

# **Papers of Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald**

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## CONTEXT

### Biographical History

Desmond FitzGerald, christened Thomas Joseph, was born in London in 1888 of Irish emigrant parents. As a young man, an ardent interest in Ireland was reflected in his admiration for the poetry of W.B. Yeats and his learning the Irish language at the Gaelic League class in London, where he met his future wife Mabel Washington McConnell.

Mabel was born in Belfast on 4 July 1884. Her interest in politics and Irish nationalism, demonstrated initially as a student in Queen's University Belfast, was reflected in her joining the Gaelic League while working as a secretary in London. Desmond and Mabel were married in 1911.

In 1913, Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald moved to Irish-speaking west Kerry, where their knowledge of the Irish language was extended further and political links were established with figures such as Ernest Blythe and The O'Rahilly. In January 1915, Desmond was expelled from county Kerry, having convinced the Royal Irish Constabulary that he was signalling to German submarines from his home on the western peninsula. His consequent move to Bray, county Wicklow, and the organisation of a branch of the Irish Volunteers was curtailed by his arrest and sentence to six month's imprisonment for a speech discouraging recruitment to the British army. Desmond was released three weeks before the Easter Rising and was present in the General Post Office as a non-combatant. Imprisonment followed until mid-1917.

After his release from a further term of imprisonment in 1919, Desmond was appointed Director of Publicity for the Dáil Government. *The Irish Bulletin* was launched by him in November 1919 in order to offset the official British accounts of the political situation in Ireland. His editorial work resulted in yet another term of imprisonment, but release enabled him to participate in the Treaty negotiations.

With the resignation of the anti-Treaty members of government in January 1922, and the emergence of the Irish Free State, Desmond became Minister for External Affairs and represented Ireland at the Imperial Conferences and at the League of Nations throughout much of this period. He was appointed Minister for Defence in 1927, a post he held until the defeat of the government in the general election of 1932 and the coming of de Valera to power. After 1932, Desmond served as Opposition Deputy and Senator until 1943. He died in April 1947.

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### Archival History

The papers of Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald were deposited by their children, particularly Dr. Garret FitzGerald, in May 1987.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

The majority of the collection is arranged in groups corresponding to aspects of Desmond's political life. The chronological treatment of his appointments and personal involvement within political affairs (sections 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7) is complemented by associated material within sections 8,9 and 10, where more general political material supplements those documents relating specifically to Desmond's contribution to developments.

The later sections of the collection provide some indication of the values and personal motivation nurtured by the political figure. His interest in the literary sphere and his association as a young man with the group of poets known as the Imagists, which included T E Hulme, Edward Storer and, later, the American Ezra Pound, is reflected in section 11, Literary and Philosophical works, with his own writings and correspondence with literary figures. Material detailing the work of Desmond with the university of Notre Dame, Indiana, and his giving of lectures in political and social philosophy offer an additional insight into an ardent interest in Catholic philosophy and Thomism.

Section 13, Family and Personal Material, provides a further perspective from which to approach the collection. The letters from Desmond to Mabel (P80/1937-1426) facilitate an appreciation of political events described in a personal manner, without the formality and technicalities of official negotiation and correspondence found in earlier divisions of the collection such as sections 5 and 6.

The family perspective of the collection is most evident within the final division of the collection, section 14, Papers of Mabel FitzGerald. The material in this section was described and arranged at a date later than the rest of the collection, but provides a natural conclusion to the more personal sections of Desmond's own papers.

The section is predominantly composed of correspondence which fell naturally into two broad divisions: political and family. The political material lent itself to arrangement largely along subject matter headings. Desmond's political activities are traced alongside those of his wife, and the personal nature of the material, as in section 13, contrasts well with the more formal nature of the earlier sections of the collection.

A more personal appreciation of Desmond and Mabel is provided by this section. Correspondence between them in 1910 and 1911 refers to the opposition of Mabel's father to their romantic association (p80/1490-1505). The correspondence between Mabel and George Bernard Shaw vividly illuminates her support for nationalism which was often at variance to the opinions of her husband until later in life (P80/1551-61). The final three subdivisions of section 4, Towards the Irish Free State and beyond, detail her gradually changing political views in sympathy with those of Desmond. The majority of letters within the political division of section 14 demanded individual descriptive attention.

The family division of section 14 demands very little arrangement as related correspondence tended to be grouped together when the collection arrived. Much has consequently been left in files. The relationship between family members has been detailed wherever possible. Subjects addressed include the death of family members and the settlement of estates. Cross references have been supplied throughout section 14 in order to illuminate its integral nature with the rest of the collection. The papers merit addressing in their entirety as the politically-orientated material cannot be divorced from the personal if the collection is to be perceived from the varied perspectives it offers.

July 1993

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## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

### **Archivist's Note**

The cataloguing of the Desmond FitzGerald Papers was begun by Marianne Cosgrave in October 1987. Her list was revised and extended by Seamus Helferty in 1990. The Mabel FitzGerald Papers were listed by Marie Stephens, who wrote the Biographical History in 1993.

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## **ALLIED MATERIAL**

### **Published Material**

Desmond FitzGerald, *Desmond's Rising. Memoirs 1913 to Easter 1916*, Liberties Press, 2006

**1. Irish Volunteers and Sinn Féin, 1914–18**

**1.1 Letters, 1914**

**P80/1** 9 May 1914

2pp

Eamonn Tomas, Béal an Átha, Mayo, to FitzGerald in Kerry, expounding at length on the achievements of the Irish Volunteers.

**P80/2** 20 November 1914

1p

L Keegan, gunsmith, 3 Inns Quay, Dublin, informing FitzGerald that he had forwarded three Lee Enfield rifles by rail to Dingle, as instructed by The O'Rahilly; requests him to take immediate delivery of the rifles.

**1.2 Expulsion from Kerry, 1915**

**P80/3** 6 January 1915

1p

Notice from the Commissioners for Executing the Office of the Lord High Admiral, ordering FitzGerald to quit premises at Kilfarnoge, County Kerry, held from them under a tenancy agreement of March 1914.

**P80/4** 26 January 1915

2pp

Order issued by Major-General L B Friend, Headquarters, Irish Command, Dublin, expelling FitzGerald from Kerry and permitting him to reside temporarily in Bray, County Wicklow.

**1.3 Trial and Imprisonment, 1915**

- P80/5** 26 October 1915  
3pp  
James O'Connor, solicitor, 57 Dame Street, Dublin, forwarding to FitzGerald in Mountjoy Gaol a copy of a letter from M Kelly, Dublin Castle, enclosing a copy of the charges against FitzGerald for breaching Regulations 14 and 27 of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations 1914, by making statements at Bray on 26 September 1915 likely to prejudice recruiting, and entering Dublin on 7 October 1915 without permission from the District Police Inspector, Bray. Informs O'Connor that the charges would be proceeded with at Bray Petty Sessions on 30 October.
- P80/6** [1915]  
3pp  
Incomplete typescript transcript of FitzGerald's questioning [during his trial?] concerning the content of his anti-recruitment speech at Bray.
- P80/7** 1915  
47pp  
Copy of the *Rules For Local Prisons, Ireland*, issued under the General Prisons [Ireland] Act 1877.
- P80/8** 1915  
4pp  
Leaflet entitled *Six Months for a Speech*, containing extracts from the *Evening Mail's* report of FitzGerald's trial. Included are extracts from the *Irish Times* and *Irish Independent* reporting the three month sentence imposed at Belfast Police Court on Alfred Monaghan, Belfast for making statements likely to prejudice recruiting.

**P80/9** November–December 1915

6 items

Copy of *The Northern Whig* and cuttings from the *Daily Express* and *Irish Independent* recording FitzGerald's prosecution and conviction. Includes tributes in verse to the imprisoned FitzGerald.

#### **1.4 1916 Rising**

**P80/10** 29 December 1916

1 item

Postcard from J J O'Kelly [Sceilig], 53 Rathgar Road, to FitzGerald in Lewis Prison, Dartmoor, wishing him a happy Christmas.

**P80/11** 24 August 1917

1p

Copy letter from FitzGerald, 27 Effra Road, Dublin, to the National Aid Association, refusing their offer of further financial assistance.

'We have not suffered directly from my participation in the Rising and there must be many claimants whose financial needs are more urgent than ours'. Thanks them for their kindness to his wife and requests their assistance in finding a job, preferably a secretarial post.

#### **1.5 1918 General Election**

**P80/12** 1918

6pp

Handwritten text [of a speech or letter to the press?] concerning Sinn Féin's determination to place Ireland's claim for freedom before the impending Versailles Peace Conference and calling for a Sinn Féin victory in the forthcoming general election.

**P80/13**

1918

6 items

Electoral handbills in support of FitzGerald's candidature for the Pembroke constituency. Includes a printed copy of a letter from Maurice Moore, late Colonel Commanding 1 Connaught Rangers, to the *Irish Independent* endorsing FitzGerald.

## **2. PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT, 1919–25**

### **2.1 War of Independence, 1919–21 [–22]**

#### **2.1.1 Correspondence**

##### **2.1.1.1 Secretary, Dáil Éireann**

**P80/14**

January 1920–April 1922

31 items

Correspondence between the Director of Publicity, Desmond FitzGerald, his temporary successor, Erskine Childers, and Diarmud Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary, Dáil Éireann, concerning the activities of the Publicity Department. Included are reports by FitzGerald on his trips to London to meet with and cultivate foreign correspondents, persuade them to take the *Irish Bulletin*, cover Ireland sympathetically, or have special correspondents seconded there; and reports by Childers on Departmental activity, FitzGerald's arrest, a raid on the Department, and the foiled attempts of Dublin Castle to issue forged *Irish Bulletins* using captured equipment. Also included are copy extracts from correspondence between Michael Collins [Minister for Finance] and Art O'Brien [Dáil spokesman in London] concerning Childers' arrest and subsequent release; copy memoranda from Ó hEigeartaigh requesting particulars of the Department's costs and ordering a pamphlet on British atrocities; and copy correspondence between Ó hEigeartaigh at the London Peace Conference, and Colm Ó Murchada, Acting Secretary to the Dublin Ministry, relating to the reservations of the Ministers in London about the provisional decision of the Dublin Ministers to re-organise Publicity into four separate sub-departments with the Director of Publicity as general manager.

**2.1.1.2 Acting Director of Publicity**

**P80/15** June–December 1921

157 items

Routine exchange of memoranda between FitzGerald and Pronsias Ó Gallchoir [Frank Gallagher], his assistant and acting Director of Publicity during FitzGerald's attendance at the London Peace Conference, mainly relating to the preparation, printing and distribution of the *Irish Bulletin* and sundry propaganda, the inclusion and removal of individuals from the *Bulletin's* mailing list, Departmental accounts and the search for new office premises in Dublin. Included are requests from FitzGerald for casualty lists, statistics, statements and reports on British excesses and breaches of the Truce; covering memoranda from Gallagher enclosing the items requested; and an exchange between the two concerning Gallagher's status and responsibility within the Department, and his complaint that the appointment of FitzGerald's wife Mabel, as the Mansion's House temporary Publicity Officer, had arrogated his authority. Also included are three handwritten memoranda from Mabel FitzGerald requesting and acknowledging receipt of literature relating to the London Peace Conference and a report by her on a series of raids at Cullen Rectory, County Clare, by men claiming to be from the IRA.

**P80/16** December 1921–April 1922

13 items

Correspondence between Gallagher and FitzGerald relating to the former's resignation as editor of the *Irish Bulletin* and assistant to FitzGerald, his request for a reference, his claim for moneys in lieu of leave not taken, and FitzGerald's insistence that he return a departmental typewriter. Includes copy reference from FitzGerald and letter of resignation from Honor Murphy, Publicity Department typist.

### 2.1.1.3 President, Dáil Éireann

**P80/17** May 1921–June 1922

13 items

Correspondence between President de Valera and Frank Gallagher, mainly dealing with arrangements for press interviews, the proposed analog of the Villard Commission and the possibility of a special weekly edition of the *Irish Bulletin* designed for domestic rather than foreign consumption. Included are copy letters from Gallagher informing de Valera of the dispatch of his telegram to Pope Benedict XV in response to the exchange of telegrams between the Papacy and King George V at the opening of the London Peace Conference, and enclosing a copy of the special edition of the *Bulletin* containing the telegram and the recommendations of the Committee established by the President to review the possibility of extending publicity [both missing]; a dossier on pro-British bias in the *Irish Independent* and the *Freeman's Journal*; and a letter from Brigadier-General Frank Crozier [Commandant of the Auxiliaries to the Royal Irish Constabulary until his resignation in February 1921] expressing the hope, in the light of the work he had done to educate English public opinion on the Irish situation and the resultant difficulties he had encountered, that the Irish Government would provide him with a position. Also includes letter from President Arthur Griffith to FitzGerald, ordering him to London to take whatever action necessary to stem the extraordinary and completely unchecked propaganda in the English press, 'representing the Nationalists of the North-East as the aggressors in the present deplorable conflict in that part of Ireland' (20 June 1922).

