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Descriptive List

Identity Statement Area

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/U405
Title:	Coppinger of Barryscourt, Letters, 1740-1843
Dates:	1740-56; 1784-85; 1827-43 [1797]
Level of description:	Fonds / Item
Extent:	90 items

Context

Archival History

The ninety letters comprising this collection were formerly located at Bailick Cottage, Ballinacurra, Co Cork, the onetime residence of a Coppinger descendant who possessed them. On his departure, they remained at the house and came into the possession of a later occupant, Ms Ava Glasson. On changing residence, Ms Glasson brought the letters with her. In 2009 she contacted Cork City and County Archives (CCCA) for advice on preserving and making available the collection and its contents. In June 2009, the collection was transferred to CCCA as a long-term loan. The letters, many of which are in a fragile condition, have been scanned. Both the originals and the master copies are in the custody of CCCA.

Biographical History

The Coppingers of Barryscourt were one of the leading Catholic landowning and clerical families in Cork in the era of the Penal Laws, which restricted Catholic civil liberties (c1695-1827). A Stephen Coppinger, having fled to France following the defeat of the Catholic King James II by King William of Orange in the 1690s, returned to Ireland in the early 1700s, leasing lands at Barryscourt from the earl of Barrymore. The family farmed extensive estates at Barryscourt and at Ballyvolane, Co Cork. Unusually, the Coppingers held the right to present parish priests to the Catholic parishes of St Mary's, Shandon, and SS Peter and Paul, both in Cork city, a privilege enjoyed since medieval times but which was to fall into abeyance in the late eighteenth century, and to be finally

extinguished in the early nineteenth century (see *Allied Materials* below, and item U405/6).

The William Coppinger to whom most of the present letters were addressed seems to have been Stephen's son, and flourished in the middle of the eighteenth century. He was apparently succeeded successively by his son and grandson, both William, the latter inheriting a heavily indebted estate in 1816. The elder William was connected through marriage and kinship to many other leading Catholic landowning families, including the Butlers of Kilcash, the Galweys of Lota, and the Sarsfields of Ducloyne. His brother Joseph was a prominent merchant, engaged especially in the wine trade, based at Cork.

His grandson William (1779-1863) was a friend of Daniel O'Connell, his sister being married to the Liberator's brother. He never married, and on his death his estates, including one at Ballylean, Co Clare, passed to his nephew, Morgan John O'Connell. William's brother Thomas achieved prominence as a miller, with mills in the nearby town of Midleton. Throughout the generations, several family members became priests, with one, William Coppinger (cousin of the younger owner of Barryscourt), becoming Catholic bishop of Cloyne and Ross, serving in that office from 1791 to 1831.

Allied Materials

CCCA U229 Exham Flynn Solicitors' Papers. This collection contains many letters and legal documents of the three William Coppingers, including an 1801 lease of the Barryscourt estate, leased from the earls of Barrymore (U229/102/1). Several documents relate to the right to present priests to the parishes of St Mary's, Shandon, and SS Peter and Paul (e.g., U229/100/21, /34).

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

Of the ninety letters present, seventy-nine are addressed to the elder William Coppinger, and range in date from 1740 to 1756. Only two are addressed to his son William (1784-85). Of the remaining letters, only one, from Daniel O'Connell, is addressed to the younger William Coppinger (1832). Three are directed to his brother Thomas, all from bishops. The letter from Bishop Collins of Ross is of particular interest, as in it he explains in detail the reasons why he must decline to support publicly the Catholic candidate in a forthcoming election (U405/87). One letter is addressed to 'L'Abbé' Stephen Coppinger, and one to Bishop William Coppinger (both 1827). A copy of a letter from Edmund Burke to Dr Hussey, Bishop of Waterford, is also present (1797). In it, Burke advises against the use by Catholic bishops of seals showing arms and a mitre, noting that 'malignant enemies' might interpret such use as implying a claim to temporalities held by the bishops of the Established Church (U405/82). The latest item present is a letter to a James Power, apparently a Coppinger relative, from Mary Coppinger, in Lucca, Italy (1843).

The elder William Coppinger's main correspondents were his brother Joseph ('Joe', the Cork wine merchant), his brother-in-law John Galwey of Carrigg, his nephew Stephen Coppinger, his cousin John Crotty of Ballygallane, various Gould cousins in east Cork, Dr MacKenna regarding parish clergy, and a Francis Flaherty of Agliss to whom William owed some money. The letters concern family affairs and relationships, religious piety, land, trade, and, occasionally, the politics of the day. As an example of their content, there are a few letters touching on each of the following subjects: Stephen Coppinger's attempt to recover the residual estate of his brother who died in Sweden (U405/19, 21, 28); William Coppinger's salting and barrelling of herring for sale by his brother Joe (U405/4, 14, 25, 27, 30, 42, 56); and John Galwey's efforts to find an appropriate school for his son Billy (U405/50, 63, 64). William's struggle with depression (e.g. U405/6, 10), and the births and illnesses of children (e.g. U405/41, 52) are recurring themes.

The letters have been arranged in chronological order. A number of undated letters (No.s 73-79), all seemingly from the 1750s, have been placed after the last dated letter from the 1750s and before the next dated letter, which is from 1784. An 'Index Note' indicating which letters are from which correspondent precedes the list of items below.

System of Arrangement

- i Letters to William Coppinger I, 1740-56
- ii Letters to William Coppinger II, 1784-85
- iii Letters to William Coppinger III, his brother Thomas, and to other Coppinger relatives, 1827-43 [1797]

Publication Note:

Inside Their World, exhibition catalogue by Marita Foster, Cork Archives Institute (now CCCA), Cork, 1992. This catalogue contains a biographical note and selected list of documents relating to the younger William Coppinger (1779-1863) in the Exham Flynn Solicitors Papers (CCCA/U229).

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2. Letters to William Coppinger II (fl.1780s) from:

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3. Letter to William Coppinger III (1779-1863) from:

O'Connell, Daniel, brother-in-law, 'The Liberator'
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4. Letters to Thomas Coppinger (fl. 1820s-30s) from:

[Rolls], Charles, artist, London
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Collins, N., Bishop of Ross, Skibbereen
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Murphy, John, Bishop of Cork
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5. Letter to William Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, from:

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U405/90 Letter to James Power, London, from Mary Coppinger,
Italy, 1 July 1843

List of items

i **Letters to William Coppinger I, 1740-56** (79 items)

1. 28 September 1740

Letter (to William Coppinger) from Maurice Sarsfield, Dublin, stating 'I wrote you from hence and am of opinion you had heard all, I told you my mind before I sett out for this town I received two letters from my cousin Fraink. I am no further concerned in any informations but against Toller I have prevented the breaking twenty of the officers being Broake. You may hear a great deal by some of Toller's friends but doe not believe a word of them until I see you my self. I wrote Mr Roger Griffin three letters he did not think meet to answer any of them. I hope youll spare your thoughts of me until I shew you proper Reasons of my being a wellwisher to my flesh and blood. I conclude with my best respects to all your family and to my cousin your brother. I beg youl speak to my unkle that he should write to me a letter in order to lett me know how he is. I would have wrote to him but that I am sensible he has not wherewithal to pay the postage I would be proud to hear from you but am afraid it would be troublesome. Ill go back again please god and return some of my friends thanks. Yours affectionate kinsman and humble servant, Mau: Sarsfield'. In a postscript he adds 'I pray youl make my Uncle Sarsfield write to me, I want for nothing & thank god there is noe embargo on me. I trust in god to live for some time longer'.

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2. 29 September 1747

Letter to William Coppinger 'at Mr William Graces Merchant in Abbey Street, Dublin', from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, expressing dismay that William is 'no further advanced in your affairs than on your arrival in Dublin', adding 'I find by it that poor Teresa & I have nothing to expect but misery & poverty'. He asks 'is there no hope or expectation for us to benefit in any shape by my poor brother's will'. He notes that he has been told by Mr Kearney that the power to collect rents on behalf of William and his sister which he has received is such that he cannot compel the tenants to pay, 'so that if any make any objection I must only submit to it until I am properly authorized'. He continues 'I shall not pass any receipts for Killicloyne until you desire it, but have a charming opportunity to sollicit my Lord for the renewal of Ballincollig as I received a letter from him this day desiring to know whether I heard anything from you regarding the family affairs, but as I have nothing but what regards myself I can the better write him that I hope for his Lordships goodness in granting a renewal, which would be some help to steer through life but I own I have not much hope for success'. He states that he is sending the English

horse to Barry's Court 'to be taken care of, for he was brought home in a most miserable condition' He asks how much the grey mare sold for. He reports that Doctor Walsh and Mr Butler 'live in harmony', both performing parish functions, but 'who is to be the Mediator between them is not yet known'. He reports 'Colonel Hyde was yesterday chose Nemine Con – his election gott him scarce two [Th.ds] of Clarret, a sad thing when the Knight of the Shire for the county of Corke is elected at so little cost, at least its bad for Wine Merchants'. He adds that he is busy 'regulating my accounts for a close inspection' by William and his sister.

