist.'
26	c. 1936-7	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Gabriel Herbert, together with three letters from [her mother, Mary, née Vesey, only child of the 4 th Viscount de Vesci].
27	1936-7	Letters to Desmond Parsons from [his servant] Chou Feng Lin, Peking.
28	1936-7	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Dr Otto Burchard, 20 To Fu Hsiang, Peking, East City.
29	1936-7	Letters to Desmond Parsons from [the Hon.] Stephen [Tennent] of Wilsford Manor, Salisbury.
30	1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from 'Dig' [?], 58 Rutland Gate, London S.W. 7.
31	1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from James Lees-Milne. [See also T/61/2.]

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32	1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Cecil Beaton. [See also T/142.]
33	c. 1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Peter Quennell. [See also T/140.]
34	1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Freddie [Ashton?], 9, Guilford Place, London W.C. 1. [The writer is a ballet-dancer; hence the tentative attribution to Sir Frederick Ashton.]
35	1937	Letters to Desmond Parsons from John Sparrow, future Warden of All Souls College, Oxford. [See also T/51.]
36	N.D.	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Osy Darrell. [See also T/146.]
37	N.D.	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Hamish Erskine, Bangor, North Wales; Coolham, Sussex; and New College, Oxford.
38	N.D.	Letters to Desmond Parsons from Georgia Sitwell.
39	N.D.: 1935	Letters from Desmond Parsons to Sir Alexander [probably the British diplomat who secured his release from prison at Lanchou (see U/45)] and to 'Eddie', together with a letter of introduction given to Desmond Parsons to give to a senior official in Sarawak whose first name seems to be 'Vyner'.
40	1932-3: 1935-6	Scholarly correspondence of Desmond Parsons from miscellaneous British and Chinese correspondents, who write from the University of London Courtauld Institute of Art, the University of London School of Oriental Studies and the National University of Peking.
41	1924: 1933: 1935-6	Personal letters to Desmond Parsons from miscellaneous correspondents of British, Irish, Indian and Chinese origin.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND WRITINGS OF THE HON. DESMOND PARSONS

42	N.D.	Photographic prints and negatives taken by or for Desmond Parsons, featuring various scenes from his foreign travels, stored in two oriental-patterned boxes.
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43	1930-35	Box of travel journals, notebooks and diaries belonging to Desmond Parsons, with writings on topics as diverse as 'Chinese Radicals,' European history, and Rainier Maria Rilke. This section also includes an account of Desmond Parsons's voyage to Bali in 1935. Written in French, German, and Chinese, the notebooks illustrate his breadth of knowledge.
44	1935	First-person accounts of daily life in the Far East, written [or typed] by Desmond Parsons. Several of the papers in this envelope describe in detail his arrest following a photographic expedition to Dunhuang. Suffering from dysentery, Desmond Parsons was unfairly jailed and detained until the British authorities were able to obtain orders for his release from the Governor.
45/1-6	1936-7	Letters and papers pertaining to the publication of <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> , translated and edited by Desmond Parsons and Dr W. Eberhard, as follows:
45/1	c. 1936	Three black notebooks containing drafts of various Chinese fairy tales, written or copied by Desmond Parsons.
45/2	1936-7	Correspondence of Desmond Parsons concerning the publication of <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> from Dr W Eberhard, much of it in German, including editing suggestions; contract letters from the publishing company Routledge and Sons, Ltd.; book reviews from various newspapers; and one letter from Dr. W. Eberhard to the 6 th Earl of Rosse explaining the royalties agreement following the death of the Hon. Desmond Parsons.
45/3	1937	Handwritten manuscript for <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> , written in English by Dr W. Eberhard.
45/4	1937	Typed manuscript for <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> , written in German by Dr W. Eberhard.
45/5	1937	Handwritten manuscript for <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> , written in English by Desmond Parsons.
45/6	1937	Typed manuscript for <i>Chinese Fairy Tales and Folk Tales</i> , written in English by Desmond Parsons.

