

Collection List No. 143 Inchiquin Papers, NLI – Search under Clarecastle

MS 45,135 /5 1890. Proposal by Honoria Buruse to Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin for a lease of a house and yard in Clarecastle at the yearly rent of £4 10s. 10 May 1890. 1 p.

MS 45,195 /3 1843-1857. Correspondence of Sir Lucius O'Brien, 5th Bart., and Robert O'Brien, agent, concerning the drainage, maintenance and fee-farm grant of the site of the barracks at Clarecastle. 8 items.

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MS 45,198 /1 1871-1886. Correspondence of Robert Vere O'Brien, land agent, and Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin, with Stephen Markham, surveyor and steward, and James Kenny, steward, regarding surveys of Islandmore, Skehanagh and Killow with information on tenants and holdings. Includes rough sketch maps of Islandmore, Clarecastle and Skehanagh. 22 items.

MS 45,200 /3 1880-1888. Letters to Robert Vere O'Brien, land agent, from the Office of Public Works and John Lopdell, engineer and architect, regarding the land required for the construction of a pier at Clarecastle, the damage to the road at Ballaghboy due to turf cutting and a valuation by Lopdell of the land held by Honoria Walsh from Lord Inchiquin 'which has materially benefited by the [River] Fergus drainage'. 16 items.

MS 45,202 /4 1891-1892. Letters to Robert Vere O'Brien, land agent, from Colonel Robert H. Vetch and Ralph Thompson regarding the potential sale of the barracks ground and yard in Clarecastle. 3 items.

MS 45,204 /3 1893-1897. Correspondence of Edward O'Brien, land agent, regarding new lettings for a farm (150 acres) on the lands of Ballinacraggy and for premises in Newmarket-on-Fergus and Clarecastle. 50 items.

MS 45,211 /10 c. 1859. List of tenants of Clarecastle. Includes inhabitants on Lime Kiln lane, Ward's lane, Clare abbey lane, School House Lane. 3 pp.

MS 45,223 /7 1831-1838. Head Rent receipts and vouchers for payments made by Sir Edward O'Brien, 4th Bart. and Sir Lucius O'Brien, 5th Bart. to [George O'Brien Wyndham, 3rd] earl of Egremont; [Charles Vereker, 2nd] Viscount Gort; [Edmund Henry Pery, 1st] earl of Limerick, Edmund [Knox], Anglican bishop of Limerick, W.J. Monsell, the representatives of Lord Muskerry, James O'Shaughnessy and others in respect of lands in Counties Clare and Limerick. Including Beanroe and Poulbane, Sixmilebridge, Ballaghboy, Ballynacraggy, Dromoland, Clarecastle, Glanduff, Ballybeggane, Weir Park. 90 items.

21 F. 138 (50r) c. 1740. Plan of a road traversing the town of Clare [alias Clarecastle, barony of 239 Islands]. With details of premises and their occupiers.

21 F. 150 (50) c. 1840. Map of Clarecastle, parish of Clare Abbey, barony of Islands, showing various tenements and holdings in said town.

21 F. 150 (48) c. 1841. Map of [Clarecastle?]. Annotated with references to tenant holdings in said town. c. 1841.

21 F. 150 (56-58) 1860. Plans and survey of Clare[castle] Station, on the Limerick and Ennis Railway Line. With accompanying letter dated 16 Feb. 1860, and plan of railway line from Killoo through Skehanagh [to Clarecastle?]. 4 items.

MS 45,270 /2 1849-1856. Rent labour rolls for work at Killoo commonage and bog [Clarecastle]. Refers to work of draining and cutting turf at Killoo bog. With labour roll for housework for Feb.-Mar. 1853. 17 items.

MS 45,272 /7 c. 1855-1868. Labour rolls for work at Knocknegemana [Knocknamana, Clarecastle], Lisroe road, Killoo bog, Ballaghboy banks, Laungah road, Skehana banks and elsewhere on the Dromoland estate. c. 1855-1868. Includes a letter from Francis Cooney to [Robert O'Brien] enclosing an account re said work and seeking £2 as 'the old hands that stood the work regularly expect a little money at Easter to pay the Priest'. 6 Apr. 1857. 50 items.

MS 45,274 /1 1869-1873. Rent labour rolls for work done at Clarecastle, Latoon, and Ballygreen on the Dromoland estate. 11 items.

I.ii.3.d. Improvement works at Clarecastle

Clarecastle or simply 'Clare' as it was known was developed by Sir Lucius O'Brien, 3rd Bart. In 1769 he leased 'all that piece of ground near the Town of Clare whereon a barrack and barrack yard hath lately been rebuilt and enclosed by a wall, with all buildings within, to Henry Loftus, Commissioner and Overseer of Barracks in the Kingdom of Ireland'. Lucius began construction work with 154 men and 24 horses. For this period there are details of a spinning factory in the town and a proposed butter market. By 1770 he had added six two-storied slated houses, six one-storied thatched houses for weavers, a large malt-house and kiln, a linen factory, a market house, a lime kiln and salt works, an extensive quay and a large deal yard adjoining.

MS 45,376 /10 1786-1813. Mortgage by Sir Lucius O'Brien to Thomas Steele of the castle of Clare and the lands of Skehannagh, Derrykillon and Knock alias Knocknageemanagh (636 acres) for £416 13s 4d. Recites lease by Sir 385 Lucius to Henry Loftus and other Commissioners of the Barracks of 17 Nov. 1769 and notes that Sir Lucius is now seized in fee or fee farm of the yearly rent of £25. With Sir Lucius O'Brien's bond for the aforementioned principal sum of £416 13s 4d. 1 Aug. 1786. Also, assignment of said mortgage of Clarecastle and other lands by Thomas Steele to John Furlong in consideration of £428 6s. 26 Jan. 1813. 3 items.

MS 45,376 /11 1855. Reconveyance by [Fox Maude Ramsay] Lord Panmure, Secretary of State for War, to Lucius O'Brien, 13th Baron Inchiquin, of lands 'between the barracks premises at Clarecastle and the River Fergus' (1 acre 1 rood 32 perches), parish of Clare Abbey, barony of Islands. 31 Dec. 1855. 1 membrane.

MS 45,487 /2 1879-1897. Letters to Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin from H.B. Harris regarding navigation, labour (at J. Bannatyne & son, shippers) and improvements at Clarecastle harbour and local appointments. 18 items.

MS 45,488 /7 1883-1887. Letters to Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin from Board of Works and Courtenay Boyle, secretary to the Viceroy, relating to the Clare and Ennis Railway and the difficulties of berthing vessels at Clarecastle pier. 9 items.

MS 45,489 /10 1887-1891. Letters to Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin from the Clarecastle Harbour Trustees. Mostly relates to resolutions passed by the Trustees in respect of

navigation of the River Fergus, the appointment of pilots and the general improvement of the harbour. With copies of the by-laws of Clarecastle Harbour. Printed. 21 items.

MS 45,603 /6 1887-1895. Correspondence of Edward Donough O'Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin and his agent Edward O'Brien, with Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Power and P. 543 O'Kelly, Clarecastle merchants, concerning timber and coal accounts for Dromoland. With related accounts. 48 items.

MS 45,725 /5 1708/9. Conveyance by Thomas Hickman [the younger, d. c. 1718], for the use of his wife and sons, to Robert Harrison and Hugh Hickman of Fenloe [d. 1722], of the lands of Knockinimana, Clarecastle, Skehanagh and Killow, parish of Clare Abbey, barony of Islands, held on a 99 year lease from Henry O'Brien, 8th earl of Thomond. With counterpart. 23 Feb. 1708/9. 2 items