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3. 20 October 1747

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Corke, explaining that he has arrived in Cork after collecting his papers from Carrigg and 'here I am preparing for tomorrow & a disagreeable meeting it will I fear be for me'. He states that he has seen 'our friend F.K.' [Kennedy] and sends 'a friendly advice which I beg youll take notice of in every particular' and 'doe every thing as he desires'. He thinks it not worth examining 'R.S.'s freehold'. He informs Coppinger that 'Kitty Galwey is certainly married to White & has been so these 14 or 15 months past. A brave match she has made as he is Im informed worth 300 Pounds & upwards'. [The letter is frayed along the bottom edge, affecting the text].

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4. 24 October 1747

Letter to William Coppinger 'at Mr William Grace's, Mer[chan]t, Abbey Street, Dublin', from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, exhorting him to 'for God sake banish all gloomy & afflicting thoughts & don't render your friends more miserable by impairing a health so dear to us'. He reminds him that 'we shall always see others in a more deplorable situation' and advises 'lett no tormenting ideas get the better of religion & reason'. He is glad that William intends to return home shortly, and notes that he will remain silent as to any business until then. He reports that their sister and her family are well. He also notes 'They had a good draft of Herrings last night. Those that are all ready saved I can sell very well if they send them up to me, but they are not yet come'. He refers to the incident of 'Mr Butler's behaviour tow[ar]ds Mr O Bryon' and Dr Welsh, including the use of an 'indecent word' in chapel, remarking 'you never heard the like of it'. He adds that he has delivered William's letter to Dr Welsh.

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5. 27 October 1747

Letter to William Coppinger 'in Dublin', from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, regarding the proving of a will. He expresses bewilderment that William's latest letter 'leaves me as much in the dark as your former ones', as it makes no mention of proving the will, taking out administration, or of their sister taking out a writ of dower. He comments 'there's scarce one of the town but what knows more of the affairs of the family than we do'. He asks that William be present when Mr Wall inspects the accounts kept by Joseph at the request of their sister 'as you could remove any objection she should make', adding 'I know my transactions for my poor brother to be true and honest'. He hopes the matter can be discharged that day 'as I would chuse to have it quite over without any second hand inspection, & have them closed with honour'. Joseph expresses the wish that William had taken the advice of cousin Kearney 'by making the judicious friend he recommended you, a Confident of all your proceedings & those of the family, and by whom you ought entirely to be governed'. He states that on receipt of William's authority to receive rents he shall 'take care & oblige these backward gentlemen to pay'. He expresses his gladness that William and his sister like the dirge, and that they 'continue in such harmony'. He adds 'I have no doubt of her good intentions to save the family, but am sorry to hear the hint you give, that the Law is likely to deprive her of the means'.

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6. 5 November 1747

Letter to William Coppinger from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, beginning 'I wrote you the last post & then remitted you John Hems bill for £30 @ 15 days sight on Thomas Egan in Dublin, which I hope you received, as I find it is chiefly what causes your delay in Dublin'. He states his sister refuses to call on him as she will not leave the care of William's children and business in Barry's Court: 'she thinks neither in safety but in her presence'. He is sorry that William's letter 'promises no kind of comfort to our family', but encourages him not to dwell on the 'bare apprehension of misfortunes' and to bear up against those it may be God's will to send. He adds 'I greatly fear you are quite overcome'. 'To divert you' he tells William of a clerical dispute involving Messrs Butler, Walsh, and O'Bryan, declaring 'never was a campaign in Flanders so warm'. Having recited the dispute in detail, Joseph states 'no time is certainly to be lost for your presenting him [O'Bryan?] to the parish which right now actually invests in you for if 6 months expire without a formal presentation then your right is lost'. [The letter is frayed along the bottom edges, causing some loss of text]. [See also U229/100/21, 34]

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7. 17 November 1747

Letter to William Coppinger 'at Mr William Graces Merchant in Abbey Street, Dublin', from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, 17 November 1747, expressing his 'apprehension of your giving too much way to the misfortune you labour under', and urging him to trust in God. He hopes to see him soon, and expresses his confidence that William is 'taking all imaginable measures to serve me, be assured in return I shall be grateful to the least of them, whether they are effectual or not'. He claims that he owes his own resolution to his sister's 'heroick behaviour'.

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8. 20 November 1747

Letter to William Coppinger 'at William Grace's, Merchant in Abbey Street, Dublin', from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, advising 'as to what Ben Sullivan said I would lay no stress on it, as I suppose the Doctor told him soe as an excuse for his proceeding against you. To be sure Mr Galwey is the proper person to give directions for the discharge of it, & undoubtedly will on your application. This first year of his Guardianship will certainly be the most troublesome, as all punctuality must be observed in the discharge of the interest, but Xmas will be too soon to call for the last rents become due, besides the difficulty to answer all other calls, that will be on him. What ever orders he gives me I shall be most punctual to them & you may depend particularly so where your interest is concerned'. 'As to Donworth's affair' he states that he cannot proceed for the present, because 'the cash I gave the remittances made, and the Doctor's and many other applications I have made has entirely exhausted my finances'. He thinks William should allow Commander Cavendish 'for the [press] & stairs he made, with a good grace, & preserve him our friend than to be compell'd to do it & make him an enemy'. Regarding rent owed to Mr Kearney, he suggests that William make a complaint to him that Mr Rogerson has not allowed workmen into the gardens of Ballyvolane for six months, meaning no preparations for next spring have taken place. He adds 'the Dung of the stables his [Rogerson's] servants have been about selling, Maurice Nagle tells me he spoke to Mr Philpott about it, & hinder'd some people from buying it, so that instead of getting a garden well sett & in good heart with all kinds of vegetables & roots, as the Coll.r [collector] received it, it will be returned a barren wilderness with nothing but weeds'. He thinks it was not Mr Cavendish's intention to have the land returned in that manner, and suggests 'a proper hint to him may not be amiss'. He is glad that William mentions a proper fee for Mr Flaherty, 'else resentment may be of some consequence'. He refers to a bill which William received from him. He also expresses surprise that William has still not found cousin Kearney's paper, stating 'he actually will sue for it, [as it] is of the last consequence both to his & other gentlemens Estates'. In a post script he informs that 'old Mrs Roche is at last Dead, by which Mr Kearny gets, much good may it

do him. This night she is to be interred privately tho' the coffin I hear is covered with velvet'. [Frayed and torn along bottom edge, with some loss of text].

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9. 15 December 1748

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Crotty, Castlelyons, beginning 'The Season approaches when the Melancholy, the Splenatick and the entire part of Mankind that is any way depress'd endeavour to shake the load of their minds, either among their own familys, or their friends, & as I know you have indulged your self for a good while past in some mental sollicitudes, I think you ought to give them a truce'. He tells William that his wife has discovered a 'julep that is sovreign against Melancholy in general', and insists he and his family come to them.

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10. 16 March 1749

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Crotty, Corke, reporting that he and his household, including William's son Billy, are well, adding of his wife 'she is pretty well yet barks a little'. He notes that Billy's eye is clearing, and comments humorously on his children's observations on it. He states that he is two days returned from Ballygallane and travels to his namesake in Carrick [John Galwey] tomorrow, admitting that he has not been following 'your example of fasting and praying'. He adds that Joe [Coppinger] will not be joining them. He states that he has received a letter 'by the Widdow from Cove' and that her 'fears are removed & she shall be included in the partnership'. He advises that William seek to get over his 'unfortunate moments' [depression?] by more activity 'which I would recommend to you before a spiritual retreat'. He states 'I am informed there is one come with £30,000 to Dublin to lay out on good security at £4 P Cent could you not apply to some friend there [around?] such a [ford?] for you'. He continues. 'I hear for certain the Peers Dalila is gone to the shades, it is the only symptom of his getting into the road of salvation, but until he sends notice to the E_1 of C_ was to quitt the Palace. Ile believe nothing of his Reformation. I fear he'l not long hold, for the head of the great glass fell the other day & smashed a gilded table under it, but this rather prognostigates that his brittle head will shiver a golden fortune. It is no bad guess at prophesying'. He sends his best wishes to William's family and asks that he tell Mr Sarsfield that he has purchased an excellent flute for him. [Paper is quite fragile, with some holes].

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11. 28 September 1749

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Richard Galwey, Huntingtown, Carlow, 28 September 1749, regarding the directions received from Mr Eustace concerning 'our case with regard to the securing our portions'. It is explained that Eustace prepared a paper to be copied and sent to Galwey's uncle to be signed and perfected, which would allow Eustace as executor of Galwey's father's will to appoint certain lands out of which the portions may be raised. Eustace is confident this would induce the Lord Chancellor to favour their petition should a decree of court be required. He promises to keep William informed of his uncle's response, and asks him for his opinion. He reports that his sister is growing stronger, but notes that a threatening continuing frost 'makes the poor hereabout tremble for their potatoes'. [The letter is badly frayed along the bottom and some folds, with text missing]

3pp

12. 6 January 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Crotty, 'Corke 6th Jan: 1749/50', chiding him in mock serious words for his 'breach of treaty' in not visiting him and his wife. He urges him to 'venture a mile from home' and join Mr and Mrs Crotty and his brothers John and Joe. [Some fraying and small holes on lower part of letter]

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13. 11 January 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Henry Goold beginning 'Dear Cousin'. He states that he has delivered the bearer 'a good 20 Inch Hand Saw, which I believe is large enough for the life you intend it for'. He also sends one English frying pan and twelve pad locks, the total price coming to eight shillings three pence charged to account.