### 2.1.1.4 Army and the Minister for Defence

**P80/18** June 1921–March 1922

11 items

#### **Ministers for Defence**

Correspondence between Childers, FitzGerald and successive Ministers for Defence, Cathal Brugha and Richard Mulcahy, mainly concerning inter-departmental cooperation and propaganda strategy. Includes request from Childers that Brugha and Chief of Staff [General Richard Mulcahy] meet with him to discuss his proposals that the army supply him with regular reports and information that could be used as counter-propaganda, and update him on current policy as regards counter-reprisals and executions; advice by Childers as to how

**P80/18** the Government should react to incidents such as the killings of Major Compton Smith and the R.I.C. Inspector McGrath. 'There is very valuable publicity to be made out of events like that ... but we lose the value of it if the public know nothing until action has been taken. We should strengthen our position by open statements made at the time which could give the English people a knowledge of how things stand' (4 July 1921). Incomplete letter from FitzGerald criticising as unauthorised and unjustified the Army's arrest of the London *Times* representative in Dublin. 'The seizure of Mr Kay was calculated to prove the contention of our enemies that journalists who visited Ireland were terrorised'.

**P80/19** June–December 1921

22 items

**Chief of Staff**

Correspondence between Gallagher and Richard Mulcahy, Chief of Staff, mainly concerning the provision of maximum positive propaganda for the IRA. Includes apology from Gallagher for a reference in the *Irish Bulletin* to the Army being short of ammunition; a request that Publicity be given all the facts surrounding incidents involving the Army; an enquiry as to whether Mulcahy would give a press interview and provide two freelance journalists with photographs of the IRA for American publication; correspondence concerning President Griffith's wish that his inspection of the Army's 1 Western and 2 Southern Divisions be filmed; and a memorandum from Gallagher suggesting that propaganda capital be made out of the arrival, for burial in Ireland, of the remains of twenty six Irish–American soldiers killed in France and Belgium during World War 1, by issuing a special edition of the *Irish Bulletin* and an accompanying statement from GHQ paying tribute to those Irish–American who fell 'in defence of the liberties of weak peoples and in an endeavour to restrain the violence of militaristic empires' (31 October 1921).

**P80/20** August 1921–February 1922

12 items

**Adjutant General:**

correspondence between FitzGerald and Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain, Adjutant General, concerning the continued imposition during the Truce of IRA levies in some areas, contrary to Ministerial order. Includes promise by Ó Sulleabhain to investigate the incidents; and copy replies from FitzGerald to those who had queried levy orders, assuring them that such levies were prohibited during the Truce.

**P80/21** July 1921–January 1922

27 items

**Chief Liaison Officer**

Correspondence between Gallagher and Commandant Fintan Murphy, Acting Chief Liaison Officer, mainly concerning Publicity's repeated requests that all official statements be issued through them to guarantee their accuracy to the press. Includes a complete list of County Liaison Officers; complaint from FitzGerald that statements concerning Truce breaches had not been forwarded to him in London; official communiqués reporting Truce breaches; and letter from Erskine Childers to the Chief Liaison Officer, Eamon Duggan, requesting that he deal with a letter from C Diamon, the *Epitomist*, London, complaining that despite the Truce his publication was still prohibited in the martial law area.

**P80/22** July–November 1921

30 items

***An t-Óglach***

correspondence mainly between Gallagher and Piaras Béaslaí TD, editor, *An t-Óglach*, organ of the Irish Volunteers, with reference to propaganda strategies; the supply of material to and circulation of the *Irish Bulletin*; and methods of dealing with the Irish press, particularly those papers disseminating British propaganda. Includes request from Béaslaí that the *Bulletin* be sent to the editor of *Catholic Times* in Liverpool; memorandum from the Assistant Chief of Staff suggesting that the *Bulletin's* circulation be increased by distributing it through convents; copy reports concerning the burning of the American flag on Independence Day and a prisoners' strike in the Curragh and Ballykinlar Internment camps; complaints by Béaslaí concerning the insidious pro-British bias in the *Irish Independent* and the *Freeman's Journal*; two copy letters from Gallagher to the *Journal's* editor reprimanding him for his paper's repeated references to the British Government as the Government of Ireland; a suggestion by Béaslaí that they secure the cooperation of Irish newspapers through the daily interchange of views by letter and weekly meetings; and a note from General Richard Mulcahy, Chief of Staff, requesting that Béaslaí bring to the attention of the Director of Publicity a complaint from British GHQ that the Irish were availing of the Truce to publish false and misleading propaganda statements in the *Irish Bulletin*.

### 2.1.1.5 Foreign Affairs

**P80/23** June–September 1921

14 items

Miss Molly O'Brien, Madrid, Irish emissary in Spain and editor of the Spanish edition of the *Irish Bulletin*, to Erskine Childers, acknowledging receipt of parcels of books and pamphlets on Irish history and literature, discussing the *Madrid Bulletin*, Spain's domestic politics and Anglo-Spanish relations. Encloses cuttings from Spanish newspapers relating to Spanish claims to Gibraltar and Tangiers, and suggests that the Government send a delegate to Spain to cultivate politicians and influence Anglo-Spanish relations. 'If Gibraltar, Tangiers etc. were sufficiently rubbed in, it would I think make impossible the Anglo-Spanish alliance for which the Marques de Lema is working' (27 June 1921). Includes copy replies from Childers acknowledging receipt of the *Madrid Bulletin*, pointing out errors and warning against publishing anything by George Bernard Shaw.

### 2.1.1.6 Home Affairs and the Police

**P80/24** June 1921–December 1922

18 items

#### **Minister for Home Affairs**

Letters from successive Ministers for Home Affairs, Austin Stack and Eamon Duggan, mainly forwarding material for publication, and items of potential interest to Publicity. Included are a copy of the Increase of Rent Decree, 1921; copy letter from Joseph Connolly, Irish Consul in New York, advising in light of adverse American economic conditions, that all emigration be halted; copy of a letter from Thomas Foran, President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, enclosing copy of a letter from the Chairman of the union's Belfast Seamen's Section, concerning the fatal shooting of a union member, James McCluskey, during an Orange pogrom; and copy of a letter from the Registrar of the Longford District Court detailing the activities of the local courts. Also included are letters from Stack requesting particulars of Republican prisoners' conditions and instructing Publicity to check and remedy, if verified, a report that Northern Unionist newspapers were supplying the Press Association with news reports; draft report by Eamon Duggan on the activities of the Republican courts and police; and request from Duggan that FitzGerald assess as to suitability for publication an enclosed memorandum on the formation of the Civic Guard.

**P80/25** November 1921–March 1922

14 items

**Republican Police**

Correspondence between Frank Gallagher and the Chief of the Republican Police Force, mainly relating to the regular supply of information on police activity for publicity purposes. Included are accounts of the Force's success in combating criminal gangs, illicit distilling and poaching, and enforcing licensed trading hours and school attendance; acknowledgements by Gallagher of information received; suggestions by him that daily reports be forwarded to Publicity; requests from the Chief of Police that Gallagher rectify the tendency of the press to refer to the police as the IRA police; and publicise a directive issued to Divisional and Brigade Commandants instructing them to ask the populace to forward their complaints to the local police or military rather than to Government departments and military HQs.

**2.1.1.7 Agriculture**

**P80/26** 20 June 1921

1p

Letter from Kevin O'Shiel, Department of Agriculture, to Gallagher, in reply to a query concerning the writer Brinsley McNamara, who had tendered his services to the Dáil. O'Shiel details his literary output, notes his extreme sympathy with the strict Republican ideal and suggests that he would be best employed as a pamphleteer 'as there is a good deal of gall in his ink'.

**P80/27** 23 December 1921

1p

Covering note from the Minister for Agriculture, Art Ó Conchubhair [Art O'Connor], to the Minister of Publicity, requesting that he have an enclosed notice [missing] issued to Irish newspapers.

**2.1.1.8 Department of Labour**

**P80/28** 5–7 July 1921

3 items

**British Boycott:**

F Byrnes, Secretary of the Department of Labour, to the Director of Publicity, informing him of the IRA's removal of English soaps and boot polishes from a number of stores following the Dáil decree banning their import and sale.

**P80/29** 15 February 1922

2 items

**Industrial Relations**

Covering note from the Secretary of the Department of Labour, Richard McCarty, to the Director of Publicity, requesting that he have the attached report on industrial relations in the creamery industry [2pp] inserted in the Dublin press.

**2.1.1.9 Accountant General**

**P80/30** June 1921–March 1922

16 items

Correspondence between the Director of Publicity, Desmond FitzGerald, and the Accountant General, Seirse McGrath, concerning the Publicity Department's estimates, the London office account, staff salaries, and a leakage of stamps. Includes letter from a staff member, Michael Ua Nunain, applying for a salary increase, and expenditure accounts for October and November 1921.

**2.1.1.10 Sinn Féin**

**P80/31** June–December 1921

21 items

**Padraig Ó Caoimh:**

Correspondence between Padraig Ó Caoimh TD (Patrick O’Keeffe), Secretary, Sinn Féin Executive, and Publicity concerning Ó Caoimh’s orders for the *Irish Bulletin* and requests for the return of the flat-bed duplicator lent by Sinn Féin to Publicity in October 1919. Includes letter from B Ó Faodhgain, Secretary, St Stephen’s Green Comhairle Ceanntair, complaining that he had not had a response to his query as to the possibility of supplying the Comhairle Ceanntair with the daily issues of the *Irish Bulletin* for distribution among the Cumann; circular letter from Ó Caoimh ordering each Comhairle Ceanntair to hold constituency conventions and appoint county secretaries; copies in English and Irish of the Sinn Féin Constitution; and copies of the reports of the party’s Honorary Treasurer, Siobhan Bean an Pharsaigh and Director of Organisation, Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington, presented to the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, October 1921.

**P80/32** 12 July 1921

3pp

Sean Ó Mordha, Secretary, Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceanntair, Cork, to the Publicity Department enclosing statements [missing] concerning shootings in Carrigtwohill and Ballycannon, County Cork. Notes that the statements in connection with the latter incident were compiled by the local coroner and suggests that valuable material could be obtained were the procedure to be generally adopted. Includes extract from the *Sprinkler Bulletin* detailing IRA incendiary fires on commercial premises doused by automatic sprinklers.

**P80/33** September–November 1921

9 items

**Glasgow Sinn Féin**

Correspondence between FitzGerald and James O’Sheehan, Glasgow Sinn Féin, concerning the non-arrival of 2,500 copies of two Publicity Department pamphlets, *Is Ireland a Danger to England* and *The Limerick Curfew Murders* ordered by O’Sheehan. Includes copy memo from FitzGerald to Art O’Brien, London, informing him of the problem and reply from O’Brien blaming

**P80/33** pressure of work for the delay.

#### **2.1.1.11 Irish Labour Party**

**P80/34** June 1921–March 1922

7 items

Correspondence between the Publicity Department and Thomas Johnson, Secretary, Irish Labour party and Trade Union Congress, concerning the payment of monies owed for the printing of a pamphlet, *Who burnt Cork City?*, produced by the Congress at the request of FitzGerald.

#### **2.1.1.12 Irish Self Determination League**

**P80/35** 17 October 1919

1p

##### **Great Britain**

Art O'Brien, 3 Adam Street, Adelphi, London, [Vice President, Irish Self Determination League of Great Britain and Dáil representative in London], to FitzGerald, acknowledging receipt of his report and advising him that he could stay in England until the end of the month if necessary.

**P80/36** [1921]

4pp

Copy of a letter, forwarded for publication by O'Brien, from the Standing Committee of the ISDL to the British press, drawing their attention to the efforts of the British Government to destroy Irish organisations in Britain through a policy of arbitrary raids, arrests and deportations, and Government inspired vilification in the press. Includes copy deportation order on Brian O'Kennedy, Acting Secretary ISDL.

- P80/37**      March–April 1922
- 4 items
- Correspondence between FitzGerald and Sean MacCraith, General Secretary ISDL, concerning payments for pamphlets which had not been received.
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- P80/38**      17 March 1921
- 6pp
- Circular letter from James Donovan, Acting State Secretary, Self Determination for Ireland League of Australia, appealing to members to form district branches. Encloses copies of the League's manifesto and draft constitution, instruction leaflet on forming branches, and membership application card.
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- P80/39**      1 June 1921
- 2pp
- Handwritten letter from S H[ughes] to Mr Cotter, requesting that the enclosed letter [missing] from JP Doheny [Secretary SDLA] and the 'vile statements' cabled from London to the Australian press be forwarded to the proper quarters. Suggests the inauguration of a fund amongst the Young Ireland Society of Perth to provide clothing and arms for the IRA, subscriptions for the dependents of political prisoners, or to be used as decided by Cotter.
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- P80/40**      19 August 1921
- 8pp
- Letter from R[obaird] Ó B[raonain, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs], informing Publicity that Miss Hughes' reports on the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Australia and New Zealand had come to hand. Notes that she reports the establishment of five hundred branches, gives glowing accounts of their activities; and encloses her handwritten and copy typescript list of the League's State Secretaries.

**P80/41** March–June 1921

18 items

Australian press cuttings [forwarded by Miss Hughes], dealing largely with the launch and activities of the Self Determination for Ireland League of Australia and the disrespect shown the Union flag during the St Patrick's Day procession in Sydney. Included are sections of the Australian Catholic journal *The Catholic Press* (3, 10 and 17 March 1921)

### **2.1.1.13 Press**

**P80/42** June 1921–March 1922

27 items

Copy letters from Childers, FitzGerald and Gallagher to the editors, *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, *Freeman's Journal* and *Evening Telegraph*, enclosing items for publication, arranging interviews, repudiating inaccurate reports, and protesting against the *Irish Independent's* distortion of articles and statements reprinted from the *Irish Bulletin*, either by quoting out of context or altering the text. Included are two letters from B M Smyllie, *Irish Times* requesting background information for articles on Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins and copy replies from FitzGerald enclosing biographical sketches.

