

Viscount Lismore Letters and Memorials

Descriptive List

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Identity Statement

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/U68
Title:	Viscount Lismore Estate Letters and Memorials
Dates:	c.1880 - 1890
Level of description:	Series
Extent:	6 items

Context

Creator(s):

Viscount Lismore Estate

Administrative / Biographical History

George Ponsonby O'Callaghan, 2nd Viscount Lismore (b1815–d1898), of Shanbally Castle, Clogheen, in County Tipperary. The title was of the Peerage of Ireland, created in 1806 for his father Cornelius O'Callaghan, Lord-Lieutenant of County Tipperary. In 1838 Cornelius was made Baron Lismore, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, which entitled him and his descendants to a seat in the House of Lords. The 2nd Viscount was also Lord-Lieutenant of County Tipperary from 1857. The titles became extinct on George's death in 1898. (Note: The title 'Baron Lismore', of Shanbally, had previously been created in the Peerage of Ireland in 1785 for Cornelius O'Callaghan, who had represented Fethard in the Irish House of Commons). In 1876, the Viscount Lismore estate covered over 1194 acres in Limerick, over 6,067 acres in County Cork and nearly 35,000 acres in Tipperary. Edwin Taylor was the land agent of some or all of the estate in the 1880s.

Content & Structure

Scope & Content

1. ?c.1880

Contemporary copy memorial/petition letter from the tenantry of Carnahalla (Cahernahallia), Commonaline and other areas in the Doon/Cappawhite border area between Co. Tipperary and Co. Limerick, to their landlord, 'The Right Honourable The Earl of Lismore', (George Ponsonby O'Callaghan, Viscount Lismore) requesting a reduction in their rents owing to '...the badness of the times and the straits to which many of them are reduced'. Refers to rents exceeding the Government valuation, the '...great fall in the prices of all farm produce...', the continual wet and cold harsh weather prevailing throughout the year effecting cattle yields and prices, a disappointing potato crop, the failure of crops for the last 3 years, causing a drain of hard-earned savings. It is 'with no small anxiety they look at the coming eight months', but they '...feel from what they have experienced of your Lordship, and your kind and considerate Agent Mr. Taylor...that you are too just and too generous....to think that the poor struggling tenant should bear...the entire of a burden that's crushing the very spirit out of him...'. 40 signatures, plus that of John Slattery, Parish Priest, Kilcommin and Hollyford Co. Tipperary, who adds 'I believe the statements in this are true'.

(3pp) Also, photocopy of same, 3pp

2. 2 Jan 1880

Photocopy of memorial/petition letter from 10 Carnahalla estate tenants to the 'Earl of Lismore' (Viscount Lismore) with regards to completion of road building scheme between Moonroe and Tohir, through Clongariff, Ballyhane, Carnahalla and Toomaline, with a view to relieving local distress of the labouring poor and tenantry, '...loans on favourable terms...are given by the Board of Public Works...'. They are aware of '...your humane feelings towards the labouring poor who are in great distress...'. With photocopy of covering letter to Edwin Taylor, Esq., land agent of Earl of Lismore estates.

(3pp)

3. 23 Jan 1880

Photocopy of letter from 3 Carnahalla estate tenants, Edmond Ryan, William Quirke and Daniel Quirke, to Edwin Taylor, land agent of the 'Earl of Lismore' (Viscount Lismore) concerning new road through their lands, which they wish stopped.

(1p)

4. 28 Feb 1880

Photocopy of letter from Patrick O'Donnell, Catholic Curate, Doon, Pallasgreen, County Limerick, to Edwin Taylor, land agent of the 'Earl of Lismore' (Viscount Lismore). Refers to (Grand Jury) presentment session at Cappawhite regarding an intended road through Carnahalla.

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5. 21 March 1880

Photocopy of letter from Edwin Taylor, land agent for the 'Earl of Lismore' (Viscount Lismore), Clogheen (Co. Tipperary), in reply to letter from Patrick O'Donnell of 28 Feb 1880 (U68/4). It will be some days before he has

communication from Lord Lismore.

(1p)

6. n.d. [1880-1890]

Photocopy of map extract of 'Proposed improvement of part of the lands of Oldcastle', near Cappagh White, Co. Tipperary, owned by the 'Right Honorable Viscount Lismore'. Extract from OS map.

(1p)

System of Arrangement

Items are in chronological order.

Conditions of Access & Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket

Language: English

Finding Aids: Descriptive List

Allied Materials:

Related Material:

CCCA:

U188 Doneraile Estate Papers

Elsewhere:

National Library of Ireland, Genealogical Office: Ms. 151, pp. 162-5 Copy of Patent for Viscount Lismore, 1806.

Subject Index Terms:

Landlords

Landed Estates

Landed Estate Papers

Tenants

Road building

Roads and Transportation

Distress, Relief of

Agriculture

Irish History, 1880s – 1890s.

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