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14. 19 January 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, acknowledging his, but explaining that he cannot at present forward the letter for cousin Galwey as he does not know where he is. He notes that the bearer delivered ten barrels of herrings to him, adding 'I shall dispose of [them] as soon as possible there is no price offer'd for them that article being now Dead, but the arrival of Packetts may putt life in it'. He will also try to sell William's '[hake?]' but what price to sell at agreeable to you I know not'. He assures William not to be 'uneasy about the Oates' as 'I shall always be thankful to you for it'. He asks that he tell sister Coppinger that next Monday 'Ile

endeavour to putt her skillets on their legs'. He sends him a couple of quires of his own writing paper, there being none of the 'Grand Corné' available at present. He explains that he has arranged to have wines delivered to William at a good price. He tells William that, owing to dull trade, 'a growing charge, heavy rent, & a large house, I have taken a French young gentleman to lodge with me'. He pays twenty guineas a year, states Joseph, while assuring William 'I have still preserved a good room & bed for you'. He reports 'Cousine Haly tells me Lady Bellew has left another of her sons that was in Paris & Mrs Coppinger is gone to her Mother who is in a dying way. Our chief town talk is turn'd on the roads being infested with footpads'.

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15. 1 February 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, noting, in respect of the subpoena enclosed with William's letter, that 'I had wrote to my friend Kennedy long before that to appear for all the partys concerned on my side in that cause'. He adds 'I had great hopes indeed that affair would remain unrevived during [the] minority but now that my kinsman Sr John takes it in hand I fear it must fall heavy on me, but bear it I must'. He expresses some annoyance at William's recent silence and his claims that he and his wife are indisposed, noting that she is unlikely to recover her disposition 'till she gets rid of her big belly... but... by producing you a lusty boy will I hope sett all your fabricks in order'. He adds that his wife Jane 'goes on bravely' and is determined to 'stay quietly at home with Granny Walsh' until her delivery. He speaks of cousin Sarsfield and cousin Paddy, Mr Mahoney, and Nanny Coppinger and her brother Jack. He notes that Mahoney is concerned that William will 'start difficulties' [about his marriage to Nanny Coppinger] by enquiring into his circumstances to see if he is entitled to her fortune. Galwey opines that he may not be entitled to her full fortune of five or six hundred pounds but 'he will make it appear he is entitled to the first fortune agreed to vid £200, the rest he looks upon as a gift of the lady's own'. He notes that it appears her brother Stephen Coppinger approves of the affair, and thinks William ought to be guided by this. He adds 'your doing anything to prevent this affair going on would be taken ill by manny'. [The letter is fragile, and is frayed along the bottom edge] [See U405/73 below]

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16. 6 June 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Dr Matt MacKenna, Cahrué, sending his compliments and enquiring about the health of Mrs Coppinger. He continues 'in my present circumstances at Carrigtouhil, where I had not much business or satisfaction, I freely accented of my superiors invitation of making a mission in places that want it more than Carrigtouhil, and have left Fr O'Neil in my place'. He asks that letters be sent to Mr Cavey's in Fishambles lane. He inquires about the chapel and gives some directions

regarding his horse. A note on the reverse, seemingly by Coppinger, appears to relate to a memo in connection with rents, and to be unconnected to the letter.

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17. 14 June 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, reporting that 'we' arrived safely in Cork, 'but parted our two companions at Johnstown Gate'. He is glad to hear sister Coppinger's disorder 'seems to him [not] a gout', and promises 'to supply her with such wine as will keep it both out of the stomach & head'. He adds 'when I see Flaherty and Sarsfield next I will consult them on her change'. He thanks him for the rates and adds that he will send for them 'when I get tackling the price of wool'. He refers him to Molly's letter for 'the light occurencies of the city'. In a post script he writes 'I see there has been no foundation for Paddy Coppinger's information but that affairs stil give vexation & instead of a ride of recreation you make a long peregrination inspite of D- & his Generation but there I leave it & for quotation the price of wool in this nation is eleven & eightpence [silk?] & variation, & so conclude without hesitation your nearest & most loving relation, here & there & in every station, this ends the tale of my narration'.

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18. 20 June 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Dr Matt MacKenna, Cahroe, stating 'fearing that Mr O'Neil cannot stand for any time in my place for want of his confrere whom he desired me to send him from this neighbourhood, & who cannot join him at present, I send the bearer Mr Dalil whom the superior has recommended to me. He is the only secular that is not employed. I do not know him much, but he has been formerly recommended to you. I am very sorry that Mrs Coppinger's indisposition continues still. I hope that my retiring will make matters easy at that side. I have not time to say more on this subject at present. If you are pleased to address the copy of the warrant against me, together with any other news you have to Mr Daniel O'Donovan Pastor of Glankilly to be kept for M.K. it will come to hand. I suppose your warrant was sent to the high constable [Jo.n] Savage. This day I part from Cahroe where I have passed some days very agreeably with this worthy and very vertous family. They all give you their complements. I remain with my best respects to Mrs Coppinger, Miss Therese & the children your most humble & very obedient servant, Matt MacKenna'.

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19. 11 July 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, c/o Joseph Coppinger, Cork, from Stephen Coppinger, Ostend, giving 'a short journall of my voiage'. He discusses his journey to Ostend via Jerickzea, Champhier, and Sluice. He notes that [fellow traveller] 'Br Hennessy fared as I did'. He sends his best wishes to William and his family, and to cousin Joseph's and Mr Galwey's families. He explains briefly his further travel plans, involving Gothenburg and Amsterdam. He states that he has seen a letter from his brother to sister Hennessy in which he gives a bad account of his health, which prevents him from travelling. Stephen expects to reach him in fifteen or sixteen days. He asks that the news of his brother's poor health be kept from his brother Jack. [Letter frayed along top margin and on some fold lines].

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20. 18 July 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Francis Flaherty, Agliss, complaining that William's neighbour, Mr McCarthy, has not kept his promise of last May to pay arrears due on his bond for one hundred pounds. He writes 'I've writ to him two or three letters to put him in mind of his promess, but as he looks upon my epistles as so many Duns, he, like some of our Nobles, (with some of whom he has been acquaint'd,) putts 'em in his pocket & doubtless makes a proper use of 'em; The Gentleman knows how to write, this I can attest, for I saw him sign some Bonds very nimbly, but ne plus ultra from him'. He is sorry that William is concerned in another bond of McCarthy's, and as there is now no hope of Mr Taafe, another party, settling his affairs, William is now, Flaherty explains, 'my sole refuge and my onely mark' for the debt. He notes that he has seen one daughter married 'but now having another girl reddy for the same end, its impossible for me to answer her call without this money or part of the debt of Ballyvolane'.

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21. 4 August 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Stephen Coppinger, Gottenbourg, explaining that as his brother left his affairs 'in a very distracted way', he fears he will be detained there for the winter at least. He states 'I am in a strainge place without a friend to converse or consult with & have a great contest with an opulent widow who challenges almost all my brother left as hers in a presumptive promise of marriage as she says'. He opines 'she is & ever was (if fame lye not) a very vle woman & my brother the most bewitched man on earth, God forgive him'. He remarks 'I wish with all my heart I never came here', but continues 'If I have justice done me I believe I shall carry from hence 5 or 6000ll'. He sends good wishes to all of the family.

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22. [10] September 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Francis Flaherty, Agliss, briefly relating in arch terms his 'Don Quixote like progress' from Barry's Court and Youghal to Tallow and Cappoquin, before being 'happily interrupted' by an attack of gout which he believes prevented him being 'dispatched to fight the Blacks'. He claims that Myles McCarthy, as 'the occasion of the severe pains' and of 'the great danger Ive moved through', owes him 'speedy justice'. He states that, unless paid, he shall proceed against either Mr Gould or Mr Kearny at once, and will consider proceeding on the 'joint affair' involving them and William. He expects William to write to him on the matter.

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23. 7 October 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Dr Matt MacKenna, [Killury], stating 'understanding that Mr Donovan refuses to go to Barrys Court, I proposed to go to see you this day & to consult you on the choice we should make in Cork, seeing that I could get no proper person in this diocese, that would charge himself with the parish, but the bearer Mr O'Keeffe's coming here this morning saves me that trouble. He now consents to serve that parish, though he absolutely refused it before. I take the liberty of recommending him to you as a very good subject, and do flatter myselfe that you will be well satisfied with him'. He continues 'As soon as Dr O'Keeffe can begin his functions, Mr Dahil is ordered to retire, & and is not to perform any priestly function until further orders. I pray you will signify this to him'. He sends regards from Dr O'Brien, and from himself, and extends his compliments to the family of Garrane Cloyne and of Rossmore.