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BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF DESMOND PARSONS		
46	1920-23: 1923-28	Half- and end-of-term school reports on the Hon. Desmond Parsons from his days at Winton House, Winchester; and Eton College, Windsor, together with a small collection of evaluative letters sent to Parsons' mother, Lady de Vesci, from the Eton House Tutors.
47	1931-35	Receipts and subscriptions for various purchases and services, together with Desmond Parsons's bank book for 1932-3.
48	1932-3	Medical reports on Desmond Parsons, accompanied by x-ray photographs, by Dr. J. Tugendreich, Derfflingerstrasse, 21 Berlin W 35.
49	1932-35	Correspondence and papers from the Berkeley Property & Investment Co. Ltd. and the Provincial Garden Cities Co. Ltd. regarding Desmond Parsons's mortgage plans and financial engagements.
50	1934-6	Various travel brochures and guidebooks collected by Desmond Parsons, several of which suggest itineraries for voyages to places as exotic as Bali and Sumatra.
51	1937-8	Formal estate and legal papers of Desmond Parsons, drawn up following his death on 4 July 1937, including a will, an executorship account, and a schedule of personal articles and effects. The envelope also includes papers pertaining to the shipment of his personal articles from Peking to Birr, all of which was arranged and executed by Harold Acton [see T/69] and the 6 th Earl of Rosse.
52	1924: 1933-6	Two envelopes of miscellaneous printed matter collected by Desmond Parsons and apparently found among his effects after his death.

ROSSE PAPERS SUMMARY LIST: THE GARVEYS' OTHER AGENCIES

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1-27	1840-1945	Letters and papers of the successive Rosse agents, George and Toler R. Garvey Senior and Junior in their capacity as agents for other estates, mainly in King's County and Tipperary. The papers have been arranged in rough alphabetical order, by landlord's/employer's name; strict alphabetical order has been departed from when it would have been uneconomical of boxes.
1	1840: 1854: 1868-1910	Box of letters, leases, agreements, proposals, Land Court case papers, Irish Land Commission sale papers, etc, etc, relating to the estates of Charles B. Baldwin, M.P., of Totness, Devon, who was succeeded by his son-in-law, the Rev. Hans Hamilton (he was also resident in England), at Bovean, Kilkerran, Kilcoleman, Lisduff, etc, King's County, and near Clonakilty, Co. Cork, including 2 leases granted by Baldwin, 1840 and 1854, and a rent receipt book, 1868-79.
2	1886-1935	Box containing a ledger, a rent receipt book, letting agreements, etc, all relating to Broughall, King's County, the estate of Christopher J. B. Banon (d. 1919) and, after his death, of his widow.
3-6	1852-1946	One outsize volume and 3 boxes relating to the estate of Francis Valentine Bennett of Thomastown Park, Birr, and Upper Sackville Street, Dublin (d.1890), Frederick Philip Bennett of Thomastown Park (d. 1905), and their successor, Valentine J. E. Ryan of Thomastown Park, at Thomastown, Boolanarrig Little, Coagh, Lisheen, Raheenglass (where the home farm was), etc, baronies of Eglis and Garrycastle, King's County [and now appropriately located in Birr Castle because the property was very much intermixed with the Rosse estate], as follows:
3	1852-66	Outsize rent receipt book for the Bennett estate.
4	1859-1945	Box of proposals and agreements, Land Court and Irish Land Commission papers, correspondence, valuations and miscellaneous papers, 1859-c.1925, together with Thomastown Park garden and forestry accounts and Raheenglass farm accounts, 1925-45.
5	1866-87: 1930-46	Box containing a rent receipt book, 1866-87, and estate and farm ledgers, 1911-30 and 1930-46.
6	1871-9	Box containing original bundles of vouchers for the Bennett estate.