**P80/43** 19 August [1921]

3pp

Letter from Maxwell H H MacCartney, Foxhold, Newbury, Berkshire, War Correspondent, *The Times* thanking FitzGerald and his staff for all their assistance. 'Owing to Northcliffe's death everything is 6s and 7s for the moment chez nous and I may very possibly return to your midst'.

**P80/44** 21 November 1921

2pp

Copy reply from Michael Collins to Clyde A Beals, United Press Association of America, London, concerning a statement by a representative of the Northern cabinet attributing Ulster's

**P80/44**            disinclination to enter an all-Ireland parliament to the inability of Dáil Éireann to manage the economy; and the fear that the safeguards offered by Sinn Féin might not be honoured by a future government. Collins asserts that Dáil Éireann had passed all the tests of good government and details its successes.

**P80/45**            20–30 December 1921

3pp

Letter in French from M J Kessel, *Journal Des Debats*, asking FitzGerald if any Irish newspaper required a Paris correspondent; copy reply from FitzGerald promising to make enquiries but warning that the papers were unlikely to take on anyone until the Treaty question was settled.

**P80/46**            March–July 1921

12 items

Typescript transcripts of President de Valera's interviews with and replies to questionnaires submitted by the Irish American and Australian press, mainly relating to Irish preconditions for peace negotiations; rejection of Dominion status; the North–East and British fears that an independent Ireland would threaten their military and strategic security.

#### **2.1.1.14 Film Companies**

**P80/47**            February 1921–July 1922

43 items

Correspondence between Childers, FitzGerald, and press photographic agencies concerning the purchase of photographs. Correspondence with film companies, including Pathé Frères and the Film Booking Offices, discussing arrangements for filming the plenipotentiaries in London; the Dáil in session; and the compilation of an historical record of the Civil War battle fronts. Included are invoices and receipts for photographs; a letter from the Irish Envoy in Paris to Childers, requesting that he forward a copy of 'Ireland a Nation' to the French cinematographer, M Crozie, who had undertaken to screen Irish films in France; and a typescript outline of a film 'Ireland To-day', a survey of the country's contemporary position and economic resources.

**P80/48** June–July 1922

17 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and the French film-maker, André L Daven, Paris, concerning plans by Daven and a colleague, M Donatien, to film Pierre Benoit's book, *La Chaussée de Géants* (The Giant's Causeway) in Ireland, and the provision of appropriate locations, sets and props. Included are copy letters from FitzGerald to Benoit, expressing appreciation of the great sympathy and understanding of Ireland evident in his work; to Louis Aubert, Paris, thanking him for funding the film and offering any assistance necessary to aid production; to the Kenmare, Ossory and Muckcross estates, requesting use of their grounds as locations; and a copy of the French film magazine *Cineà*, containing an interview by Daven with Benoit.

#### **2.1.1.15 General**

**P80/49** 3 February 1921

4pp

##### **Connaught Rangers Mutiny**

Handwritten and copy typescript letter, written *en route* to prison on board the SS Huntspill, by Joseph Walsh, late of Tullamore, County Offaly, one of the Connaught Rangers quartered at Wellington Barracks, Jallundar, Punjab, who had laid down arms on 20 June 1921 in protest against the British Government's treatment of Ireland. Describes the mutiny, the court-martial of sixty two mutineers, and the execution of one, Private James Daly [a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood], of Tyrellspass. He states that a Dubliner, John Flannery, had informed on the mutineers, requests that his letter be passed on to his local MP and expresses the hope that 'our country may do something for us ... if ever God spares me to get free, I will open the eyes of the world, as regards what I and my comrades have suffered, but it is all for Erin'.

**P80/50** 4 February 1921

2pp

Copy of a letter from Maurice Moore, Donnybrook, late Colonel Commanding, 1 Connaught Rangers, to General Sir Neville Macready, Commander in Chief, British forces in Ireland, protesting against a raid on his residence the previous Saturday

**P80/50** night by troops under the command of two young subalterns; his arrest, overnight detention and use the following day as a hostage to protect troops travelling through Dublin against hostile fire. Letter forwarded by Moore to Publicity.

**P80/51** 11 April 1921

3pp

Copy of a letter from K O'Callaghan, Limerick, to David Lloyd George, Prime Minister, repudiating his statement in the House of Commons that her husband, Michael O'Callaghan, the first republican Mayor of Limerick and the serving Mayor, George Clancy, had been murdered by the IRA. Dismisses his assertions that the military inquiry into their deaths had been both public and impartial and that she, a witness to her husband's killing, was too intimidated by the IRA to speak the truth.

**P80/52** 9–15 October 1921

5 items

Mrs A[lice] Stopford Green, 90 St Stephen's Green, Dublin to FitzGerald, enclosing a cheque and inviting him to dinner. Copy acknowledgement from FitzGerald and copy letter from Gallagher to Green, outlining the circumstances surrounding the death of Captain Alan Lendrum [Clare magistrate, killed 23 September 1920] in an ambush near Miltown Malbay. 'The suggestion that he was dug up after being buried alive arose out of the fact that he had been killed, confined and buried, when the Black and Tans threatened to destroy houses and murder men if the body were not returned. The body was disinterred and given back'.

**P80/53** 3 November 1921

2pp

Letter from Thomas P Wall, 27 Palmerston Road, Dublin, offering his services in any capacity possible to the Publicity Department.

**P80/54** 21 December 1921

2pp

Handwritten letter in Irish from Gobnait Ní Bruadair, Dublin, discussing the contemporary political situation.

**P80/55** 11 January 1922

2pp

Anne O'Hare McCormick, Dayton, Ohio, thanking FitzGerald for forwarding the *Irish Bulletin*, and enclosing an article [missing] as a reminder of her and of 'the various casual scribes who drifted through Dublin during the last few months and added their casual "impressions" to the other calamities of Ireland'.

**P80/56** January–July 1922

4 items

Letters from Shaw Desmond, poet and writer, New York, Dublin and London to FitzGerald. Requests an appointment to discuss his articles on Ireland for the *New York Times*; seeks access to relevant data and personnel for his proposed book, *The Story of Sinn Féin*; and introduces the distinguished American war correspondent, Frederick Palmer.

**P80/57** January 1922–January 1926

50 items

**The Voice of Ireland**

Correspondence between Publicity and William FitzGerald [brother of Desmond], Portman Square, London and Dawson Street, Dublin, concerning the production with William as general editor of the memorial volume, *The Voice of Ireland*, a compendium of articles by leading authorities on Irish history and culture. Includes correspondence with publishers, John Heywood, concerning funding; copy letters to President Cosgrave, Professor E H Alton and A W Cope [Assistant Under Secretary for Ireland] inviting contributions; copy messages of goodwill from Lloyd George, Lord Birkenhead and Earl Balfour; draft foreward by William FitzGerald; draft outlines of the volume; typescript contribution from John J Splain, Vice President, Friends of Irish Freedom entitled 'The Irish Movement in the United States since 1911'; letters from William to Desmond complaining that Publicity's proposed memorial volume to Griffith and Collins would pre-empt his project and enquiring as to whether the authorities would be interested in purchasing munitions; and memorandum from Sean Lester, Director of Publicity outlining the publisher's proposal that the Government purchase copies of the volume for distribution to Irish associations abroad or Free State school and libraries.

## **2.1.2 British Outrages**

### **2.1.2.1 Murders, looting, repression**

**P80/58** July 1920–May 1921

70 items

Typescript copies of tabulated depositions [collected by the Publicity Department's Cork office] from witnesses to and victims of acts of violence on the part of the Crown Forces in Cork. Included are accounts of assaults, killings, and the looting, burning and destruction of property; copy statements taken from the imprisoned Patrick O'Sullivan, a survivor of the West Cork Flying Column ambushed at Clonmult, 20 February 1921, and statements by mourners praying outside the Cork Military Detention Barracks on 28 April when O'Sullivan and five others were executed. Also includes typescript list containing the names and addresses of eighty eight of the ninety five deponents and the date depositions were taken. Depositions 75–83 are missing.

**P80/59** February 1921

6 items

Copy handwritten statement of James O'Rourke, Kilmallock, County Limerick, describing a raid on Kilmallock town by Crown Forces, 23 July 1920, in reprisal for an IRA attack on the town barracks; handwritten summary of further reprisals; typescript list of persons who obtained compensation for injury and destruction of property; letter from John J Power, Kilmallock solicitor, enclosing a list of items destroyed during a raid on the Kilmallock bank manager's house with particulars of malicious injury claims and awards made to clients in Ballylanders, County Limerick.

**P80/60** [February] 1921

2pp

Typescript copy of a statement from Miss Maura Moran, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, describing the arrest at Enniscorthy railway station of family members accompanying the remains of her murdered brother from Dublin.

**P80/61** 2 April 1921

4pp

Pencilled statement taken from a delegate at a private sitting of the Teachers Congress, recording the iniquities inflicted on the menfolk of Kiltimagh, County Mayo, by the British military; and an accompanying account, in the same hand, of similar outrages in Westport and Ballyhaunis.

**P80/62** April–May 1921

12pp

Typescript copies of six depositions relating to the shooting of six IRA volunteers, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Crowley, Michael O'Sullivan, Thomas Dennehy, William Deasy and Jerome Mullane, by a mixed party of RIC and Black and Tans, 23 March 1921, at Kerry Pike, Carrigrohane, County Cork. Included are statements from witnesses, from Deasy's brother Jeremiah, who identified the dead, and from the doctor who carried out the post-mortems.

**P80/63** April–June 1921

2pp

Statement by Mary Barry and copy of a statement by Mary McNally, Corraghs, Newry, County Down, describing raids on their respective homes by Ulster Special Constabulary.

**P80/64** 22 April 1921

3pp

Typescript deposition attested before J A Dinan, American Consular Agent, by Miss Una Daly, Limerick, sister of Eamonn Daly, executed in 1916 for his part in the Easter Rising. Describes the destruction of her home by the British on 8 April 1921 in official reprisal for an ambush in John Street, Limerick, the previous night.

- P80/65** 22 April 1921  
4pp  
Copy handwritten statement by Seirse Ó Conghaile, Irish teacher employed by the County Galway Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, describing his seizure from his hotel room and assault by three armed and masked men later identified as members of the local RIC.
- P80/66** 27 April 1921  
11pp  
Sworn statements of Mrs Bridgit Fahy, Mr and Mrs James Brennan, William Power and Minnie FitzGerald, Abbeyside, Dungarven, County Waterford recording the burning of their homes and business premises, 14 April 1921.
- P80/67** April 1921  
1p  
Handwritten signed copy of a memorandum from [RIC District Inspector] G H A Aylmore to the [RIC Inspector General] reporting that a party of Cameron Highlanders had bombed a draper's shop in Middleton, County Cork.
- P80/68** 1921  
5pp  
Typescript report detailing the circumstances surrounding the kidnapping and murder, in February 1921, of the Protestant postmaster of Navan, County Meath, Mr T Hodgett, by members of the RIC whom he had implicated in a post office robbery.
- P80/69** 18 May 1921  
4pp  
Handwritten and copy typescript statement of Patrick Stafford, Ballinastraw, County Wexford, describing a brutal attack on him by Crown Forces.

- P80/70** 26 May 1921  
5pp  
Four handwritten statements concerning the fatal shooting by British soldiers of Denis Tuohy in the Workhouse Military Barracks, Kenmare, on 1 May 1921. Included are statements from his father, from the workhouse master, and ante and post-mortem reports by M J O'Connor, of Erinville, Kenmare.
- P80/71** 27 May 1921  
1p  
Copy of a statement, forwarded by the Department of Local Government, from Patrick Kennedy, Acting Clerk, Edenderry District Council, reporting the seizure of a minute book, postage book and correspondence files during a raid on Council offices.
- P80/72** [May] 1921  
5pp  
Typescript declaration of Patrick Lynch, Barrowhouse, Athy, County Kildare, recording the burning of his home and outhouses by Crown Forces on the night of 16 May 1921.
- P80/73** [May] 1921  
3pp  
Handwritten and typescript copy statement taken from Thomas Keane, an imprisoned IRA member, [executed at Limerick Military Detention Barracks, 4 June 1921] describing his and his Commanding Officer, Captain H Clancy's capture by the RIC on 1 May 1921, Clancy's killing and the beatings inflicted on himself whilst detained in the William Street Barracks, Limerick.
- P80/74** May 1921  
15pp  
Two typescript copies of a statement taken in Dublin, from the Rev J J O'Sullivan, Parish Priest of Killeentierna, County Kerry, concerning the murder of a local man, John O'Connor, by Black and Tans in December 1920.