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24. 8 October 1750

Letter 'to Mr Edward Moragh, Merchant, in Mallow Lane, Cork, to be forwarded to William Coppinger Esqr at Barry's Court, from Dr MacKenna, Charleville, thanking them for theirs by Mr [Vorry] and for their 'constant friendship'. He states 'I am sorry that Mr [Vorry] has changed his resolution since he saw that place, it seems that some persons there frightened him. The same has indetermined me concerning this place but I cannot quitt until I make something of a solid [visitation?] which cannot be sooner than next xt.mas'. He continues 'As I understand that Mr Daliel is quite disagreeable & sinfull, I write this day to Dor. O'Brien, praying him to send a proper person there without delay. I conceive that no man of merit will remain there, unless he has the same advantage I had at Barry's Court. In case the Dor. does not speedily get a proper person,

which is not as easily met with as one may imagine, you are master to take one either secular or regular, to whom I give all necessary power in the interim. After next Christmas I may be master to visit any quondam parishioners, if you advise one to it. Your family is the chiefest motive that would engage one to return. My compliments if you please to Mrs Coppinger and to Miss Therese and your children and believe that none can be more respectfully yours'. [Some fraying and small tears]

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25. 21 October 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, regarding the salting of the former's fish for sale by the latter [a tear obscures the opening lines]. Joseph sends by the bearer one pound of French salt, as there 'would not be any the Lisbon at present, so that for another opportunity, as they were apprehensive of losing the tyde'. He adds 'I sold your two barrels Herrings for 12/ [shillings] so in Gods name send more as fast as you can save them for by delay the price will grow worse'.

1p

26. 21 November 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barryscourt, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, expressing sorrow at hearing their 'poor sister's disorder becomes so serious'. He sends a gallon of 'Sweet Mountain that I believe will answer, the End of sack kept in town and afflicted so Colds'. He notes that Molly is taken with 'a lowness of spirits' since hearing the news, and reports that Mrs Nagle miscarried yesterday. He begs to be kept informed regarding his sister's health.

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27. 5 December 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, reporting that his wife Molly 'was last Wednesday night brought to bed of a fine boy'. He also tells that that he is suffering 'with a most violent Rheum in my right shoulder, & am accompany'd with a boyl on the back of my right hand, & a most heavy cough'. He asks that brother Sarsfield be told to come to town 'to swear to the value of his goats otherwise they'le not be cleared'. He states that Mr Carleton has just sent word that he will not take more herrings, as owing to William's delay in sending them 'he was obliged to buy else where'. He continues 'those you sent him up the barrels were so bad they were obliged to return some from the ship, so you see how honest Mrs Fling serves you'.

1p

28. 8 December 1750

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Stephen Coppinger, Gottenborough, expressing joy at hearing from his brother that all are well at Barry's Court, and that they have settled their 'tangled affairs'. He continues 'He informs me my affair with Mr Gallwey is finished, but cant help being surprised, he should lean so heavy on me, as he has done both in point of interest, & other expences. It is not what I expected from his usual regard, & tenderness, and respected assurances of friendship'. He has also heard that 'Mr Gallwey has very lately discovered a bond of myne, for 100 l since in father's time unpaid', which he is surprised to hear of, explaining that he only ever received one hundred pounds from his father, and that was incorporated with other debts which Mr Galwey promised to cancel. He asks William to check the date of the deed and whether his father was joined in it. He expects to return in early summer. He continues 'As to my unhappy affairs here I must tell you that I meet daily disappointments. I had an affair of about 1000 l under [deliberations?] which was first of this month given against me, contrary to the opinion of every one here, & contrary to the repeated declarations of the arbitrators themselves, even two days before it was published, by which you see what justice a strainger is to expect here & what a comfortable life I lead in this cursed place, buried in frost and snow among rocks and savages'. He continues 'I can with great truth say that Mrs Hall the Curse and Ruin of our family has gott every way – Vitiis & Modis three thousand pounds of my brother's substance God forgive his soul Amen'. He still hopes to collect 'something above 4000 a small share in regard to what in justice it ought to be, it is too prolix a story to attempt to relate in a letter'. He sends regards to his relatives, and notes that he shortly has a meeting with the magistrates 'who pretend a right to part of the effects of all foreigners who dye in the town'.

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29. 29 May 1751

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, sending by the bearer two dozen clams and four gallons of vinegar. He notes that the keg supplied by William was leaky, and that he lost some vinegar before he could get it staunched and hooped. He is, however, only charging for the four gallons this time. He sends his and his wife Molly's best wishes to William and his family. A note of payment due is given at the foot of the letter, Joseph adding that this does not include the cooper's charge for putting five hoops on William's keg. [Letter badly frayed along right edge and top fold line].

1p

30. 17 November 1751

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, informing him that Mr [Curiy], to whom 'you apply'd by a letter which was a little untimely' regarding the sale of herrings, has died. Joseph states that the herrings will bring a good price if there is no delay in bringing them to Cork, at least twenty four shillings a barrel or more. Owing to the spring tides which commence tomorrow, he advises waiting until the later part of the week. He reports 'I find his Lordship does not mend & I fear never will. I hear nothing more of Taaffe than that of his being imprisoned'. He thanks him for some potatoes but adds 'I find you monopolised the franks what are extreamly scarce here'.

1p

31. 25 January 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barryscourt, from John Crotty, Ballygallane, beginning 'My Dear Cousin'. He explains that he has had a recurrence of 'my old periodic disorder' but hopes shortly to complete a promised task and thanks Coppinger for his patience. He refers to Dr Littlejohn's recent losses [the death of children]. He mentions that the 'guineas' [guinea pigs], for one of which Coppinger had expressed a preference, are not to be disposed of. He wishes he could give him 'the comfort abt your den.ds [demands] to the late Peer' affecting the Cork estate and furniture of Castlelyons. Crotty explains that he did not meet Mr Fitzgibbon in Dublin, and so could not raise the matters mentioned in Coppinger's letter. He states that he will bring the counterpart of a lease with him for Coppinger to amend. He states that he has engaged a servant, 'Peter the French boy'. Crotty expresses the hope that on the return home of his son Stephen, Coppinger will 'loose no time in putting so fine a Genius in the road of being properly cultivated. 'As an encouragement' he reports favourably of his own son's progress at Poitiers, who is said to be 'already at the head of above 80 of his class'. The letter is very frayed at its lower edges, causing some loss of text.

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32. 4 February 1752

Letter to William Coppinger (Snr) 'at West Court near Callen' [Co Kilkenny], from Edward Coppinger, Cork, beginning 'Dear Cousin'. Edward explains that, having secured Stephen Coppinger's acceptance of his (Edward's) proposal to marry his sister Betty, together with the approval of Stephen's mother and cousin John, 'I prevailed with the young lady last night to give me her hand' [ie, to marry him by private exchange of

vows]. He expresses the hope that 'my now Dear Brother Stephen' will 'excuse & forgive our hastiness in concluding this affair', and that William will act as their mediator. The letter is badly torn along its middle fold.

1p

33. 27 March 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrick, expressing gladness that William has got home safely 'for I confess I was much afraid that your Horse's had catch'd the distemper from mine'. He asks that he and his cousin visit him on the way to or from their upcoming visit to West Court or 'I will never forgive you'. He notes that the letter is delivered by Mr Robert Foulke 'who is station'd an Officer in your neighbourhood & is brother to the Rev.d Mr Richard Foulke a particular friend of mine. Your friendship and good neighbourhood to him will very greatly oblige me'.

2pp

34. 28 April 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Carrig, from Edward Coppinger, Corke, addressed 'Dear Cousin'. He states 'I received both your favours agreeable thereto I delivered Murphy the Chairmaker your letter who insists it must be by some ill usage the chair was broak. The bearer carrys the stays Molly Sullivan says the gown will not be finished until the later end of this week. Ill take care to send Mr McCarthy letter by the first opportunity. I heard from Barrys Court yesterday they are all well except Dick who has gott [Inqueasy?]. I shall say no more but that brother William, Bess and I joyns in complements to cousin Coppinger and you and wish you both safe return home, & remain, Dear Cousin, your very humble servant, Edward Coppinger'.

1p

35. 5 May 1752

Letter to William Coppinger 'at West Court near Callen', from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, sending his and Molly's affections to him and his wife and nephew Stephen. He is surprised to hear of the accident which befell William's new chair 'notwithstanding Mr Morpheys assurances of extraordinary performance'. He writes of Mr Galwey's reluctance to give written directions to cousin Nagle to take up his bond, expressing some surprise at William's and Galwey's attitude in this matter. He opines of Nagle 'I believe he is a Scrub'. In a post script he reports 'this day John Driscoll favoured us with a hundred & a half of your asparagus for the first time since I saw you. I hope he turns them to a better account for you'. [See U405/74 below]

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36. 9 May 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Francis Flaherty, Agliss, informing him that he owes him two years' interest since February on a bond entered into on 25 February 1750. He states that he is on his way to Cork and asks that William contact him to arrange payment at his brother's house. In a post script he adds 'your neighbour has cleared all the interest that was due on his other bond to this current year'.

1p

37. 26 May 1752

Letter to William Coppinger 'at West Court near Callen' from Stephen Coppinger 'of Carhue', written at Carrig. He reports that all is well there and that he and Mr and Mrs Gallwey will travel to West Court in twelve to fourteen days time. He adds that Billy has gone home and that he will follow him tomorrow. He hopes William will not think of returning home until Stephen has seen him at West Court, and he sends best wishes to family and friends in Kilkenny. He mentions a 'melancholy affair' at Ballyardmoy, where two of the men servants were poisoned by arsenic. A short note to William Coppinger from John Gallwey is contained on the reverse of Stephen's letter. He refers to his sister Molly, commenting that her letters 'still continue very queer'. In a post script he adds 'tell my sister Miss St Leger is brought to bed of a fine boy, & will marry More of her female acquaintance – or knowing ones, thereby taken in' In a foot note he explains 'taken in – (a sporting phrase for being deceived)'. The top edges and the page containing the address are frayed.