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7	1921-4	Envelope of Court Orders, accounts, letters and letting agreements, all relating to the estate of J. S. P. Malone Barrett [see Q/393], a minor, at Temora, King's County.
8	1893-8	Ledger recording receipts of rent and out-goings of various kinds in respect of the estate of L. Biddulph at Fortal, Coolinariney, etc, King's County.
9	1895-6	Envelope containing papers about the tithe rent charges due to the Marquess of Downshire out of estates in King's County [this probably reflects Toler R. Garvey Senior's agency for the Rosse estate rather than for that of Lord Downshire?].
10	1914-32	Envelope of correspondence, Irish Land Commission papers, etc, relating to the estate of G. Briscoe Eyre of Eyrecourt, Co. Galway [see Q/390], and his widow Mary.
11	1860-84	Box of rentals, accounts and vouchers deriving from the Garveys (George and, from 1879, Toler R. Senior) agency for the estate of the Drought family of Whigsborough. [By coincidence, the last Drought to live at Whigsborough was the Rosse agent, Capt. Alec Drought - see Q/328-95 and T/33. For a related? map, see O/57A.]
12	1872-1906	Box of papers relating to the estate of Major Richard Galbraith of Cappard House, Loughrea, Co. Galway, consisting of the lands of Cappard, Doonally, etc, and of property near Gort as well as Loughrea. The papers principally consist of a rent receipt book, 1872-86, a ledger, 1898-1903, and letting agreements, 1898-1906.
13	1863-78	Box of original bundles of vouchers, together with a couple of leases, relating to the affairs of Colonel Simpson Hackett of Moore Park, Birr, including labour accounts for turf-cutting on Clonkelly Bog. [These papers have been preserved, not because Colonel Hackett was a significant landowner (which he was not), but because they may be of interest as throwing light on the life-style and level of affluence of a gentleman residing in a provincial Irish town.]
14	1907-47	Ledger relating to the estate of Edward Hanks in and around Birr.
15	1892: 1895	Two case papers relating to the estate of the Head family at Derrylahen, King's County.

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16	c.1900-1910	Tenants' account book and Irish Land Commission papers relating to the estate of A. H. N. Kemmis of Croydon, Surrey, at Loughaun, Doory, Coolnahely, etc, King's County. [See also 0/59.]
17	1891: 1911: 1926-50	Box of collectors' books, account books, correspondence, printed matter, etc, all relating to the King's County Protestant Orphan Society, and apparently deriving, not from Toler R. Garvey Junior, but from the clerk in the Birr Estate Office, T. F. Ovington, who was Hon. Secretary to the Society.
18-19	1860-82	Two boxes of rentals, accounts and vouchers kept by George Garvey as agent for the estate of Bassett W. Holmes at Moneygall, King's County (with a rental of c.£925 in 1870), and Nenagh, Co. Tipperary (c.£1540), including a few leases of those estates. The rentals and accounts run from 1860 to 1879, and the vouchers from 1865 to 1882 (with gaps).
20	1920-31	Envelope containing a power of attorney to Toler R. Garvey Junior and 2 bank books, all relating to the estate of the King family of Ballylin, Ferbane, King's County.
21	1908-9: 1916	Envelope containing a 'Waste book', 1908-9, and a deed of receivership, 1916, both relating to the estate of Colonel Randolph A. F. Kingscote of Newport, Co. Tipperary [see Q/389], at Drumbawn, Farneigh, etc, barony of Owney and Arra, Co. Tipperary.
22	1885-1920	Envelope of letting agreements and other estate papers relating to the property of Colonel and Mrs Blanche F. Lodwick [see Q/389] at Lisheen [not the King's County Lisheen, near Birr], Middlewalk, etc, Co. Tipperary.
23	1866-78	Bundles of vouchers deriving from George Garvey's agency for Robert J. E. Mooney of The Doon, King's County.
24	1854-1922	Box of papers relating to the estate of William J. Pigott of Dundrum, Co. Down (fl. c.1900), at Tincurry, near Cahir, Co. Tipperary, and at Shragh, King's County, including some papers about the Dames Longworth family, who [as well as being landlords in their right] were tenants of Shragh. [N.B. Pigott really did live at Dundrum, <i>Co. Down</i> , not Dundrum, Co. Tipperary. See also Q/392.]