- P80/75** 1 June 1921  
5pp  
Handwritten statement and typescript copy by Daniel O'Rourke, O/C, Roscommon South Brigade, detailing harassment and intimidation of his wife by Crown Forces.
- P80/76** 1 June 1921  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a statement by M O'Neill, Kilbriain, Cork, describing the maltreatment of his family during a military raid on their home. Forwarded by Cork No 3 Brigade.
- P80/77** 2 June 1921  
7pp  
Transcript copy of a joint statement forwarded by A[rt] O'B[rien], from E N Carter and J R S McCartney, former cadets of the RIC Auxiliary Division. Describes brutal raids and assaults by their company and details the circumstances under which they were confined to barracks, threatened with death and forced to resign without a character reference after giving evidence to General Crozier's investigation into raids by Auxiliaries at Robinstown, Trim, County Meath, 9–10 February 1921.
- P80/78** 10 June 1921  
1p  
Typescript note from H P recording the information given him by Mrs Murphy, 'The Hotel', Foxrock, Dublin, concerning the murder of her son Tom, shot in his bed by a man in civilian clothing with an English accent.
- P80/79** 16 June 1921  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a statement from the O/C, Listowel Battalion, forwarded by Michael Collins, concerning the arrest, by a mixed party of Black and Tans and RIC, of four members of local active service units, Patrick Dalton, Patrick Walsh, Jack Lyons and

*Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald Papers*

- P80/79** Cornelius Dee, the killing of three and the escape of Dee. Collins suggests that the statement could be used to great effect.
- P80/80** 21 June 1921  
3pp  
Typescript copy of a deposition sworn by Cornelius Dee, concerning the arrest by the RIC of himself, Dalton, Walsh and Lyons, and the killing of the other three.
- P80/81** 20 June 1921  
1p  
Amended typescript copy statement of Mary Ellen Magee, Carrogs, Newry, County Down, describing successive raids on her home in June 1921 by the Ulster Special Constabulary and the killing of her two brothers Stephen and Owen in one raid.
- P80/82** 21 June 1921  
4pp  
Diarmud Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary to the Government, to the Director of Publicity enclosing, at the request of President de Valera, a copy of a statement concerning an attack on Whit Sunday morning by Black and Tans on the home of Liam Roche, newly elected TD for Cork City, and the murder there of the Rev Seamus O'Callaghan.
- P80/83** 23 June 1921  
2pp  
Handwritten letter from Luiseac bean Ui Broin to Eilis, giving particulars of a recent raid on her premises by Crown forces and listing items stolen.

- P80/84** [June] 1921  
1p  
Pencil statement from Treasa de Paor, Rathmore, County Kerry, reporting the fatal shooting in Tipperary Military Barracks of William O'Brien, arrested the previous March and sentenced to sixty four years penal servitude.
- P80/85** 28 June 1921  
5pp  
Intelligence Officer, Cork No 3 Brigade, to Piaras Béaslaí, editor, *An t-Óglach*, enclosing typescript copies of three statements concerning the shooting of Matt Donovan by a military party on 10 June 1921 near his residence at Mossgrove, Bandon, County Cork. Includes letter from T Dolan, RIC, Macroon, to the [RIC], Inspector General, outlining the circumstances of Donovan's killing.
- P80/86** 28 June 1921  
3pp  
Handwritten summary of an interview with Mrs Quinn, Goldenbridge, Inchicore, Dublin, concerning a recent robbery and shooting in her public house by two RIC sergeants, and a short typescript copy account of the incident.
- P80/87** June 1921  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a declaration by Miss Madge Daly, Limerick, detailing the maltreatment by the RIC and Black and Tans of mourners praying outside the Limerick Military Detention Barracks on the occasion of the execution of Thomas Keane on 4 June.
- P80/88** June 1921  
1p  
Part of a handwritten statement by Thomas Byrne, describing military raids on his home.

- P80/89** 3 July 1921  
5pp  
Edited handwritten statement by Mary Margaret Dennehy, Millstreet, County Cork, describing three raids by Auxiliaries on her home during May and June 1921.
- P80/90** 3 July 1921  
5pp  
Edited handwritten statement by Daniel Dineen, Kilcorney, County Cork, describing the killing at their home of his brother Michael by Auxiliaries on 24 June 1921, in reprisal for the Rathcoole ambush.
- P80/91** 4 July 1921  
2pp  
Adjutant, Cork No 3 Brigade, to Piaras Béaslaí, editor, *An t-Óglach*, enclosing a typescript copy of a statement by John Crowley, Dunmanway, County Cork, describing the fatal shooting of his son Daniel by Auxiliaries on the night of 7 June.
- P80/92** 25 July 1921  
8pp  
Typescript copies of eight depositions relating to the military arrest and killing of Denis Spriggs, Strawberry Hill, Cork, on the night of 8 July 1921. Included are statements from his family, from those who heard the shooting, and from his mother Mrs Mary Spriggs, describing the evidence given by her at the Military Court of Inquiry into her son's death.
- P80/93** 3 August 1921  
5pp  
Typescript statement concerning outrages committed by a mixed part of Auxiliaries and Black and Tans in Fermoy, County Cork, on the night of 1 December 1920, including the murder of ex-British Army captain, Nicholas Prendergast; copy of Prendergast's death certificate.

**P80/94** 19 August 1921

9pp

Note from the Publicity Department's Cork office discussing the arrest and killing of IRA volunteer, Charles Daly, Mount Vernon, Douglas Road, Cork. Enclosed are typewritten copies of statements from his two sisters, from a witness who had conversed with him in Victoria Barracks after his arrest, and from the person who had washed the body and noted bullet and bayonet wounds; copy extracts from the *Cork Examiner* reporting previous shootings of two other Charles Dalys and summarising the evidence given at the Court of Inquiry into Daly's death.

**P80/95** 1921

1p

Copy report from the Waterford No 2 Brigade, concerning the murder of a seventy three year old woman, Mrs Maloney, by a mixed party of police and military on 28 May 1921.

**P80/96** September 1921

3pp

Amended handwritten and typescript copy statement of Mary Lauenders, an employee at Tipperary Town Hall, detailing attempts by the RIC to intimidate her after she witnessed the hurried departure of three local constables from the Town Hall in the immediate wake of the fatal shooting of William Corbett, New Road, Tipperary, on the night of 28 September 1921.

**P80/97** 30 September 1921

6pp

Typescript copy report of the findings of the Republican inquest into the death of William Corbett, held at Tipperary 30 September 1921.

**P80/98** 20 October 1921

6pp

Letter from Rev John F Considine, Gort, County Galway, enclosing a statement and letter from Catherine Kearney, Londonbridge Road, Sandymount, Dublin, revealing that her late brother, Constable Jack Kearney, RIC, shot at the scene of an IRA ambush near Gort on 15 May 1921, had not, as stated by the authorities, been killed by the IRA but by one of his colleagues. Considine notes that Kearney had been particularly useful when alive, 'in fact gave every information possible', and requests that he be informed if the letters is to be published or otherwise used.

**P80/99** 1921

4pp

Typescript account in French of a series of raids by the British between April and June 1921 on a convent run by the French Order of St Maur in Drishane, Millstreet, County Cork.

#### **2.1.2.2 Statistics**

**P80/100** 1916–21

2pp

Handwritten and typescript copy list detailing the approximate value of property destroyed, March 1916–February 1921; the number of non-combatants murdered and injured, 1920–1, killed and wounded in accidental fire in the same period; and the numbers killed in the Belfast pogroms from July 1920.

**P80/101** 1919–22

3pp

Handwritten list detailing charges and verdicts in the trials of persons accused of attacking Crown Forces; and possessing rebel arms, ammunition and documents, January 1919–May 1922.

- P80/102**      October 1920–February 1921  
3pp  
Handwritten catalogue of outrages committed by British forces in County Galway.
- P80/103**      1921  
3pp  
Handwritten and printed lists of Galway rural district councillors, county councillors, poor law guardians, and Loughrea and Ballinasloe district councillors, with commentary as to whether they were on the run, interned, or serving gaol sentences.
- P80/104**      1921  
4pp  
Typescript summary supplied by the Publicity Department's Cork office of cases tried before military courts in Cork from the declaration of martial law, 10 December 1920, to the Truce, 11 July 1921.
- P80/105**      1921  
11pp  
Typescript catalogue of outrages, arrests, raids, shootings, trials and courts-martial in Cork during January 1921.
- P80/106**      1921  
1p  
List of those killed and wounded in the Clonmult ambush, 20 February 1921.

- P80/107** 30 January 1921  
3pp  
Annotated typescript catalogue compiled by Erskine Childers, of reprisals for the IRA ambush at Glenwood, County Clare, 20 January 1921.
- P80/108** January–July 1921  
23pp  
Handwritten and typescript copy lists of properties in Munster, either wholly or partially destroyed by Crown Forces, between January 1921 and the Truce.

### **2.1.2.3 Breaches of the Truce**

- P80/109** 26 August 1921  
2 typescript lists with amendments of serious breaches of the Truce by British forces in the Martial Law Area, 11 July–20 August 1921. Compiled by the Chief Liaison Officer for the Martial Law Area, Commandant Barry.
- P80/110** 7 September 1921  
6pp  
Gearoid O’Sullivan, Adjutant General, to FitzGerald, enclosing particulars of Truce breaches by the British in the Limerick area, 18 July–20 August 1921.
- P80/111** September–October 1921  
5pp  
Typescript copies of reports from Commandant Barry, Chief Liaison Officer, Martial Law Area, detailing assaults by the RIC in Thurles; aggressive and provocative behaviour by the Auxiliaries in Dunmanway; the attempted shooting of an IRA volunteer in Cork by an RIC Constable; the arrest by Republican police of J T Wolfe, Crown solicitor, Skibbereen, on charges of aiding the

**P80/111** escape of a British agent, E Swanton from custody, and his subsequent release for lack of evidence. Includes handwritten report on the Wolfe incident.

**P80/112** 2 October 1921

3pp

Typescript findings of the inquiry held by Commandant George Power, Liaison Officer, Tipperary, into the fatal shooting of Patrick Corbett and the woundings of volunteer Joseph Cahill, Private Cooper and Miss Tierney in Tipperary town by Black and Tans, 28 September 1921.

**P80/113** 6 October 1921

4pp

Typescript findings of an inquiry held by Commandant Fionan Lynch TD, at the Claddagh Town Hall, Galway, into circumstances surrounding assaults by British Auxiliaries on persons attending a dance for the Prisoners' Dependants Fund at Galway Town Hall in early October.

**P80/114** 13 October–5 December 1921

53 items

Press cuttings from the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, and *Freeman's Journal*, reporting Truce breaches on the part of Republican and Crown forces.

#### **2.1.2.4 Ill-treatment in Custody**

**P80/115** 12 April 1921

16pp

Report from E M Comerford, detailing the results of her examination of a number of former prisoners, detained in Enniscorthy Courthouse under the command of Lieutenant Yeo, 1 Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Describes the ill-treatment to which they were subjected, the conditions under which they were kept, and encloses corroborative statements by the detainees.

**P80/116** 9 June 1921

14pp

Transcript of a statement given by Daniel Tobin, to Mr F and Miss C[omerford], concerning his ill-treatment while detained for forty eight hours in Enniscorthy Courthouse prior to his removal to Cork Detention Barracks on suspicion of having participated in a mail train robbery; his seven week imprisonment in the Cork Barracks and Waterford prison; his release, re-arrest, and re-imprisonment in Enniscorthy, 30 December 1920–4 March 1921.

**P80/117** February 1921

2pp

Pencil statement from Laurence Garvey, Galway Gaol, recounting a beating by Royal Dragoons on the night of his arrest, 9 January 1921.

**P80/118** March 1921

5pp

Handwritten account by Denis Cronin, Tralee, of an assault on him by RIC Constable O'Shea on 6 March 1921.

**P80/119** March 1921

6pp

Handwritten and typescript copy statement from John McCormack, Chairman, North Roscommon District Council, describing his capture and subsequent assault by two military policemen in the course of his twelve week solitary confinement in Boyle Military Barracks.

**P80/120** April 1921

2pp

Handwritten letter from J O'Brennan, Galway Gaol, reporting that the majority of western prisoners were severely beaten when arrested and whilst in custody.

**P80/121** 1921

2pp

Sworn handwritten statement from Patrick Joseph Phelan, Inistioge, Kilkenny, detailing his arrest by Auxiliaries after repeated raids on his home, their assaults on him at their HQ, his forced participation in a dummy court martial and mock hanging, removal to Kilkenny Military Barracks, and the theft there of his personal effects. Includes a list of items stolen during the first raid on his home.

**P80/122** 1921

4pp

Copy handwritten statement from Timothy Murphy, Carey's Lane, Limerick, recounting repeated assaults when arrested and whilst in custody accused of bombing an RIC barracks. Marked 'tried by court martial last week'.

**P80/123** 25 June 1921

5pp

Handwritten depositions from Thomas Cunningham, James McDermott, Edward Doran and Edward Cunningham, Kilkeel, County Down, and Thomas Fearon, Killowen, County Down, attested before Patrick Hogan, solicitor, Loughrea, County Galway, detailing their ill-treatment under interrogation in Newry Military Barracks, 10 May 1921.

**P80/124** 1921

9pp

Handwritten report recording the beatings and torture with burning cigarettes and hot irons in the Auxiliary Barracks, Longford, of Thomas Patridge, James Donohoe and Patrick Ryan. Describes conditions in the Upper Military Detention Barracks to which they were subsequently transferred and encloses corroborative statements from the three.