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38. 11 July 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, sending a dozen bottles of claret by the bearer, but noting that not all the champagne bottles were returned, and asking that William, if possible, 'throw in a word in my favour... before Mrs Broderick'. He adds that he has secured the requested items from Mrs Foley but instructs 'you must powder the Cream of Tartar yourselves in a mortar as she never calcines any drugg'.

1p

39. 29 September 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, thanking him for his chair horse, which he has now returned to him. He discusses his management of rent affairs on behalf of William, including Mr Grady's account and Bill Coppinger's rent. With regard to Mr Curtain, he reports that his 'Illness is likely to be tedious', and gives the view that William's intention to attach his goods cannot be acted on without his [Curtain's] note, adding 'I must say in this affair you did not act with your usual precaution'. He asks for 'express orders' as to how he should proceed, as to 'expose a man' without them 'would not become a Cittizen and may be maliciously remember'd'. He speaks of sending some horses to William and suggests William send him two of his, to whom he could give 'most excellent grass'. [Joseph's horses are sent to Barry's Court for collection by buyers, while he offers to feed two of William's to make up for the food his will consume from the latter's winter supplies]. [Some holes along the folds, some discolouring, and ink feint in parts].

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40. 4 November 1752

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, congratulating him on the birth of a girl to him and 'my Sister' [Coppinger's wife]. He remarks 'let what will happen she surely will make a good nun, when ushered into the world by the saints'. He reports that Stephen Coppinger is with him and will travel to William on Tuesday, and asks about delivery of his papers deposited in William's hands. He continues 'As to his affair & molly's, you know my dear Will its not in my power to determine one way or other about it. My uncle Butler is the chief person; a risqué there is in the matter, but such a one as I own I would over look'. He asks William to let Mr Walsh know that he shall agree to any bargain Mr Barry makes with him or the old tenant. He adds that William 'may be sure of having the gun in order for you when you come'. He notes that he is every instant expecting 'the great Mr Lombard & family' to arrive, and ends with expressions of affection. [letter frayed along bottom]

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41. 1 January 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Crotty, Ballygallane, expressing concern at hearing of the 'disaster' which prevented William and his wife from travelling to them, and at the prospect of 'the Calamity spreading to your little family'. He

expresses confidence in 'the Great Providence of God', and hopes still to see them at a later date. He sends his wife's sympathies to William's wife.

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42. 10 January 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, explaining 'I waited for an opportunity of sending my letter to Corke as I knew the uncertainty of your post in Midletown'. He has heard from Joe Coppinger of Tommy being entirely recovered. He reports that he lately went to Kilworth to meet his brother and Dr McEnire 'on this commission of ours', and explains that only a short meeting was possible. He adds that he must shortly send Dan. Il Bryen to Dublin to prove his father's will. He wishes William had been with him for the holidays, for one reason in particular: 'the destruction of the cocks, which were in great plenty here & which I had my share of, tho no assistance'. He remarks of 'Sister Flaherty', sister of Pierce Nagle, that 'she now says she is possess'd, which I think may be sign of an amendment'. He adds 'to be sure you heard of Molly Fitzgerald's going to bed to one Mr Kavanagh, I'm told she has made a good hitt of it & indeed I am glad of it'.

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43. 20 January 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, stating 'your herrings are not yet disposed of, they have been from the first day laid on their sides. You judged right of my hurry about my Wines, this day I put the last of them in my Cellar & I with truth thank God can assure you they are charming elixir'. He adds 'the Sparrow is alsoe come in so that I have Tappé & Champagne in plenty'; he has kept some of the former for William. He asks that William deliver to brother Sarsfield an invoice in connection with a cargo of wine. He states 'I must now tell you I heard for certain Stephen Coppinger is tomorrow to be married to Miss Goold his jaunt to Cloyne was as you guess'd'. In a post scrpt he writes 'Molly advises I may let my sister know Biddy Egan came here this day to offer her service to you as cook and house keeper, how capable she is we know not but she braggs of her own exploits'. In a note on the back Joseph writes 'I believe you must rank this in the number of my letters you cant read, for I can scarce hold my pen so cold am I'.

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44. 22 January 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, looking forward to seeing him in a few days, and thanking him for delivering the letter to 'Don Patrice' whom, Joseph writes, 'I think cannot in conscience but discharge my account if ever he intends to do it'. He sends six pounds of 'the rappé' as requested. He reports that he met Stephen Coppinger '& asked him whether I may wish him joy, to which he replied No, but that it may be some time or other'. He thinks Stephen 'has behaved oddly in this whole affair'. It seems, he writes, that Dick Nagle, who is 'Guardian or some relation to the young Lady' has 'laid some obstruction'. He opines 'should he now fail of success, he may throw his cap at any young lady of tollerable [choice] in this country'.

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45. 27 February 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, forwarding a letter [not present], and explaining how business reasons and a cold prevent him from accompanying William to Co Waterford. He reports that he has received confirmation of the death of Mrs [MacNamara] and suggests this may not be the best time for William to proceed with visiting Mrs Crotty 'who poor woman must be inconsolable'.

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46. 23 March 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Margaret Galwey, Borris, explaining that his of 15 February did not reach her until lately, and fearing that he has committed 'a sort of a sin, which is judging rashly', in wrongly thinking her 'ill natured'. She congratulates him on 'Sister Coppingers' [his wife's] safe delivery. She hopes Mrs Sarsfield 'will have the same good luck'. She notes that in a late letter to Uncle Butler he promised to visit 'your friends in this side of the world'. She reports that her mother is 'surprisingly recovered'. She is glad to hear his rash has abated. She informs him that Mr Galwey 'whom you may be sure pertoke of all the gaiety the city afforded' returned last night, and that he and her brother 'went to see the famous Turk perform'. She passes on good wishes from sister Esmonde and Sir John, who visited last week. She notes that Sir John's house, unlike that of Mr Sarsfield, did not suffer 'by the violent rains and storms we had... Sir John has not don his after the same manner for instead of blood he put iron dust and stocko, and intends after the first coat of paint to get a good deal of fine sand sifted on and paint it over which he says will prevent frost or any other whethers doing it hurt'.

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47. 18 June 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, acknowledging his. He states that he hopes tomorrow to set out for Kilcash, where he intends to spend ten or twelve days. He asserts that 'the very great concourse of company' there will not affect him, but owns 'I do not find the same relish for that part of the world I formerly did'. Regarding the thirty pounds charity in his [Galwey's] mother's will, the writ for which is in William's hands, he asks 'in the name of God dispose of it as you think she would have it, I desire not to know where or to whom'. He adds 'I doe believe common beggars were not those she intended it for'. He reports that he forwarded two subpoenas to Joseph Coppinger, 'something in relation to the work house of Corke I believe', and advised him to place the matter in the hands of Anthony Lane 'who tho a little leasy is certainly the best attorney in Corke'. He states 'I am glad to hear that your orchard is not entirely destroy'd. Nor are those here on a closer examination, but yet they will not answer for poor people to make near there rent of them, & what is much worse for the country is that this dismal drought will I fear destroy of corn hay & potatoes, God Almighty relieve us. Notwithstanding all this our watters of Mallow are exceeding gay a vast deal of company & a great many more daily expected'. [Tear along middle fold]

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48. 31 July 1753

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, informing them of his wife Jane's safe delivery of a boy, and that both of them are well, 'tho I must say she suffered this time more than ever I knew her to doe'. He thinks her 'mismanadgement' in delaying to send for the midwife may have contributed to this. He enquires after his sister's health. He reports that Mrs McCartie and a Miss Anhill are presently staying with him. He continues 'I believe she returns to the Co Tipperary with her cousin & uncle Esmonde who are now drinking Mallow watters, with many other fine folks, no less the three ladys of quality besides Barrons Knoghts Ladys &c & c, which makes Mallow no small place'.

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49. 27 March 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, explaining that 'as I have some company with me in the house' he cannot ask the bearer, Mr O'Neal, to come to him, 'as I know gentlemen of the Cloath are not agreeable to my present sett, Mr & Mrs St Leger from Doneraile'. He continues 'I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at assizes, & then you may assure yourself Ill give you what help I can towards getting out of Mr Comerford's books. The interest I promised Mr Hennessy some time ago I offered to pay him, & then it was I heard the bond was assigned Mr Comerford & that

there was two years interest on it, which I was determined to have told you but forgot it when I was last with you'. [Small tear on middle fold].