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V/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
25	1872: 1897-1940	Ledger, 1897-1940, and letting agreements, 1872 and 1897-1903, relating to the estate of John Purser of Queen's College, Belfast (the owner in the late 19th century) at Arborhill and Clonmona, Co. Tipperary.
26	1870	Three tenants' proposals to the Hon. Otway Toler [second son of the 2nd Earl of Norbury] in respect of Acanthue, Nenagh, etc, [Co. Tipperary. These papers are of interest, in the context of the Birr Castle archive, as a reminder that it was through the Toler family that the Garveys came to be employed as Rosse agents, the connection being that Otway Toler's sister married the Hon. Laurence Parsons, third son of the 2nd Earl of Rosse. George Garvey's father had been agent for Lord Norbury, and had been murdered in that capacity at the Norbury seat, Durrow Abbey, King's County, in 1838. The Christian name, Toler, which two generations of the Garvey family bore, derived (obviously) from the Norburys.]
27	1858-1940	Box and outsize volume consisting of miscellaneous agency papers of the Garveys: Thornvale [ie Tullanisky Park - see Q/56] workmen's and labourers' accounts, 1870-78; miscellaneous bank books, 1858-1940; agents' fee book, 1909-40; ledger, 1906-19; etc, etc.

[One other major estate for which the Garveys were agents was that of Trinity College, Dublin, at Ballycahill (Templemore), Co. Tipperary, Rathcoursey, Queen's County, and elsewhere. Papers deriving from this agency have been transferred, as they have come to light (1976 and 1987) to the Manuscripts Department, TCD, where they bear reference MUN V/82/27, MUN P/23/1852-99, MUN P/26/159-62, etc, etc.]

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W/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1-36	1955-2005	Letters and papers of the 7th Earl of Rosse and his wife, Alison.
PERSONAL AND BUSINESS PAPERS		
1	1951-2000	Box of deeds, correspondence and other papers about family settlements, trusts, estate companies, etc, with much duplication of deeds. Almost everything relates to the post-1979 period, following the succession of the 7th Earl.
2	1957-8	File of letters and papers about Lord Oxmantown's coming-of-age and the associated celebrations.
3	1955: 1961	University degrees (Grenoble and Oxford) of Lord Oxmantown, subsequently 7th Earl of Rosse.
4	1961-2001	Fat envelope of letters and papers of the 7th Earl as an underwriting member of Lloyds of London, from which he extricated himself in 2001. The papers also relate to his life insurance policies which, originally intended to provide him with an income during his father's lifetime and pay school fees, were later used to cover Lloyds losses.
5	1963: 1966	Very small bundle of correspondence about Lord Oxmantown's marriage to Alison Cooke-Hurle.
6	c.1985-6: 1991	Envelope of papers, mostly of earlier date, assembled by Alison Countess of Rosse, and relating to her own (Cooke-Hurle) family, formerly of Kilve Court, Somerset and now of Startforth Hall, Barnard's Castle, and to other branches of it, including the Scottish and Irish Forbeses.
7	1998-2004	The same in relation to the history of the Parsons and related families. The most significant component of this sub-section are papers of 1998 about the 7 th Earl's baronetcy and subsequent correspondence with the Standing Council of the Baronetage about meetings and events. [The papers about the baronetcy are currently missing.]
8	1991-4	Correspondence of the 7th Earl with Manorial Auctioneers Partnership, London, and others about the sale or possible sale of his baronies and lordships of Ballybritt, Clonlisk, Eglish and Garrycastle, Co. Offaly.