**P80/125** August 1921

2pp

Handwritten report from Nora Ní Bhriain [O'Brien], concerning the deplorable conditions under which three prisoners from Carrigtwohill, County Cork, awaiting sentence for mine-laying, were being detained in the Bridewell, Cork. Accompanying telegram from O'Brien to the Prisoners' Office, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, stating 'Sentenced penal servitude-removed Mountjoy'.

**P80/126** 18 July 1921

2pp

Handwritten statement describing assaults on a number of prisoners, including J Murphy TD, Chairman, Louth County Council, in the Military Barracks, Dundalk, by a party of Black and Tans; draft release from the Publicity Department entitled 'Assaulting a Member of Dáil Éireann'.

**P80/127** 1921

2pp

Typescript copy of a statement from Larry O'Keefe, describing the repeated assault and torture of political prisoners in Limerick County Gaol during an eighteen week protest, February-June 1919, against the refusal to grant political status to an inmate, Robert Byrne.

**P80/128** August 1921

1p

Typescript copy extract from a letter by a Kilmainham prison inmate complaining about the poor quality of rations and the inadequate medical treatment. 'There was a medical inspection here the other week. Oh! what a cod. We just had to open our shirts at the neck and he glanced at us, that was all. You never heard of such a nonsensical thing in all your life'.

**P80/129** 5 April 1921

1p

Handwritten copy of a note received by the Publicity Department from [Carey?], describing his prison conditions. 'We are packed into a small cell about 12 x 14 ft ... no sanitary arrangements, no exercise, no wash, half the food which is sent is kept from us, I suppose eaten by the troops and no satisfaction'.

**P80/130** [1921]

2pp

Handwritten account by John Broderick, of his interrogation by three Intelligence Officers in Renmore Barracks, Galway, with regard to an IRA document said to have been found in his possession.

**P80/131** [1921]

1p

Handwritten statement from Micheal MacMeanman, Newport, County Mayo, describing his ill-treatment, whilst in military custody in Castlebar, County Mayo, and Renmore, County Galway.

**P80/132** [1921]

4pp

Handwritten joint statement by eleven young men, sentenced to between three and ten years for illegal drilling, describing assaults by the RIC when arrested and whilst in custody in William Street Barracks, Limerick.

**P80/133** [1921]

2pp

Handwritten report recording the maltreatment of detainees in Galway, mainly in the Eglinton Police Barracks. Enclosed are statements from P J Rutledge, Ballina, and P McCoy [missing] describing their ill-treatment in the Eglinton and Renmore barracks respectively.

**P80/134** December 1921

6pp

Covering letter from C J France, American Committee for Relief in Ireland, to Frank Gallagher, enclosing two statements received from Maud Gonne McBride; one by Dr Michael Shanahan, Tralee, describing his arrest and overnight detention arising from his treatment of two badly wounded men at Ballydwyer Creamery; the other by Dr Michael O'Connor, Ballykinlar Internment Camp, reporting that the British had taken forcible possession of his house and evicted his family two weeks after his arrest.

### **2.1.2.5 Internment Camps**

#### **2.1.2.5.1 Ballykinlar, County Down**

**P80/135** 1921

78pp

Sworn statements taken from forty five prisoners in Ballykinlar Internment Camp No 1, by Louis J Walsh, solicitor and member of the Commission of Inquiry into cases of ill-treatment of Republican prisoners from the time of their arrests to their arrival as prisoners of war in Ballykinlar; list of the names and addresses of the deponents and a brief description of their maltreatment.

**P80/136** May 1921

c150pp

Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain, Adjutant General, to Piaras Béaslaí, editor, *An t-Óglach*, enclosing handwritten tabulated depositions from one hundred and twenty nine internees in Ballykinlar Internment Camp No 2, attested before a fellow prisoner, Frank Lawless, TD for North County Dublin, and an independent witness, Thomas N Burbage, 25 February–22 March 1921. Internees describe their maltreatment when arrested and interrogated, in custody prior to internment, and in Ballykinlar. Depositions 1,2, 4–8, 10, 31 and 89 are missing. Included are handwritten and typescript copies of some statements, index to deponents, and tabulated list of deponents recording their names, addresses, occupations, by whom arrested, the nature of their ill-treatment, where and by whom committed, and their length of time in gaol prior to internment. Also includes supplementary note requesting that Publicity extract the worst points from the

- P80/136** depositions but cautioning against using them until further material from Ballykinlar was to hand.
- P80/137** 1 May 1921  
9pp  
Handwritten report by Joseph McGrath, Sinn Féin TD for St James' Division, Dublin, and Prisoners' Commandant, Ballykinlar Camp No 1, on conditions in the camp. Records the primitive accommodation, inadequate rations, paucity of clothing and footwear, strict censorship of letters, invariable refusals to grant parole, and the unremitting intimidation of prisoners. Includes account of the fatal shooting of two internees, Joseph Tormey and Patrick Sloan, 17 January 1921.
- P80/138** 1921  
4pp  
Handwritten account by Joseph McGrath of the attempted shooting of internees purportedly interfering with the fencing surrounding Camp No 1.
- P80/139** 17 May 1921  
4pp  
Handwritten report from L J Henderson, [Prisoners' Commandant], Ballykinlar Camp No 2, in response to a query from GHQ, describing the internees' extensive intelligence system and profiling six suspected British agents.
- P80/140** 6 September 1921  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a medical report by Dr P M Moore, Medical Officer, Camp No 1, detailing deficiencies in the camp's food and water supply, hospital and sanitary arrangements, and the ailments caused by sandstorms.

**P80/141** 1921

1p

Draft account of intermittent raids, carried out one night on a large number of huts in Camp No 2, by soldiers 'using threatening and provocative language'.

**P80/142** 1921

4pp

Handwritten report on conditions in Ballykinlar and the treatment of the 1800 internees housed in its fifty huts, with particular reference to the camps vulnerability to floods and sandstorms; the scarcity of water in summer; the inedible rations; the refusal of the camp's authorities to release seriously ill prisoners or grant parole; and the harassment and physical abuse of internees.

#### **2.1.2.5.2 Bere Island, County Cork**

**P80/143** 23 April 1921

2pp

Typescript copy of a statement concerning the punishments inflicted on 60 internees, recently transferred from Spike Island, who refused to accept parade commands from the camp's military personnel because they wished to be paraded by their own officers.

**P80/144** 9 May 1921

Mairin bean Uí Riain, to the Director of Publicity, enclosing a statement from Dr J Ryan, a Bere Island internee, concerning a fellow prisoner, Joseph Kenny, Grenagh, Blarney, who, seriously debilitated by a ninety four day hunger strike in Cork gaol, had not received any special nourishment. 'If his present treatment continues his health, which is at present bad, will become hopeless'.

**P80/145** 24 August 1921

2pp

Typescript statement from M O'Conaill, Prisoners' Commandant, Bere Island, reporting a further intensification of the systematic persecution inaugurated by the Military Governor, consisting of sleep deprivation, verbal intimidation, assaults, and the denigration of Catholicism. Encloses a copy of his letter to the Governor, protesting against the latter's provocative behaviour during evening prayers, and suggests that an independent inquiry be held into camp conditions.

**P80/146** 24 September 1921

6pp

Amended handwritten statement and typescript copy from Michael J Bowler, Prisoners' Commandant, complaining that the camp authorities had made no attempt to investigate or remedy periodic outbreaks of severe diarrhoea, had subjected the internees to sleep deprivation, had refused to provide sufficient brushes to maintain the cleanliness of huts, and had held up or failed to deliver correspondence.

**P80/147** 19 December 1921

5pp

Thomas Healy, IRA Liaison Officer, Bandon, to Commandant Emmet Dalton, Chief Liaison Officer, Dublin, forwarding a letter from the West Cork Press Correspondent, P J Barry, with an enclosed letter from the Prisoners' Commandant, Bere Island Internment Camp, to the *Cork Examiner*, and an accompanying report which the *Examiner* refused to publish, concerning the ill-treatment of a Bere Island internee, John Flynn. Healy requests instructions on publication.

**P80/148** [1921]

2pp

Handwritten report by Thomas Treanor, an internee, on overcrowding in Bere Island Internment Camp arising from the British Government policy of continuing to despatch internees to the camp without making adequate preparations for their accommodation.

**2.1.2.5.3 Spike Island, County Cork**

**P80/149** 1 July 1921

17pp

Michael Collins to FitzGerald, enclosing statements from H J O'Mahony, Prisoners' Commandant, Spike Island, and seven other prisoners, concerning the fatal shooting on 31 May 1921 of an internee, Patrick White, Meelick, County Clare, by a sentry. Includes a sketch of the camp and a summary of evidence given at the internees' inquiry into White's death which passed verdicts of wilful and deliberate murder against the soldier, and verdicts of criminal negligence or conspiracy to murder against the officers who allowed the sentry sufficient latitude to perpetrate his 'murderous designs'.

**P80/150** 7 October 1921

10pp

Piaras Béaslaí to FitzGerald, enclosing statements concerning recent strikes in Spike Island and Ballykinlar, forwarded by Sean Nolan TD and Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain.

**P80/151** 28 October 1921

4pp

F Murphy, Acting Chief Liaison Officer, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a report by Michael Staines into conditions on Spike Island. Orders that the report not be used as propaganda. Copy acknowledgement from FitzGerald.

**P80/152** [1921]

1p

Copy of a telegram which the authorities had refused to send from Alfred O'Rahilly, Registrar, University College Cork, interned on Spike Island, to his family, assuring them of his good health.

**2.1.2.5.4 Rath, County Kildare**

- P80/153** 10 June 1921  
2pp  
Letter from Paddy Traynor, Rath Internment Camp, edited by FitzGerald, describing his brutal interrogation by British Intelligence officers in Dublin Castle.
- P80/154** 10 June 1921  
2pp  
Letter from [D?], reporting that the camp authorities had poisoned food, burnt letters and destroyed parcels. Requests that the matter be given all possible publicity and the information passed to the *Freeman's Journal*.
- P80/155** October 1921  
2pp  
Handwritten list of ration deficiencies in Rath, June–October 1921.
- P80/156** 23 October 1921  
1p  
Dr Peter J Conlon, a Rath escapee, to FitzGerald. Reports the bayoneting in Rath of five men caught constructing an escape tunnel, warns of the growing animosity of the camp authorities towards the internees, and the prospect of an epidemic posed by overcrowding. Letter cut into six pieces.
- P80/157** 19–26 October 1921  
6pp  
Gearoid O'Suilleabhain, Adjutant General, forwarding to Publicity a note from the Commandant, 3 Battalion, Dublin City Brigade, with enclosed handwritten statement from a Battalion member, Sam Tonge, recently released from Rath with his brother, Joe, as

- P80/157** a result of continued ill-health. Describes assaults on prisoners by masked I[solation] C[age] police and army officers, and reports the shooting of another internee. Includes letter from a Rath prisoner, E J [Fehilly?] requesting that the Tonges, both seriously debilitated by TB be well looked after; and two typescript carbon copies of Tonge's statement, one containing a pencilled preamble by FitzGerald observing that the statement illustrates 'the kind of protection the British Government gives to its prisoners'.
- P80/158** [1921]  
1p  
Sean McGlynn, C Company, B Cage, Rath, to his wife Rose, informing her that he had received her note but not the enclosed cigarettes. 'This is the second parcel of cigs I did not get ... we are up to our ankles in mud as our tent is leaking badly ...'.
- P80/159** 10 November 1921  
3pp  
Typescript copy of a report by Michael Staines into conditions in Rath. Records the numbers interned in the main A and smaller B cages and the Sub Cage [Clink]; the number receiving medical treatment; cites individual cases of ill-health; condemns the inadequate hospital facilities and details complaints from the Prisoners' Commandant, the cooking house staff and an interned doctor, concerning the bayoneting of five internees, ration deficiencies and a paucity of clothing and utensils. Requests medical reports on three prisoners in the Sub-Cage and concludes 'I have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, A Camp at present is absolutely unfit for human habitation'.
- P80/160** [1921]  
1p  
Extract from a letter from a camp internee alleging brutality by the Military Pickets.
- P80/161** 1921  
10pp  
Fragmented handwritten list compiled by Frank Gallagher, of

**P80/161** some of the depositions received by the Publicity Department concerning killings, the looting and destruction of property by the British, and the maltreatment of prisoners.

### **2.1.3 Propaganda**

#### **2.1.3.1 Irish Bulletin Drafts**

**P80/162 – P80/179** 18 June–3 December 1921

156pp

Eighteen handwritten and annotated typescript drafts of a Thursday supplement to the *Irish Bulletin*, entitled the *Weekly Review of Events in Ireland*. Records and comments upon weekly developments with particular reference to the peace negotiations, British breaches of the Truce and the escape of Republicans from prisons and internment camps.

**P80/180** 1 June–9 September 1921

25pp

Handwritten draft catalogue of daily events in or relating to Ireland, June–September 1921.

**P80/181** June 1921

2pp

Annotated typescript copy of a deposition by Miss Madge Daly, Limerick, entitled 'Scenes at the execution of Thomas Keane'. Describes an attack by British soldiers and the RIC on mourners praying outside Limerick Military Detention Barracks on the day of Keane's execution, 4 June 1921.