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50. 30 May 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, West Court, thanking him for his 'long wished for epistle', and reporting that all are well at West Court, apart from Mr Christopher Butler 'who is but weak tho much better now'. Next week, he adds, 'they [the Butlers] all goe to Kilcash'. He is unsure if he will keep his engagement to spend a few days at Garraricken, as he (and his wife) 'long much to see the little ones at Carrigg'. He reports they have just returned from Hunting Town, where there was disappointment [for their hosts] in having the verdict they obtained last term at considerable expense now laid aside and a new trial required. He is glad to have heard from cousin Joe that 'his great & to be sure, good cargoe of wine arrived safe, sound, there is no danger of, it be the Chateau Margoux – he gives me an am.t of it himself, with a little memorandum tached to it, which he can introduce most genteelly, but I assure you in my opinion it does not add to the flavour of his wine by any means, if he could be broke of that ugly trick his wines would goe down well'. He reports that he has entered Billy in Kilkenny school but that unfortunately it has now broken up for three weeks, and he fears further idleness will 'hurt him much'. He notes that he has paid five guineas entrance and must pay twenty three pounds a year for 'schooling, lodging & dyet, his washing & many other things to be paid for besides'.

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51. 4 June 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Edmond Goold, Dublin, explaining that the late letters have only just reached him, by Thomas Dillon's hand. He thanks William and cousin Sarsfield for their presence at Knockraha. He notes that Paul Gould's answers did not arrive in Dublin until it was too late for him to amend his bill this term 'but in return I put them to the expense of two processes of contempt'. His belief in the justice of his suit, backed by his lawyer, is, he writes, 'great encouragement to me to strive to get my own by fowl means from one who I am persuaded would never do me justice by any fair ones'. He adds that his lawyer and attorney manage the suit on the basis of 'no purchase no pay'. He contends that his adversary's holding on to two bonds amounting to £1400 'which hell neither sue for, nor deliver me up to sue for my self, I mean to assign me the judgements, plainly shews his intentions, which are that he'd be glad to see me perish in a jail or rather by the Kingdom which would be still more agreeable to him'. He explains that he 'could not acquit my self of your commission for Messrs Dillon' as Michael has just returned from London and he and Thomas are 'confined at close work... to satisfy the publick, which is not very easy to be done, as a

great many people murmur & tear the poor gentleman's character'. He thinks he will have 'to pay every one' and remarks 'the times here were bad enough before this disastre, but are now at so low an ebb that there's no money nor credit to be found, & such a diffidence reigns in mankind that there's almost an intire stagnation in trade, & that on account of the frequent bankrupts in this citty, its remarked that there's hardly a week passes without the shutting up of some shop of note & a great many of them compounds for 8s or 10s in the pound & thats paid in two or three years'. He expresses some surprise that William has not seen his brother, but had heard that he was detained in London 'for the proper passports from the Earl of Holderness'. [The paper is fragile] [See also U405/77]

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52. 20 June 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, expressing joy at hearing that his sister 'produced you a fine lusty girl'. He adds 'my Dear Will we must not be choosers but take all as blessings which he is so gracious & good to bestow, he will provide for them in a way at present quite unknown to us'. He explains that he and his wife are back in Carrigg having left Kilcash, where they left their son Billy as it is vacation time in Kilkenny. He expresses concern over the 'vast deal of idle time' Billy has had. He adds that on their return 'we found our little ones not very well the poor little girl especially'.

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53. 23 July 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court 'near Midletown', from John Galwey, Carrigg, 23 July 1754, thanking him for his and expressing gladness that his family are well, while noting the report that his (Galwey's) sister is 'a little feeble'. He accepts that William is too busy to visit at this time of year. He remarks that he is well 'only that I fear I am grown somewhat fatter than I was when I saw you last & how could I avoid it the fine high sauces where Ive lately been made me indulge too much'. He reports that 'our poor Billy' in Kilkenny is indisposed and is being treated. He notes the poor weather will affect hay, corn, and turf, adding 'but what does the latter part trouble us for? Youl say, too besure we have a house in Town'. He points out that the poor weather will affect movement of goods. [The letter is frayed along bottom edge]

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54. 8 August 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, which opens 'on receipt of your lettr. I went to the printer & inserted a proper advertisemt. of your Syder which I hope will have the desired effect'. He is glad William has come into 'the scheme' [Joseph's] for making and selling cider, and assures him that he can sell his complement immediately, and could sell much more 'on the same terms to fine men every year, so that for God sake be very carefull in making it'. He expresses gladness that his sister is quite well, and he sends his wife Molly's regards, along with some coffee from her and three newspapers from himself. He discusses his health, Squire John of Carrig, and 'the Captain', who dines with him. In a postscript he refers to Mrs Nagle, who is getting better, and passes on a message from Dr Flaherty regarding the principle of William's and Mr Canty's bond.

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55. 7 September 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, reporting that 'last night poor Mary began to grumble & still continues so, & as I trust in God it will soon be over with her'. He conveys thanks to his sister for her offer to come to town, but states that aunt Gould and Nurse Grey are with her. He acknowledges William's receipt and sympathises with him on his shortage of money, noting that he himself has a bill for £300 and others running to £960 to discharge. He sends him some products and suggests that William send him a dozen barrels of his old cider to sell. [Top edge is frayed, causing some loss of text].

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56. 14 September 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, 14 September 1754, beginning 'Until I had yours delivered this day I almost imagined you had forgot us', and stating that, while Joseph and Molly would have liked to visit him this day, they have not yet received 'positive orders' from him to do so, and therefore 'I with reluctance deprive myself of the pleasure of embracing you'. He continues 'I am sorry to find you are so backward in your harvest, contrary to your usual custom. It's a bad [as bad] hearing your potatoes are effected & almost so that the herring have not paid you a visit'. He reports 'I have secured a dozen Bullocks heads for you from Nilan @ 16/ per cw'. He adds 'I shall give you directions how to manage them. He [Nilan] spared them out of his [pear?] ale stock'. He enquires after his sister and informs him that Mr Galway's little ones are recovered of their colds.

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57. 15 September 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrigg, chiding 'I do not know my Dear William how you can account for your late unreasonable silence'. He explains he was too busy to visit him during his week in Cork 'endeavouring to put our house in order'. He supposes 'that now we are to be nearer neighbours that we shall see each other somewhat oftner than we have of late done for Cork is now likely to be our only home for some time for I have parted this place (that is what I held in my own hands) to Mr Purdon, one of my Landlords, to whom I am to give possession the first next month. Ive sett it to an advance rent of forty punds a year which will (if my other tenants pay well) help to pay my rent in Corke and save me the trouble and expence of keeping two famillys'. He explains their moving arrangements, and asks if William could take ten or twelve acres in his neighbourhood for his [Galwey's] horses. He mentions that his aunt Butler and his brother and sisters are in Dungarvan 'where they are indulging this fine season in the salt water'. He reports 'at last our friendly sute is determined and final decree obtained. I have lost forty pounds a year by not having it sooner settled'. He asks where money [owed to William] can be placed for him. Before ending he remarks 'I had a fine complaisant letter from Madam Coppinger the other day, I suppose from Parris, though she does not directly say so. She and your Niece are extreemly well, as she assures me'.

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58. 29 October 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, beginning 'It is with great difficulty that I at last secured a lighter to go for the syder'. He asks that William not delay in loading it for the next tide. He explains arrangements he has made to have William supplied with more coal than he ordered 'as the opportunity is so good'. He reports that the last potatoes he received from William were 'quite wett & spongy'. He notes that he dined at Factory Hill last night, and was obliged to walk most of the way home 'by the hardness of the frost'. He states that sister Sarsfield did not visit his wife during her time in town. He reports that Mr Galwey's children are not well.

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59. 2 November 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, informing him that Mr Hannan came to tell him the cider had arrived 'but indeed after the charge I had given John Driscoll to fill them on leaving Barrys Court, I was surprised he did not, as he may well immagin they must want considerably on the delivery of them in this town which of consequence will be productive of disputes'. He adds that the jar sent up for filling cider for customers is not up to the purpose, and asks that he send up a small

cask on Monday. He admonishes ‘unless you are cautious to deliver them [cider barrels] to the satisfaction of your Customers you may bid adieu to them’. He has reserved and will bottle when weather permits the wine desired by William. He sends some coal by the bearer, noting that there is no Whitehaven coal in the harbour. He also sends ‘one doz. of exceeding pretty wine’, but asks him to return the bottles. He reports ‘my poor little Moll & Bess are three days past in the measles’. He states that he will forbear visiting William ‘for I know how timorous you are of infection’.

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60. 25 [December] 1754

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry’s Court, from Joseph Coppinger, beginning ‘the excessive hurry I was yesterday in dispatching wines to the West Indies did not allow me even to read your [dear?] letter until it was over, but Molly made some kind of answer to it, which I hope will apologize for me’. He is sorry to hear of William’s indisposition. He notes that he and Molly had expected William to ‘Xmas amongst us, but find you are resolved to pass it in your Castle, which please God if the weather permits us we shall answer your agreeable summons & tomorrow have the pleasure of embracing you’.

1p

61. 8 January 1755

Letter [to William Coppinger] from John Galwey, Cork, thanking him for his, and commenting briefly on his journey to Cork to join his little ones. He explains that he has not made up his mind about selling his horse, but assures William that if he does, he will sell it to him. He notes that the horse ‘is not of the youngest & his teeth are far from being good’. He reports that the cook maid employed in his house is back in place, having applied to ‘our Mama O’Brien’ in his and his wife’s absence. He comments ‘her scheme was only to get her wages raised which will not be done for her, however she condescends to stay & to tell you the truth I think four pounds ten shillings too much for her cookery, which I hope you’ll soon be a judge of’. Before ending he remarks that ‘Davy Nagle & brother satt the afternoon with us yesterday’.