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W/	DATE	DESCRIPTION
		[A considerable quantity of personal correspondence of the 7th Earl, c.1955-91, much of it written to him while he was serving overseas with the UN (see T/171), will be found on two shelves of a cupboard in his office in Birr Castle.]
		PAPERS ABOUT OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AND IRISH PUBLIC LIFE
9	1963-2005	File of typescript, printed and newspaper articles by Lord Oxmantown on subjects which include: the Dublin Hellfire Club (with correspondence up to 2005 about a film on the Hellfire Club made by David Ryan); letters in the archive about the '98; the design and decimalization of coinage; Afghanistan; and the UN programmes in the various countries in which Lord Oxmantown served. [See also W/34.]
10	1963: 1968	Newspaper articles by Lord Oxmantown on 'Our Modern Coinage', etc, and copies of letters and a memo from him to the Irish Minister of Finance about the design of the decimal currency to be introduced into Ireland.
11	1980-89	File of papers of the 7th Earl about 'Concern', an overseas development programme of the Irish government, including a copy of his government-commissioned 'Evaluation of Concern's Sudan Programme, March-April 1989'.
12	1981-90	Letters and papers of the 7th Earl as a nominee of the Irish government on the Agency for Personal Service Overseas.
13	1985-8	Half-box of similar papers of the 7th Earl as a nominee of the Irish government on the Advisory Council on Development Co-operation.
14	1989-2005	Formal documents and correspondence relating to the honours conferred on the 7th Earl, including his LL.D. at TCD, 2005.
		PAPERS ABOUT BIRR CASTLE AND EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS HELD THERE OR DERIVING FROM ITS HERITAGE CONTENTS
15	1980-91	Folder of letters and papers of the 7th Earl as a Board Member of the Historic Irish Tourist Houses and Gardens Association ('HITHA'.)

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16	1981-5	Fat envelope of letters, newspaper cuttings and other papers about the Irish Driving Championships, held annually at Birr Castle from 1981. [N.B. Papers from 1985 to c.2005 exist, but have yet to be added to this bundle.]
17	1981-2005	Series of files and envelopes relating to the annual exhibitions at Birr Castle, as follows:
17/1	1981-2	File of correspondence and printed matter about the 1981/2 exhibition, 'The Scientific Achievements of Sir Charles Parsons' [see Section R].
17/2	1982-3	Two files of correspondence and printed matter about the 1983 exhibition, 'Speaking from the Past'.
17/3	1983-4: 1988: 1994	Three files of similar papers about the 1984 exhibition, 'The Making of the Gardens', together with a file of papers on the re-staging of the same exhibition in 1994.
17/4	1983-6	Two large envelopes of letters, papers and newspaper cuttings about the 1985 exhibition, 'Impressions of an Irish Countess ... Mary Rosse, 1813-1885' and its subsequent moves to other locations in Ireland, the UK, Germany, etc. [For other papers concerning Mary Rosse, see E/39, G/14, 16, 19 and 62, O/30, O/41-4 and P.]
17/5	1983-6	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1986 exhibition, 'Out of the Cupboard: the Things they Wore'.
17/6	1987-9	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1987 exhibition, 'At Work and at Play: Three Centuries of Childhood', which was subsequently set up again in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1988.
17/7	1987-9: 2003	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1988 exhibition, 'The Wonderful World of Mary Ward,' and subsequent correspondence and articles about Mary Ward. [See also K/40.]
17/8	1989-91	Envelope of correspondence and printed matter about the 1991 exhibition, 'William and Mary: Kings County Cousins'.
17/9	1990-1	Envelope of correspondence and printed matter about an additional 1991 exhibition, 'Seeing Stars'.

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17/10	1991-2	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1992 exhibition, 'Irish Tri-Colour, Colour Photography—A Dublin Discovery'.
17/11	1991-2	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1992 Easter exhibition, 'Let There Be Light.'
17/12	1993	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1993 exhibition, 'Sugar and Spice: Castle Cooking Down the Ages,' together with photographs of the display.
17/13	1994-2000: 2005	Envelope of letters and papers about the 1995 exhibition, 'Dressed for the Occasion,' together with two files of correspondence on similar fashion exhibitions staged at the Ulster Museum in Belfast. The two Ulster exhibitions, 'Irish Fashion since 1950' and 'Genius of Line' opened in 1994 and 1999 respectively, and displayed gowns on loan from Birr Castle.
17/14	1996	Correspondence on the 1996 exhibition, 'Demesne of Discovery.'
		[The files on subsequent exhibitions have still to be transferred to the Muniment Room.]
18	1985-90	Envelope of correspondence about proposed (but so far unmounted) exhibitions. Most of the papers relate to a proposed exhibition to mark the 150 th anniversary of the invention of photography.
19/1-3	1980-2004	Three large envelopes of correspondence about visits to Birr Castle made by various cultural, horticultural, historic and scientific groups. Included are invitations relating to the official opening of Oxmantown Hall by President Mary McAleese on her visit to Birr on 29 June 2004.
20	1988-2004	Large folder of letters and papers about concerts held in Birr Castle, either as part of the Festival of Music in Great Irish Houses, or as events specially arranged for Birr Castle by the 7th Earl.
21	1983-90	Envelope of printed and typed matter relating to the 7th Earl and Alison Countess of Rosse and to Birr and Birr Castle.
22	1989	File of papers about the 7th Earl's tour of the USA to lecture on 'Gardens of Ireland'.