- P80/182** [1921]  
7pp  
Incomplete annotated typescript article entitled 'A review of the situation', containing a brief sketch of events from 1916 onwards for the information of the Dominion prime ministers attending the Imperial Conference in London.
- P80/183** June 1921  
3 items  
2 draft handwritten reports on the fatal shooting by four men in Dún Laoghaire, of Lieutenant James MacIntosh, D Company, 6 Battalion, Dublin Brigade; press cutting containing a report of the incident.
- P80/184** [1921]  
1p  
'Extract from a letter from India' containing a typescript section of a letter from an Irish nationalist in India describing his harassment by the British, the anti-Irish press in India, and the Indian political situation. 'India to-day politically resembles to a slight extent the Ireland of the UIL and AOH, when Redmond was at his zenith, except of course that the Irish are a much more virile race, much better organised and better educated on politics'.
- P80/185** July 1921  
4 items  
Typescript report and 3 press cuttings concerning speeches in Sydney by W Copeland Trimble, newspaper proprietor and member of the Ulster Unionist Council, and a lecture by Dr M J O'Reilly, Rector of St John's College, Sydney University, on 'Self-Determination for Ireland'.
- P80/186** 1921  
3pp  
Typescript article with handwritten amendments, concerning the role of the *Irish Bulletin* as one of the primary elements of Irish

- P80/186** resistance from its inception in November 1919 to the Truce.
- P80/187** July 1921  
16pp  
Handwritten drafts of a two part article by Frank Gallagher, 'The True American Analogy' [*Irish Bulletin*, 18, 19 July 1921]. Refutes parallels drawn by British politicians between the Irish War of Independence and the American Civil War and compares it instead with the American War of Independence.
- P80/188** 28 July 1921  
7pp  
Handwritten extracts from the declaration of rights issued by the states of Massachusetts, North Carolina and Virginia in 1776 [*Irish Bulletin*, 28 July 1921, 'The Defiance of America in 1776'].
- P80/189 – P80/196** July–October 1921  
25pp  
Eight handwritten and annotated typescript drafts of articles relating to the distorted and misrepresentative coverage in the British press of the Irish situation and the peace negotiations. Included are rebuttals of press claims that Britain had offered Ireland Dominion status, that the Irish people had lost all confidence in their Sinn Féin leaders, that the Republicans had breached the Truce, and that de Valera's telegram to the Pope had been motivated by a desire to wreck the London Peace Conference.
- P80/197** July–September 1921  
32pp  
Handwritten and annotated typescript draft articles summarising and analysing the official peace correspondence between David Lloyd George, Prime Minister, and de Valera, June–September 1921, with particular reference to Lloyd George's letters of 26 August and 7 September. Includes a typescript synopsis of the total correspondence, and typescript copy of a letter from the Dáil Cabinet to Lloyd George, declaring their willingness to participate

- P80/197** in a peace conference and affirming Ireland's status as an independent and sovereign state.
- P80/198** [August] 1921  
15pp  
Typescript copy list of the men, women and children murdered by Crown Forces, January 1920–July 1921; handwritten list of murder victims, January–July 1921.
- P80/199** [August] 1921  
6pp  
Draft handwritten and typescript article, 'Destruction of Premises and Property by British Forces in Ireland, 1 January 1920–11 July 1921', listing the numbers of premises and properties wholly or partially destroyed by Crown Forces in all parts of Ireland prior to the declaration of martial law, 10 December 1920, and in martial and non-martial law areas, 11 December 1920–11 July 1921.
- P80/200** August 1921  
6pp  
Draft handwritten issue of the *Irish Bulletin* entitled 'A Fourth Chronological Record of Events'. Records events relating to the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations, 23 July–22 August, the fourth in a series of special chronologies.
- P80/201** [September] 1921  
19pp  
Handwritten and annotated typescript draft of an article, 'Serious Breaches of the Truce', detailing major infringements of the terms of the Truce by British forces, 11 July–25 September 1921.

- P80/202**      September 1921  
10pp  
Copy of an account of the discovery of the mutilated bodies of Harry and Patrick Loughnane, Shanaglish, County Galway, 29 November 1920, three days after their arrest by a mixed party of Auxiliaries and RIC; handwritten report on the Republican Court of Inquiry into their deaths the following September.
- P80/203**      August–November 1921  
24pp  
Handwritten and annotated typescript drafts of articles dealing with the deplorable conditions in Ballykinlar, Rath, Spike Island and Bere Island Internment Camps. Included are copy extracts from reports, letters, and statements by current and former internees, and press cuttings reporting the maltreatment of prisoners.
- P80/204**      September 1921  
24pp  
Handwritten and annotated typescript drafts of an article, 'Rescues and escapes of Sinn Féin prisoners', written in the aftermath of the escape of nearly a hundred prisoners from Rath Internment Camp, 9 September 1921, recalling previous rescues and escapes of republican prisoners from gaols and internment camps, November 1918–September 1921.
- P80/205**      30 September 1921  
3pp  
Drafts of two handwritten reports announcing that the Minister of Economic Affairs [R C Barton] had arranged a conference between representatives of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company and their striking employees, and summarising his address to the conference. Includes typescript copy of the settlement reached.

**P80/206**      October 1921

11pp

Handwritten drafts of a two part article, 'The National Government at work', listing the twenty seven national and local strikes, lockouts and disputes successfully settled by the Ministry of Labour in September and October 1921, and detailing the activities and accomplishments of the Republican police since the Truce.

**P80/207**      1921

7pp

Handwritten and annotated typescript draft review of the activities of the Department of Trade since its establishment in April 1919, with particular reference to the appointment of trade consuls abroad and the promotion of indigenous industry.

**P80/208**      September 1921

2 items

Handwritten draft report entitled 'A Dominion view of the so-called Dominion Status' [*Irish Bulletin*, Vol 5, No 7, 7 September 1921]. Refers to and quotes from an editorial in a leading Canadian paper, the *Toronto Star*, pointing out that the terms offered Ireland in the British peace proposals of 20 July fell far short of Dominion status; press cutting of the Canadian article.

**P80/209**      September 1921

8pp

Two drafts of an article, 'Mr Churchill's speech—the 'generous' government which threatens real war'. Rejects a claim by Winston Churchill, British Colonial Secretary, in a speech in Dundee, 24 September, that Britain had offered Ireland Dominion Home Rule in their July proposals; dismisses his assertion that Ulster would not be forced against her will into a united Ireland; repudiates his warning that civil war would result from Irish independence; and condemns his threat of an all-out Anglo-Irish war if Ireland rejected British proposals for a settlement.

**P80/210** September 1921

12pp

Handwritten draft of an article, 'The type of mind which directed the British terror in Ireland', written in response to a letter in the London *Morning Post* from Brigadier General C Prescott Decie, Divisional Commissioner of Constabulary in Munster, February 1920–July 1921. Contains a detailed litany of the excesses that characterised Decie's regime, with particular reference to the brutal reprisal system instituted by him. Includes draft of a second article concerning Lord Sydenham, late Secretary, Committee of Imperial Defence and author of a subsequent letter to the *Post* endorsing Decie's sentiments.

**P80/211** October 1921

3pp

Rough draft of an article repudiating allegations by the Earl of Arran in an article, 'A Plea for the Southern Irish Loyalist' in the *National Review*, warning of the appalling treatment to which southern Loyalists would be subjected by a hostile Republican government and suggesting that the British government subsidise their emigration.

**P80/212** October 1921

4pp

Two handwritten drafts of an article by Frank Gallagher, condemning the sinister misrepresentations of Ireland's case evident in King George V's reply to Pope Benedict XV's telegram expressing joy at the opening of the peace conference.

**P80/213** 20 October 1921

2pp

Handwritten and typescript draft of a special edition of the *Irish Bulletin* entitled 'The Source and Cause of the Troubles in Ireland', containing an amended copy of de Valera's telegram to Pope Benedict XV thanking him for the interest in the welfare of the Irish people expressed in his published telegram to King George V, and voicing the confidence 'that the ambiguities in the reply sent in the name of King George, will not mislead you as it may the uninformed, into believing that the troubles are "in" Ireland, or that the people of Ireland own allegiance to the British King'.

- P80/214**      October 1921  
5pp  
Draft handwritten review of a pamphlet by George Russell [AE] on the London Peace Conference, *Ireland and the Empire at the Court of Conscience*, circularised with a previous issue of the *Irish Bulletin*.
- P80/215**      1921  
1p  
Draft introduction to an article, 'The War that may be resumed', containing the transcripts of statements [absent] from victims of British outrages, to draw to the attention of the British public the atrocities that would recur were the peace negotiations to fail.
- P80/216**      October 1921  
14pp  
Handwritten draft of an incomplete article by Frank Gallagher entitled 'Threats of force an obstacle to peace'. Deplores the propensity of leading members of the British Government and certain sections of the British press to threaten a return to war were the Irish to continue to press for independence; warns that force in Ireland would fail as it had always failed; and stresses that a solution to the conflict lay with negotiation, goodwill and justice. Includes press cuttings referring to Ireland's claim to full independence and possibility of renewed war.
- P80/217**      [October] 1921  
9pp  
Handwritten and amended typescript drafts of an article by Frank Gallagher entitled 'Some comments on Mr Lloyd George's speech'. Welcomes admissions by the Prime Minister in a Commons speech that the Republican representatives in Dáil Éireann had been duly and fairly elected by a sympathetic public that had freely repudiated the authority of the British Government. Dispels Lloyd George's fears that an independent Ireland could threaten the security of the British Empire.

**P80/218** 1921

8pp

Handwritten draft article by Frank Gallagher, 'The position of North-East Ulster', repudiating a claim by the Northern Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, that Sinn Féin would attack the Ulster Protestant community if the peace negotiations failed; depicting the Northern Ireland state as a failed political and economic entity; and promising that a Republican government would recognise Protestant rights and principles and allow Ulster a generous measure of local autonomy. Included are handwritten extracts from speeches by Craig, and press editorials on the negotiations and the position of Ulster.

**P80/219** [November] 1921

5pp

Handwritten draft article, 'Sir James Craig's speech—what are the rights of Ulster?', criticising Craig's formal rejection in the Northern Parliament of the British settlement proposals, and dismissing the right of the four predominantly Protestant counties of Armagh, Antrim, Derry and Down to veto unity, 'vote themselves out of Ireland ... and declare themselves subject to the government of another country'.

**P80/220** November 1921

3pp

Annotated typescript response to a statement by J M Andrews, Northern Minister for Labour, representing the British Cabinet proposal of an all-Ireland parliament with Dominion powers as 'a disgraceful betrayal of Ulster'.

**P80/221** November 1921

7pp

Handwritten and annotated typescript draft article, 'Peace or War on a real scale—British conference delegate threatens a renewal of terrorism', consisting of a reply to a threat delivered by Sir L Worthington Evans, British War Secretary and Peace Conference delegate, that Britain would not shrink from a 'real' war if the Irish continued to press for independence. Warns that Britain could defeat Ireland militarily but would have to resort to terror tactics that had shamed them worldwide.

**P80/222** November 1921

5pp

Annotated typescript draft entitled, 'Is the war upon the Irish people to be resumed?' Considers the prospect of renewed warfare in the light of the faltering peace negotiations, incessant threats of resumption of war by British Ministers, renewed repression by Crown Forces, and a British press campaign mixing allegations of obstructionism on the part of the Irish plenipotentiaries with accusations of persistent Truce infringements by the IRA.

**P80/223** November 1921

4pp

Annotated typescript draft article, 'One policy for France but another for Ireland', contrasting the threats of renewed war from British ministers with the tenor of a speech by Lord Curzon, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the United Wards Club of London, concerning the promotion of world peace through international cooperation, and reassuring France that the great powers would not tolerate the reappearance in Europe of any power that threatened world peace.

**P80/224** November 1921

4pp

Annotated draft article, 'President Harding's speech—a statement of Ireland's case', in which Gallagher praises an address on the sanctity of national rights by the US President to the Washington Disarmament and Pacific Conference, as an eloquent exposition of Ireland's position in her struggle for liberty and justice.

**P80/225** September–October 1921

23pp

Handwritten and annotated typescript drafts of a series of articles entitled 'The Partition of Ireland', describing meetings between de Valera, other members of the Cabinet, and nationalist deputations from Tyrone, Fermanagh, Antrim, and Belfast, protesting against their exclusion from an all-Ireland Parliament and pledging allegiance to Dáil Éireann. Included are copies of the Antrim and Belfast petitions.

**P80/226** [September] 1921

5pp

Press cuttings and draft article, 'British connivance at Orange pogroms', containing examples of the involvement of the Ulster Special Constabulary and of British troops in attacks by Orange mobs on Catholics, as cited in statements issued by Commandant [Eoin] O'Duffy, Chief IRA Liaison Officer for Northern Ireland.

**P80/227** 1921

18pp

Handwritten draft entitled 'What British Government means to the minority in Ulster—the organisation and encouragement of civil war'. Chronicles the Belfast and Derry pogroms and lists the atrocities committed by Orange mobs against Catholics, June 1920–July 1921, 'the outcome of a policy deliberately pursued by the British Government in order to foster religious hatred and internecine strife in Ireland, thus making British domination the more easy to sustain'.

**P80/228** [1921]

8pp

Handwritten and annotated typescript draft entitled 'The reorganisation of the Carsonite Volunteers'. Depicts the recently announced remobilisation of the Ulster Volunteers as yet another British ploy to abort an Irish settlement.