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62. 15 January 1755

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry’s Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, thanking him for his card and the turkey. He has promised Mr Galwey that William will visit by Monday at the latest. He states that he has not yet procured the shoes for William [his nephew]. He sends the grey horse.

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63. 25 January 1755

Letter [to William Coppinger] from John Galwey, expressing satisfaction that he shall see him next week 'now that your business is all over'. He reports 'On Monday – God willing – I goe with my son William to Mr Bunworths near Buttevant where I have at last determined to place him. I have been press'd & advised by my Co Kilkenny friends to send him back to Mr Hewetson, but Im in hopes this place will answer better as the gentleman has an excellent character & has but 13 or 14 boys'. He explains that he has in recent days been much alarmed on account of his children who have been ill 'for what we or the Doctor could tell, supposed it to be the small pox'. He adds that his son Billy will now go to William, 'God preserve him to you as a Comfort'. [There are small holes along the fold lines, and some text is feint].

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64. 1 February 1755

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Richard Galwey, West Court, acknowledging his with its account of Christmas, remarking that he 'should have been happy could I have scroug'd in among ye for a few days'. He wonders if William is now in Cork, meeting John Galwey, or whether the latter's fears that his children have measles or smallpox may have prevented him. He trusts Billy is not affected and that he started 'at his private school near Mallow' last Monday. He continues 'I did not I must own imagine that he would have removed him so soon from Kilkenny, were it only to shew the young gentleman that he must not expect to coax or impose on him by his artful [storys] & complaints, which give the youngster his due he has play'd successfully, and carry'd his points, which I told my brother he made sure of all along'. He reports that Mr Butler of Kilcash is gone to England and 'Brother Kavanagh' is gone to Paris. He notes that 'Sir John... is to have another tryall with Cuff the ensuing assizes, God send it be successful & definitive'. In a post script he asks 'pray remember me to the family of Johnstown'.

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65. 8 April 1755

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, thanking him for allowing them to have his servant Peggy for so long, and informing him that he is now sending her home. He tells him about the recent assizes involving himself and Mr Galwey, noting that they both had 'the constant drum of company' and commenting that

he found 'this Assizes the least beneficial to me of any we have had; a general complaint of scarcity of Cash reigns in all their mouths'. He thinks this 'bad preparation' for paying the heavy duties on a large shipment of claret which he expects daily, and discharging a large ongoing bill. He has heard that 'your namesake' is to call on William to consult on his marrying Miss Gould. Joseph opines 'I should not hesitate a single moment about it, as I really think it a snugg match'. He thinks Francis Gould is 'not for the match much', but only because, he believes, it may deprive him of William's services in his counting house. He hopes the match will proceed 'for as he is circumstanced such another offer may not again present it self'.

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66. 16 August 1755 [1757?]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, insisting that he call himself to collect their sister, instead of sending for her. He will be expected tomorrow night, a Sunday, when Mr Dezart dines with them, and mentions 'my cordial julip' and 'a dish of partridge', as 'an inducement to your & the companys eating the heartier'. He expects him to bring 'Will or Paddy as an assist'. He reports that brother Sarsfield and Tom Coppinger are now at table with him. [Small tear along right edge].

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67. [February 1756]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Francis Flaherty, apologising for troubling him on 'the old account', and asking that he inform his neighbour Mr McCarthy 'that if I am not pay'd at or before next Corke assizes all the interest due on both Bonds, there shall be immediately six judgements entered upon the two Bonds, I mean four besides the two already entered'. He writes that he has heard 'the Countess has been very favourable to him of late' and has paid some of his debts. He notes that his 'marks', messrs Sarsfield, Gould, and Kearney, must join with William in getting this debt paid. He continues 'doubtless Mr Mccarthy tells the Lady that I am a rich man, and that I can forbear for a longer time, but he is damnably mistaken, for no man who has six daughters marry'd at his cost, or marriageable, can be deemed a rich man'. In a post script he notes that the bond first passed in 1750, and that he has only received two years' interest since.

2pp

68. 27 February 1756

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, thanking him for his 'card of enquiry'. He sends newspapers and comments that the times 'carry a

melancholy aspect', repeating a report he has heard that the French have landed in the West, although he does not believe it himself. He has received a report from Bordeaux that his wines are 'stopped there on board Francis Goolds vessel but I thank God they are all well insured against risques'. He prays 'God almighty send us peace & quietness & preserve us from the gallies of our enemies. I think there is still tyme the King of Prussia will mediate a peace'.

2pp

69. 17 May 1756

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Dominic Sarsfield, advising him as to exercise and diet in connection with the ongoing swelling in his left leg. Diet, he writes, should 'be of a dry kind and consist of roast meat chiefly avoiding fish, salt, or smoaked meat, fowls in general, and particularly [sallet]'. He sends 'two doses more of the Physick you took before'. He continues 'I think syder the best common drink for you at meals, and am alsoe of opinion in which I hope you'll join me that a pint or a bottle of good claret cannot possibly be hurtful after dinner'.

2pp

70. 20 August 1756

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, asking him, as directed by Mr Armstead, to get Mr Knapp to sign the back of the note of Harper & Armstead's for fifty pounds, 'else it will be of no significancy'. He reports that he cannot presently go to Kinsale as William Daily [an employee?] 'is very ill of a fever'.

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71. 5 September 1756

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Joseph Coppinger, Corke, thanking him for the present of mutton and ducks, adding 'we are sorry for your sakes your mutton is not better'. He has sent the rabbit to Mr Galwey as directed. He is sorry to hear that the fish he sent to William were spoiled, and thinks the carriage was to blame. He also sends some 'excellent veal'. Regarding price, he reports 'provisions of all kinds have risen here greatly, the addition of 2400 additional troops that are now in town, with the number of Strangers that attend our Assizes make every eatable dear'. He has read in the papers of a 'smart blow' suffered by 'our fleet' in the Mediterranean, and notes 'our dependence on Admiral Hawke is great'. He informs him that 'young Landers' was not able to get the collars at the price William indicated. [Some water damage to surface].

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72. 3 September 1756

Letter to William Coppinger, Barryscourt, from Joseph Coppinger, Cork, expressing sorrow at hearing 'poor Dicky's complaint is become so serious'. He states that he received Mahony's money on Friday and immediately paid it as directed [to Della]. Regarding 'our poor little Nancy' he states that he has written to David Lehy to desire his wife might take her in charge 'until we can bring her home'. Molly joins him in extending cordial love to William, 'my sister & little ones'.

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73. Undated [1750]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Killmoney 'Tuesday morn', explaining that the cold weather has prevented him from paying him a visit. He enquires about 'poor Tommy' and asks 'whether anny of the little ones has taken that ugly disorder'. He adds 'I am in great hopes to hear that its quite over and that it was not the disorder our poor little ones had at all. There is one Morgan Bryan who lives at Ballyhoolly that is famous for curing the ugly disorder... I advise by all means to send for him'. He asks if William has seen Stephen Coppinger and notes that he saw him in Cork and they spoke of his 'brother's affair, which is carried on in such a manner by both his brother Jack & the Ladys friends that I believe Stephen has washed his hands out of it'. [See U405/15 above]

2pp

74. Undated [1752]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from John Galwey, Carrig, 'fryday morning', reporting that 'your man' arrived with 'letter Dogs & co', and that his [Galwey's] 'namesake' also arrived, 'so that this day I hope we shall be able settle out affairs with regard to those accompts so long depending'. He continues 'as to any accompts betweene your brother and me which you imagine yove seen, believe me I know nothing of, nor can I recollect where he had an oppertunity of disbursing any money for me, but I still wish you would look over his and your father's books closser, for they received £300 of my money, borrowed from Joe Nagle (which I since paid Mr Nagle) & I never yet got an account how that was laid out which youl own my Dear Will is all of a piece with the rest of their transactions being too too irregular, but so far of the affair I remember that cousin Jack Coppinger say'd he would want some of said sum for his own use, but a farthing of it I never saw & took it up jointly with cousin Coppinger. If

you saw any acc.ts of mine among his papers in Dublin it must be in regard to his application of some of Stephen Coppinger's money by my directions there, for of the six hundred pounds he had to pay me of Thomas Coppinger's money he gave me in Cork but £300 of it which cousin Joe may recollect, the money lying in his hands till I made use of it'. He reports on his journey home from Cork on Monday and mentions that they found their son Edward very unwell. [See U405/35 above]

3pp

75. Undated [1756]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Dominick Sarsfield 'Friday evening', expressing gladness 'that all circumstances attending Master Stephen since last night are manifestly for the better'. He advises spitting and gargling, and that he 'take the same quieting draft this night adding one tea spoonful more of Diacodium than he got in the last'. He adds that use of the drops may be suspended until he calls early tomorrow. [See U405/69 above]