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		PAPERS ABOUT BIRR CASTLE AND ITS HERITAGE CONTENTS
23	1970-91	Folder of letters and papers of the 7th Earl and Alison Countess of Rosse about tapestries and other textiles in Birr Castle, their conservation, loan for exhibition, etc.
24	1978-2005	Three folders of letters and papers about pictures at Birr Castle (both sales and purchases). [For one particular picture, Walter Sickert's 'The Gardener's Daughter', see W/29].
25	1980-83	Folder of letters and papers, including a printed catalogue, about the sale of selected heritage contents of Birr Castle in 1980.
26	1980-2005	Folder of letters and papers about books in Birr Castle (both sales and purchases), including the purchase of Dorothy Parsons's 1668 recipe book [A/17.]
27	1980-2005	Folder of letters and papers about Samuel Chearnley's 'Miscelanea Structura Curiosa' [O/3], research into the provenance and creator of the drawings, articles based in whole or in part upon them, and the publication of an edited facsimile of them in 2005.
28	1982-93	Envelope of correspondence of the 7th Earl about the Dowris Hoard, its loan for exhibition to various institutions, etc.
29	1985-2002	Folder of letters and papers about the attempted sale of Sickert's 'The Gardener's Daughter'.
30	1986-9	Folder of letters and papers about 'The Drumsallagh Torc' (dating from the 13 th century BC), a Parsons family possession restored to Birr Castle by the 7th Earl.
31	1988-2003	Folder of letters and papers about the restoration of the 1620s plaster frieze in the Muniment Room in Birr Castle.
32	2000	Folder of papers about the Birr Castle roof, principally plans, estimates and a photographic survey by Christopher Southgate & Associates, Cork.

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MISCELLANEOUS		
33	1870: 1931: 1955-2005	Folder of letters and papers (including original certificates of ownership dating from 1870) relating to the 7th Earl's box (No. 14) at the Albert Hall, London [which Sir Charles Parsons had inherited from the 4th Earl and which the 6th Earl had acquired from Lady Parsons after Sir Charles's death].
34	c.1961-91	Envelope of miscellaneous newspaper and typescript articles by the 7th Earl, with associated correspondence, on subjects as diverse as Birr Castle, Nepal and Russia. [See also W/9.]
35	1994-8	Small envelope of letters and papers about minor cultural and heritage developments in the town of Birr.
36	1997-2001	Folder of letters and papers of the 7th Earl as a director of the Quest Campus Foundation, Charleville Castle, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

[For other letters and papers of the 7th Earl, see D/7, H/119-121, K/39-40, R/11 and 13-16, S/17 and T/1, 45, 64, 106 and 134. His letters and papers about the Birr Scientific Heritage Foundation and Ireland's Historic Science Museum are held elsewhere at Birr Castle, in the office of the Foundation. Some very current business files of the 7th Earl on other subjects, most of them not intended for transfer to the Muniment Room, are held in his office in Birr Castle. His and Lady Rosse's search correspondence about the archive is filed in a wooden filing-cabinet deriving from the 5th Earl and now placed in the Muniment Room; where the correspondence relates to a particular section of the archive, it has been placed in a folder bearing the alphabetical reference letter for that section - eg 'R' for correspondence about Sir Charles Parsons.]