**P80/229** November 1921

28pp

Annotated typescript drafts of a series of articles concerning the provenance and implications of a secret circular containing detailed instructions for the raising of an exclusively loyalist army to resist any unwelcome settlement arrived at by the Peace Conference, issued by Lieutenant Colonel Wickham, Divisional Commissioner of Constabulary, on 9 November, to the principal army and constabulary officers in North–East Ulster. Includes amended typescript copies of two letters from Professor Eoin MacNeill, TD for Derry City and the National University of Ireland, to de Valera, attributing responsibility for the 'secret circular' to the British Government, and accusing her Ministers of fomenting sectarian strife in Ireland.

**P80/230**      October 1921

33pp

Handwritten drafts of a series, 'Religious toleration in Republican Ireland', denouncing British Government representation of the unrest as a sectarian war instigated by the Catholics, with the British as disinterested peace makers. Included are copy extracts from letters and statements of Southern Protestants paying tribute to the religious tolerance in Republican areas and attesting to the harmonious co-existence of the two communities.

**P80/231**      November 1921

3pp

Handwritten draft article drawing attention to the reports of Crown Forces brutality, heard during malicious injury claims before Castlebar and Ballinrobe Quarter Sessions in late October.

**P80/232**      November 1921

13pp

Annotated typescript draft entitled 'Exaggerated awards in Ireland—a contrast in compensation cases'. Refutes an allegation by Sir Hamar Greenwood, Irish Chief Secretary, in the House of Commons, 31 October 1921, that the compensation awarded to those who had suffered injury or loss of property was excessive. Claims instead that awards made to the constabulary and British troops were excessive and contrasts a number of cases. Includes a handwritten list of comparative damages awarded between April 1920 and March 1921.

**P80/233**      29 October 1921

4pp

Annotated typescript draft tributes to the work of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, on the occasion of the departure of two Committee members, Judge Campbell and Mr J J Pulleyn, from Ireland. Includes letter of thanks from the Irish plenipotentiaries in London to Campbell and Pulleyn.

**P80/234** November 1921

4pp

Annotated typescript draft entitled 'The Sinn Féin Organisation – its relationship to Dáil Éireann', summarising the proceedings of the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, held in Dublin, 27–28 October, and stressing the Party's status as a purely political organisation with neither executive nor administrative authority.

**P80/235** *Irish Bulletin*

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| (4) | 29 September | 1921 | Vol 5 | No 86 |

### **2.1.3.2 Drafts of pamphlets and related matter**

**P80/236** [1921]

13pp

Annotated typescript draft of a pamphlet entitled *The Ulster Difficulty*, analysing the historical basis of Ulster Unionist animosity to Irish nationalism and arguing that partition would constitute a denial of democratic principles and historic, economic, geographic and demographic reality.

**P80/237** 1921

35pp

Draft pamphlet entitled *War on women—England's war on the women of Ireland*, dealing with the outrages committed by the British against Irish women. Included are lists of women whose property was destroyed and who were killed, wounded, assaulted or imprisoned between February 1920 and July 1921.

- P80/238** [1921]  
2pp  
Handwritten notes by P S O'H[egarty] on organised expressions of national revolt against England since 1315.
- P80/239** [1921]  
22pp  
Untitled typewritten polemic on England's three hundred year policy of dividing Catholic and Protestant by fostering sectarian rancour.
- P80/240** [1921]  
2 items  
Notebook containing extracts from Richard Barry O'Brien, *A Hundred Years of Irish History* (London, 1911), and John Mitchel, *The History of Ireland from the Treaty of Limerick to the Present Time* (Glasgow, 1869) detailing flagrant and continual breaches by England of her treaties and promises to Ireland from the 1691 Treaty of Limerick to the abandonment of Gladstone's 1893 Home Rule Bill.
- P80/241** June 1921  
23pp  
Typescript copy of a memorandum in seven parts from Maurice Moore, late Colonel Commanding 1 Connaught Rangers, to General Jan Smuts, South African Prime Minister, attending the Imperial Conference in London, June 1921, appealing to him to join in an attempt to secure an honourable peace for Ireland. Includes a brief sketch of the historical and constitutional background to the Irish crisis, a review of the War of Independence, a detailed analysis of the English and Irish methods of warfare, and an outline of his peace proposals.
- P80/242** [copy made 1921]  
4pp  
Typescript extracts from a speech by Charles Fox, Foreign

- P60/242** Secretary, in the House of Commons, 17 May 1782, conceding to the demands of the Irish Parliament for legislative independence.
- P80/243** [1921]  
11pp  
Handwritten and typescript copies of the Platt Amendment, the 1901 Cuban–American treaty which defined the conditions under which the United States was willing to end the military occupation of Cuba which followed the Spanish–American war of 1898; and conceded to the US the right to intervene in Cuba for the preservation of orderly government or of Cuban independence; with an accompanying sketch of events leading up to the Boer Wars fought between Great Britain and the two South African Republics, Transvaal and the Orange Free State.
- P80/244** [1921]  
6pp  
Typewritten copy of a statement by Amos Pinchot entitled ‘The inside of the Irish Crisis’, arguing that Lloyd George’s peace terms offered Ireland insufficient freedom and calling upon those Americans who favoured good Anglo–American relations to denounce the proposals.
- P80/245** [copy made 1921]  
28pp  
Typescript copy of a two-part article by F Gamboa, ‘Sinn Féin and its pursuit’ and ‘Sinn Féin and its aim’, *Mexican Review of International Law* vol 2 no 4 (December 1920), forwarded by the Irish Diplomatic Mission, Washington, and marked ‘very poor translation’ and ‘to be sent to the President’.
- P80/246** 22 November 1921  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a report in the *Irish Independent* dealing with the part played by Cardinal Gasquet, the British Prefect of the Vatican Archives, in the exchange of telegrams between George V and Pope Benedict XV concerning the opening of peace negotiations.

### **2.1.3.3 Ballads and stories**

**P80/247** February–December 1921

44 items

Handwritten and typescript copies of songs, ballads and short stories submitted mainly by Michael Scot and Frank M Gormley to Publicity. Included are poetic tributes by Countess Markiewicz to Kevin Barry and the Irish Volunteers; copy letter from FitzGerald to Miss Goodfellow informing her that two of her ballads were being circulated nationally through the Army and Cumann na mBan; and letter from Scot to FitzGerald giving him leave to edit 'The Ballad of Biddy O Loughlin' as he wished.

### **2.1.3.4 Printed matter**

**P80/248** 27 December 1920

8pp

Pamphlet issued by the Peace with Ireland Council entitled *A Report on the Irish Situation*, consisting of a letter from Lieutenant General Sir Henry Lawson to the Council's chairman, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck MP, reporting on his investigations in Ireland on behalf of the Council, into reprisals, the position of Sinn Féin, and the possibility of peace by agreement.

**P80/249** [December] 1920

4pp

Leaflet entitled *The Auxiliary Police*, containing an account by R C Gray, former English civil resident in Killaloe, County Clare, of the atrocities committed by Crown Forces in Clare between August and November 1920.

**P80/250** [1921]

Incomplete, 2pp

Pages from a handbill circulated by the *Irish Bulletin*, containing printed extracts from the *Manchester Guardian* and *The Leader*

**P80/250** concerning the activities of the Republican police and the skill and initiative shown by the Sinn Féin Government in reorganising the Irish industrial and commercial sectors.

**P80/251** [1921]

2pp

Typewritten list of Republican publications, issued by the Benjamin Franklin Bureau.

### **2.1.3.5 Press releases and surveys**

**P80/252** June–December 1921

23 items

Handwritten and typescript drafts and typescript copies of statements issued by the Publicity Department mainly containing repudiations of misleading press reports; directives to local authorities; accounts of breaches of the Truce and outrages committed by the British; and announcements concerning meetings of the Dáil Ministry, the appointment of officials and the boycott of British goods. Included are rejections of reports by the *London Daily Chronicle* and the Press Association that Sinn Féin had imposed conscription and had ordered Irishmen living in England not to participate in the Census; copy extract from the minutes of the Kilrush Guardians concerning the refusal of the British Army to reimburse them for occupying the workhouse; statement by Liam Lynch, O/C Cork No 2 Brigade, denying that four men sentenced to death for raiding Mallow Military Barracks in September 1920 had participated in the attack; and a draft directive to local authorities ordering the establishment of anti-profiteering committees to counter excessive profiteering by local traders.

**P80/253** 11 October–4 December 1921

15 items

Typescript copies of official press communiqués, issued through Publicity, mainly announcing that meetings of the Peace Conference on Ireland and of committees of the conference had taken place. Included are statements from FitzGerald accusing the British of breaking an agreement that there would be no

**P80/253** contact with the press other than by agreed communiqués; and repudiating a claim by Sir James Craig that the Northern Ireland representatives would be allowed to attend the Conference if and when Ulster interests were discussed.

**P80/254** 15–23 November 1921

25 items

Typescript copies of daily surveys of British press coverage of the negotiations between the Irish and British at the London Peace Conference, and between the British and the Northern Ireland Cabinet concerning the status of Ulster within an Irish settlement. Included are reviews of press comment on the Northern Cabinet's rejection of the British compromise offer of guaranteed autonomy for Ulster within an all-Ireland parliament; and the probable resignation of Lloyd George and the dissolution of Parliament were the Conference of National Unionist Associations in Liverpool to denounce the Government's policy of attempting to reach a settlement by offering mutual concessions to North and South; and the Conference's eventual endorsement of continued negotiations.

## **2.2 TREATY AND REPUBLICAN SPLIT**

### **2.2.1 Correspondence**

**P80/255** December 1921 [–1922]

6 items

A E [George Russel], editor, the *Irish Statesman*, to FitzGerald, enclosing a letter from a Belfast linen manufacturer, J V Williams, hinting at strong support in Unionist circles for an all-Ireland parliament and expressing the hope that this information would strengthen the hands of moderates in the Dáil in the Treaty debates. Russell conveys a suggestion from Sir Philip Hansen, Board of Works, that the Provisional Government occupy Dublin Castle and establish the Dáil in St Patrick's Hall, seeks permission for two well-connected American visitors to visit the Dáil, and introduces individuals who wish to be of service to the Government.

**P80/256** 13 December 1921–16 March 1922

76 items

Letters and telegrams to FitzGerald and Arthur Griffith, congratulating them on the conclusion of a treaty with Britain, calling on the Dáil to ratify it, and expressing support for the Provisional Government. Included are resolutions and messages of support from local authorities, Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceanntair, farming associations, branches of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

**P80/257** 5 January 1922

2pp

Gladys Hynes, London, to FitzGerald, discussing the Treaty debates in the Dáil. 'I wonder if you were expecting all this uproar and division of opinion ... one feels an almost personal animosity between Griffith and de Valera ... all the same I suppose I should vote for it, if I had a vote to give'.

**P80/258** 13 January 1922

2pp

Eoin MacNeill [Ceann Comhairle], to FitzGerald, discussing strategy during the Treaty debates. 'Deputies who are against the will of their constituents should be called on to resign—publicly, insistently, repeatedly'.

**P80/259** 21 February 1922

13pp

Joseph O'Brien, President, Second Congressional District, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, Springfield, Massachusetts, to Arthur Griffith, suggesting that a plain statement by those in authority as to the actual issue between the pro and anti-Treatyites would clarify the issue for Americans and help secure their support for the Government. He encloses copies of letter to Thomas W Lyons, National Secretary, AARIR, in which he criticises attempts by the Executive to mobilise the AARIR in support of de Valera; and to the Springfield Council, AARIR, stating that the Association was bound by law to accept the decisions of the Dáil and recognise the Provisional Government.

**P80/260** 16 March 1922

Handwritten letter from Muiris Ó Morotha, Imperial Hotel, Castlebar, describing the political situation in the Mayo-Galway area in the run up to the June election. States that while most voters were pro-Treaty, they were frightened by the intimidatory tactics of the Republican police who were wholly under the control of P J Rutledge. Details instances of such intimidation, expresses fears that the police would occupy ballot booths or seize boxes, and asks if it would be possible to despatch a police squad, not answerable to Rutledge, to the area.

**P80/261** 6 March 1922

23pp

George Gavan Duffy, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a letter and enclosures from Frank Egan, the Government's representative in Chile. Egan describes the favourable press coverage accorded visits by a Committee of the Irish Colony in Chile to the proprietors and editors of the national press to thank the Chilean people for their moral support during the Irish struggle and encloses relevant press cuttings. Also included are a translation of a press interview with Egan in the immediate wake of the conclusion of the Anglo-Irish Treaty; letter from the Committee of the Irish Colony pledging support for the Treaty and welcoming the appointment of Griffith as President; and souvenir edition of *The American World*, 16 April 1921, in honour of the 1916 Rising.

**P80/262** March 1922

3pp

Telegram from Ambrose Boylan, President, Sons of St Patrick, Albany, New York, to Griffith, requesting a message for their St Patrick's Day banquet in honour of Martin Glynn, former Governor of New York. Handwritten draft of the requested message.

**P80/263** 9 February 1922

3pp

John Graham, Cleveland, Ohio, editor of *The Irish Vindicator*, to Griffith, welcoming the Treaty. 'The only class in America opposed to the settlement are the ex-democratic office holders who have been on [Harry] Boland's payroll here for the past year and who

**P80/263** were our bitterest enemies during the war'. Describes the united nature of the Irish-American organisation found by de Valera when he came to the US and the disunity created by him, mentions current anti-Treaty activity, and promises economic assistance for reconstruction.