1p

76. Undated [1753]

Letter (to William Coppinger) from Mary Galwey, congratulating him, on behalf of her uncle 'who honours me with the imployment of secretary', on the safe delivery of a baby girl. She informs him that all her family are well, aprt from her aunt, who has had an attack of colic. She reports Richard Galwey and wife came home last week, and that Mr Kavanagh and Lord Dunboyne were with them. She adds that Sir John called on his way to Co Tipperary, noting 'they are still working at the mines but nothing discovered as yet'. She remarks 'hes very hearty and well notwithstanding his disappointment with Cuff'. She reports that 'Poor sister Esmonde' is all alone and has asked her to join her, which she cannot do at present, but she thinks Molly Shee of Cloran is to join her immediately. If not, she will go 'for it would be dreadfull to leave her without some creature, as Sr John must soon go to Dublin'. She conveys her uncle's congratulations on William's saving of his harvest, and best wishes for 'the herrings'. She explains that she has delayed replying to William's wife on the 'dismall subiect' of 'our ever dear Mothers Death, which was sudden indeed', and gives a brief account of it. [The lower edge of the letter is dirty, obscuring some text]. [See U405/46 above]

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77. Undated [1754]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barry's Court, from Edmond Goold, reminding him that he wrote some days ago of his intention to appoint William and Mr Sarsfield 'my Commissioners for receiving Paul Gould's answer to my Bill in Chancery'. He entreats them to attend the office in person 'as it would be of very bad consequence for me you did not, as I have no dependence on the Commissioners on the other side, who might very well pass over the ceremony of his swearing to his answer'. He thinks his bother John may be at Knockraha, having travelled from London to Cork, and that he may pay William his respects. [See U405/51 above]

2pp

78. Undated [1752]

Letter to William Coppinger 'in Corke' from John Galwey, Carrigg 'Sunday Night', acknowledging receipt of his and 'Sister Molly's' letters. He has determined to hurry to town to meet them 'to confabulate on the purport of the letters you sent me this night, when you may assure yourself I shall doe all that can be reasonably expected from me'. A post script adds 'So faithful a courier I never met with; its now 9 o'clock & determined he is to goe part his way this night'. 1p

79. Undated [1756]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barrys Court, from Margaret Gould ['Goold' in note on reverse; signature, address and date missing along frayed bottom edge]. Mrs Gould addresses him as 'Dear Cousin', and thanks him for his enquiry about the health of Rev Gould. She reports that 'He is thank the Great God every minute since Doctor Sarsfield saw him growing better. He is extreamly weak'. She notes that she had not heard a word of cousin Sarsfield's illness until Dr Sarsfield spoke of it. She and Rev Gould send wishes for her recovery and compliments to cousin Coppinger and cousin Sarsfield. She states that they would be glad to see them at any time, and expresses surprise that the latter has not been to see them these four months when he knew 'Mr Gould was scarce one day well' adding 'at a much greater distance Garrett did not neglect him'.

1p

ii Letters to William Coppinger II, 1784-85 (2 items)

80. 11 February 1784

Letter to William Coppinger, Barryscourt, Cork, from John Galwey, Kilkenny, replying to 'my Dear Nephews two letters'. He explains arrangements he has made to provide James Nashe with the certificate he was seeking. He refers to William's brother Joe and to his own sons Joe and William, and stresses, with regard to his son Joe and a prospective joint venture with one or other of the Coppingers, 'that it is & will be quite out of my power to answer his Expectations till I can sell Westcourt'. He adds, 'I wish our cousin Mich Coppinger who I hear is purchasing, would deal with me for Westcourt'. Galwey sees little prospect of Mr Butler paying the bond to the convent left by Galwey's Aunt Butler to Coppinger's sister, but explains his confidence that the interest will shortly be more punctually paid. He discusses his efforts to lease out lands at Whitechurch, noting 'in order to turn poor Edwards mind from his dismal feelings at present, I have trown this matter on him'. He expresses surprise at hearing Dick and Jack were lately in Cork, leaving 'their poor distressed Brother and Mrs Collis alone in that dismal place'.

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81. [March 1785]

Letter to William Coppinger, Barryscourt, Corke, from Patrick Sarsfield 'Spain supposed March 1785'. He notes that he saw Colonel Aylmer in St Lucas, who was proud to hear of his friends in Ireland. He states 'At present I cant say any thing about the Bill but will by the time it becomes due'. He hopes to hear soon from Coppinger 'with the agreeable account of the augmentation of your family', and asks to be remembered to them all. A note on the address page [by Coppinger] reads 'answered at large & about Capn Pursell's sisters concerning whom Col Aylmer wrote to me. Answd 4 May'. 1p

**iii *Letters to William Coppinger III, his brother Thomas, and
to other Coppinger relatives, 1827-43 [1797] (9 items)***

82. [1797]

‘Copy of letter from Edmund Burke to Dr Hussey Bishop of Waterford. 1797. I received a letter from Mr (sic.) Coppinger a Catholic prelate; the seal with arms and a mitre. I must confess I wish you would hint, with all delicacy which belongs to such a subject that such exterior marks should be forborne as much as possible. I know they are most innocently taken up, perfectly so, and I in my own particulars can have no sort of objection to them. But when it is considered that these arms are of feudal origin and come to the several sees in virtue of temporalities held by such tenure, it might, by malignant enemies such as the Archbishop of Cashel (Dr Agar) be construed into something that implied a claim to these temporalities a thing far enough I am convinced from their thoughts but it is good to give no handle. I have the honour to remain, your most obedient servant, Edmund Burke’.

1p

83. 24 January 1827

Letter to Stephen Coppinger (addressed ‘A Monsieur L’Abbe Coppinger au Seminaire de St Sulpice, Pres Paris) from William Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, Cove, regarding his studies. Bishop Coppinger expresses his ‘entire approbation’ of the advice given by Mr Esmonde to Stephen that he postpone the reception of holy orders until the close of his theological studies. He also refers to Stephen’s brothers William and Tom, and to his sister.

3pp

84. 21 March 1827

Letter [to Thomas Coppinger, or William Coppinger], from [Charles Rolls], London, forwarding him a proof [of a print] of Dr Coppinger through the medium of Thomas Oldham. He explains that the work is at an early stage and asks that no prejudice be taken against the proof ‘with all its faults’. He sends two proofs so that remarks may be made on one, and writes of the work remaining. He asks that the next moiety of payment be forwarded to him.

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85. 27 March 1827

Letter to 'My Lord' [William Copping, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross], from John Comerford, Dublin. The letter regards a proof of a print by an artist, which Comerford hopes the bishop and his friends will find satisfactory. In a postscript he asks if the bishop has read Wolf Tone's memoirs.

2pp

86. 20 November 1832

Letter to William Copping from Daniel O'Connell, Merrion Square, regarding a legal matter.

Merrion Square
20th Nov. 1832

My dear Copping,

I have made a small alteration in the [adden:] which I hope Mr Barry will adopt – Get him to do so if you can – as it does not in any degree contradict his own avowed opinions.

At all events I see clearly you can not have a better. You must take him because you cannot have any so good. I wish he would go a little [further] – But theres no remedy I sent him at once. Any influence I can give you shall have and indeed your opinion weighs strongly with me to give him any aid in my power. I will do any thing you point out – What can I do – just say it and you command

Yours – in haste
but most sincerely
Daniel O'Connell

1p

87. 26 November 1832

Letter to Thomas S Copping, Post Office, Cork, from N Collins (Bishop of Ross), Skibbereen, explaining his reasons for not publicly supporting Mr Barry, a Catholic candidate, in an upcoming election. He allows that a bishop or clergyman may intervene when a matter of principle is involved, as may be the case were there to be a 'junction of interests between Lord Bernard' and Mr King [the conservative candidate]. He notes however that friendly relations between the clergy and the Protestant aristocracy have been advantageous to religion, and explains that supporting a Catholic candidate 'merely

because he is a Catholic risks alienating both Catholic tenants and liberal Protestants. He offers Mr Barry his private support.

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88. 22 December 1836

Letter to Thomas S Coppinger, Middleton, from John Murphy, Bishop of Cork, thanking him for his regarding his brother in Paris. He informs Coppinger that he has not had an opportunity to converse with Most Rev Dr Murray on the subject of inspection of the National Schools. He notes 'when you spoke with me on this business in Middleton I expressed regret that I had interested myself in behalf of a Mr Courtney who aspired to such a situation. It would be well to have thro' some friend in Dublin a communication with Dr Murray on this matter'. He adds that when next in Dublin in January he shall convey to the Archbishop, who shall then be in possession of Thomas's applications, 'the favourable opinion I entertain of my good friend William'. He notes that the Board will expect 'a considerable degree of skill in mathematics, which I hope is possessed by your brother'.

1p

89. 6 January 1837

Letter to Thomas S Coppinger, Middleton, from B Crotty, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, Cove, in reply to his. He firstly apologises for the delay in replying to an earlier letter from 'your excellent mother' owing to the effects of 'the severest cold I was ever visited with'. He refers to a letter for William in connection with his prospective appointment to a position 'by the Board'.

1p

90. 1 July 1843

Letter to James Power, Reform Club, London, containing two letters. The first, addressed to 'Dear Jane', is from Mary Coppinger, Bagni di Lucca, informing her 'our dear Annette has this morning given us another nephew', called Thomas Stephen James. The second letter is addressed to 'My Dear James' and is from [J.I.] Coppinger, who observes 'this is the year for boys in our family'.

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