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Item Level Description

Identity Statement

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Title:	Midleton Estate Report
Dates:	March 1850
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Context

Creator(s):

Viscount Midleton Estate (Brodrick family)

Administrative & Biographical History

Landed estate of Viscount Midleton or Brodrick family, East Cork area. The Brodrick family was also based at Peper Harrow in Surrey, England.

Content & Structure

Scope & Content

Report on lands proposed to become part of the estate of Charles Broderick Viscount Midleton in the counties of Cork and Waterford by Edward Woollett Wilmott, Hulme Walfield, Longleton, [England], Land Agent. 'In accordance with instructions received..., I have viewed the Estates situated near Midleton in the county of Cork'.

Enumerates, with accompanying area map, 22 properties totaling c.5074 acres as follows, Cahermore Demesne, Cahermore Deer Park, Killeagh, Dunsfort, Carryshane, Castle Redmond, Broomfield, Coppingerstown, Whiterock, Carriginnoe, Ballyedikin, Butlerstown, Knockangriffin, Garryduffe, Ballyannan Wood, Ballyannan, part of Ballyannan and Barreshae, Gurtenina, Killaroga West, Killaroga East, Ballingtowtas, Farrenthensure. Area map includes sketch plan of Midleton town.

General improvements are proposed such as, water carriage or railway to the town and letting of lands adjacent to the town. Remarks on management of the farms on estate such as, " found several very good Tenants, enterprising and industrious men, - the generality however were below the mark and many of the holdings too small, and the buildings poor and inadequate in accommodation for the due cultivation of the land."

Recommends doing away with all leases 'as opportunities offer' and to use instead an Agreement which would compensate tenants for any 'unexhausted improvements', enabling a tenant 'to expend Capital without fear' (see also pp.67-79).

Notes unjust and ruinous effects of subletting; notes buildings could be built less expensively (see also drawings pp.61-62), also draining required in many townlands. Suggests widening of Dungowrney River, drainage of swamp in Dunford (pp1-10).

Each townland treated of individually with notes and colour illustrated maps showing features such as, woodlands, quarries, dwellings, boundaries, roads, water features, bogs (pp11-57).

Observations on properties in each townland mentioning tenants, physical features, prospects for improvements such as, Broomfield where 'Ellen Leahy's land is in fair condition, should opportunity occur, it should be thrown to the Farm occupied by D.Moore .' and 'Fever Sheds.. erected in Smithwick's Farm, for which the Union [Midleton Poor Law Union] pay the Tenant 5 per annum'(pp25-27).

Appendices include a sample letting agreement, architectural sketch plans for farm yard and out-buildings, farm houses and cottages (pp61-79).

Bound volume in red leather with gold inlay, stamped 'The Earl of Midleton M.C Estate Office, Midleton, Co. Cork.'

Arrangement

n/a

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Allied Materials:

Related Material

CCCA: U74 Midleton Estate Material

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