**P80/264** 24 March 1922

2pp

George Gavan Duffy to FitzGerald, requesting publication of the appointment and departure for New York of Denis McCullough, Belfast Sinn Féin, as a Special Commissioner to counteract the disinformation campaign of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson and reveal the truth about North-East Ulster; suggested form of announcement enclosed.

**P80/265** 13 April 1922

7pp

Michael Collins to FitzGerald, enclosing copies of two reports, filed by W H Bretherton, Dublin correspondent of the *Morning Post*, portions of which are 'very objectionable'. Collins requests that Bretherton be interviewed and a report made.

**P80/266** 11 May 1922

12pp

Michael Hayes, Minister for Education, to FitzGerald, forwarding a letter from W F Butler, Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, suggesting that an enclosed article by him, 'The Rejected peace. A lesson from Irish history', might be of use for propaganda purposes. The article deals with the 1646 treaty between King Charles and the confederate Catholics, and Butler finds the parallel with the contemporary situation 'curious, not to say depressing'.

## **2.2.2 Propaganda**

### **2.2.2.1 Press releases**

**P80/267** 11 February–20 April 1922

14pp

Press releases issued by the Publicity Department announcing the receipt by President Griffith of letters, telegrams and resolutions approving the ratification of the Treaty. Included are copies of messages of congratulation from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, and Joseph O'Brien, President, Second Congressional District, AARIR, Springfield, Massachusetts, with extracts from a letter from O'Brien to the AARIR's National Secretary, Thomas Lyons, deploring the attempt of the National Executive to stampede the organisation into supporting de Valera and the anti-Treatyites.

**P80/268** 10 February–21 June 1922

31 items

Copies of press releases issued by the Publicity Department mainly relating to negotiations between the pro and anti-Treaty factions of the Army, and Government appointments and the continued persecution of nationalists in Northern Ireland. Includes a list of outrages committed by the Special Constabulary in County Fermanagh between August 1921 and March 1922; a list of the barracks vacated by the British and occupied by Irish troops; notification of the appointment of Professor T A Smiddy as Envoy to the US; St Patrick's Day greetings to Irish America and an attack on the anti-Treatyite, the Rev Michael O'Flannagan.

### **2.2.2.2 Press cuttings**

**P80/269** 29 December 1921–19 January 1922

38 items

Cuttings from French, Swiss, Belgian, and Egyptian newspapers mainly concerning the ratification of the Treaty and the subsequent Republican split. Includes a profile of Arthur Griffith from *Le Journal du Caire* (31 October 1921) and a report on the evacuation of British troops in *Le Matin* (13 January 1922).

- P80/270** February 1922  
1 item  
Newspaper photograph of Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith, and Eamon de Valera at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis in the Mansion House, Dublin, 21 February 1922.
- P80/271** [1922]  
1 item  
Newspaper photograph of a smiling Michael Collins sitting in an open-topped car.
- P80/272** [1922]  
1 item  
Newspaper head and shoulders portrait of Arthur Griffith.

### **2.2.2.3 Publications**

#### **2.2.2.3.1 *Irish Bulletin***

- P80/273** 14 February–20 December 1922  
36 items  
Copies of some London editions of the *Irish Bulletin* and its successor, the *Weekly Irish Bulletin*.

#### **2.2.2.3.2 Articles and pamphlets**

- P80/274** 20 May 1922  
1p  
Typescript copy article ridiculing Robert Barton's position. 'First he signed the Treaty. Then he voted for its acceptance by Dáil Éireann, and since, he has been doing everything he can ... to

- P80/274** smash the Treaty and to stultify the action of Dáil Éireann in approving the Treaty'. Annotated by Michael Collins. 'May be useful for a paragraph in *Free State* or *Young Ireland* or for leaflet'.
- P80/275** [1922]  
1p  
Lines of doggerel entitled 'Motto for all true di Valerians'.  
'If de Valera say 'It's so!  
It HAS TO BE SO, even though  
It is NOT so, for you must know  
If HE says SO IT MUST BE SO!  
(So there you are and now you know-  
ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay, etc)'.
- P80/276** [1922]  
6pp  
Handwritten and typescript copy article by FitzGerald entitled 'The new weapon and the work'. States that while the Treaty had not granted Ireland untrammelled independence, it allowed her the power to achieve that independence.
- P80/277** [1922]  
3pp  
Incomplete typescript article analysing and defending Article 4 of the Treaty.
- P80/278** [1922]  
2pp  
Typescript article by I L Hammond, *Manchester Guardian*, advising the Government to frame the forthcoming Pact Election in such a way as to distinguish between the separate issues of the Treaty and the Constitution.

**P80/279** 26 April 1922

12pp

Pamphlet containing a statement issued by Cardinal Logue and the Irish hierarchy on the present condition of the country. They deplore the unconstitutional policy of certain leaders, state that the Army, or any part of it, has no right to declare itself independent of all civil authority, and appeal to those connected with the military revolt to desist and allow the forthcoming election to proceed without violence.

**P80/280** 1922

8pp

*The Treaty and the original Document No 2.* Pamphlet setting out for comparison clauses in the Treaty and the original Document No 2, drawn up by de Valera before signing of the Treaty.

## **2.3 CIVIL WAR**

### **2.3.1 Censorship and relations with the press**

**P80/281** 7 February 1922–27 January 1923

16 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald, H Moore and Sean Lester, managing and new editors of the *Freeman's Journal*, concerning the settlement of a bill for advertising in the paper in 1920; Moore's request on behalf of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* that Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, provide material for a series of articles on the formation, achievements and future development of the National Army; and a suggestions that the South-Western Command provide press facilities to expedite reports from that area. Includes a copy of a telegram from Dominic Hales, Irish Consul, Genoa, to the *Journal*, protesting at the execution of Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Joe McKelvey, and Dick Barrett, in reprisal for the murder of his brother, Sean Hales TD; and copies of letters sent by the IRA to the paper forbidding the use of the term Anti-Treaty and repudiating a leading article in the paper calling on the anti-Treatyites to accept the result of the June elections.

**P20/282** 21 July 1922–8 February 1923

16 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Commandant General Piaras Béaslaí, Director of Army Publicity, relating to newspaper censorship. Includes galley proof of a report on the escape of one hundred anti-Treatyites from Dundalk Gaol, submitted to Army Publicity by the *Evening Telegraph*; letter from Charlotte Despard to the *Cork Examiner*, protesting against the detention of Annie McSwiney; letter from C P Scott, editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, to President Griffith, requesting an explanation for the stoppage of four editions; reply from Béaslaí stating that the excluded issues had contained military information not passed by the censor; handwritten and copy typescript letter from the editor, *Waterford News*, concerning the excesses of the local military censor; copy letter from FitzGerald to Captain Smith, Army Publicity, impressing upon him the desirability of the Army rather than the Government being seen to be responsible for the suppression of press reports; and copy letter from FitzGerald to P J Hooper, editor, *Freeman's Journal*, informing him that responsibility for refusing permission to publish documents of an undesirable nature rested with Army Publicity.

**P80/283** 25,26 July 1922

2 items

Copy letter from FitzGerald to Collins suggesting that, unless there were military reasons against it, censorship be relaxed almost to vanishing point. Reply from Collins, concurring. 'At all times the censorship was too strict for my liking. It is unquestionably a fact that the average reader of the newspaper discounts to an undue extent censored news, and in any case we have the situation so well in hand now from the public and military point of view that the newspapers themselves may be trusted to do what is right, if only they are spoken to occasionally.'

**P80/284** July 1922

2 items

Staff Captain Hugh G Smith, Army Publicity Department, to FitzGerald, suggesting on behalf of the Commander in Chief that the enclosed copy directive from Colonel M W Taylor, RUC Headquarters, Belfast, to the I[nspector] G[eneral], RUC, concerning the suppression of demonstrations and the arrest of persons obstructing policemen in the execution of their duty, might usefully provide the foundation for a *Freeman's Journal* leader on some suitable occasion.

**P80/285** September 1922

16 items

Material relating to the censorship of evidence given at the inquest into the death of Patrick Mannion, an anti-Treaty Commandant killed in an encounter with National Army personnel in Dublin, 17 September 1922. Included are copies of Army Intelligence reports on the incident; copies of press accounts of the inquest and the jury's verdict of wilful murder; copies of letters from Dorothy MacArdle and George Noble, Count Plunkett, to the *Irish Independent*, deploring the Government's suppression of evidence given at the inquest; and handwritten and copy typescript memoranda by Piaras Béaslaí, explaining that he had not had the evidence suppressed but had, in view of the 'misleading and garbled' report on the inquest submitted by the *Freeman's Journal*, ordered the press to summarise the proceedings in a brief paragraph.

**P80/286** 14–20 August 1922

9 items

Letter from the outgoing Minister for Foreign Affairs, George Gavan Duffy, to FitzGerald, requesting that he return his letter to the press concerning his resignation; copy reply from FitzGerald, complying and stating that the Government would not prevent publication; acknowledgement by Gavan Duffy welcoming the decision; copy of the letter citing the Government's suppression of the Dáil Courts as the reason for his resignation; press cutting of the letter; draft handwritten and typescript Government response, accusing Gavan Duffy of violating the ordinary rule of Cabinet confidence, charging him with presenting an inaccurate and partial account of the events, and warning the public against being misled by such statements until such time as the Cabinet rendered a full and proper account of the matter; and copies of two anonymous letters sent by the Publicity Department to Irish newspapers criticising Gavan Duffy's letter and his 'aspersions upon the Government'.

**P80/287** September 1922

3 items

SCD, 'an Irish girl whose heart is still in Ireland', to President Cosgrave, enclosing an editorial cutting from an American newspaper, criticising Muriel MacSwiney's violent opposition to the Provisional Government. Includes a copy extract from the *Washington Herald* reporting a speech by Mrs MacSwiney at a fund-raising benefit for the dependent wives and children of

- P80/287**      Republicans, in which she denounced Michael Collins.
- P80/289**      February 1923  
3 items  
Cosgrave to FitzGerald, enclosing a letter from Lord Beaverbrook, proprietor of the *Sunday Express*, informing Cosgrave that the *Express* had recently been offered exclusive information on de Valera's proposals for a truce. Beaverbrook suggests that Cosgrave contact A Beverly Baxter, the acting editor of the paper, for further information; and introduces the new Dublin correspondent of the *Express*. Copy reply from Cosgrave thanking Beaverbrook for the information and informing him that the matter was under investigation.
- P80/290**      [1923]  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Sean MacCaoilte, member of the Commission appointed on behalf of the Provisional Government, to the editor of the New York American, taking issue with a leader in the paper entitled 'Parties in Ireland'. States that de Valera's policy is not to create a Republican Party to work within the Free State Parliament but to prevent the establishment of that Parliament.
- P80/291**      [1923]  
4pp  
Copy of a letter from Joseph O'Brien, [President, Springfield, AARIR], to the editor of the *Springfield News*, repudiating a series of claims in relation to Ireland made by a Mr P Hegarty, and criticising de Valera and his supporters.
- P80/292**      [1923]  
9pp  
Handwritten draft and typescript copy replies by FitzGerald to an American questionnaire concerning the policies and priorities of the Free State Government.

**P80/293** 14–26 February 1923

9 items

Material relating to the seizure by the Free State authorities of the Irish editions of the *Daily Mail*, 13 February 1922. Included are telegrams from Andrew Caird, Managing Director, protesting against the seizure; memorandum citing instances of direct and indirect pro–Anti-Treaty propaganda in the *Daily Mail*; copy despatches from Caird seeking an explanation for the authorities' actions; copy letter from [Richard Mulcahy], Commander in Chief, to Thomas Marlowe, editor, *Daily Mail*, lifting the order prohibiting the paper's circulation in view of the undertaking given as to the paper's future conduct; copy reply from Marlowe stating that, while the *Daily Mail* was willing to conform to the conditions accepted by the Dublin press with regard to the publication of communications issued by the anti-Treatyites, their representative, Mr Jeffries, had not been required to give any undertaking as to the conduct of the paper at a meeting with the Governor General, the President, and the Minister for External Affairs.

**P80/295** 8 July 1922–12 July 1923

52 items

Memoranda prepared by the Publicity Department's press room detailing instances of anti-Treatyite, inaccurate and misleading reportage in the Dublin press, with particular reference to the *Irish Independent*, *Sunday Independent* and *Evening Herald*. Instances include the publication of items without the censor's sanction; the publication of material expressly deleted from proof copies by the censor; the failure to publish official communiqués; gutting of official reports; continued use of the term Provisional Government rather than the Irish Government, as requested; references to Republicans or Anti-Government forces rather than Anti-Treaty; frequent publication of anti-Treatyite correspondence; inadequate coverage of atrocities by anti-Treatyite; prominence given to anti-Treatyite casualties and sympathetic portraits of their activists. Specific instances include the extensive coverage given Cathal Brugha's death; Aodh de Blacam's opinion column in the *Sunday Independent*; and the *Evening Herald's* saturation coverage of the inquest into Harry Boland's death.

**P80/296** 8 April–29 December 1923

23 items

Memoranda submitted by Sean Lester to FitzGerald containing surveys of British, American and Canadian press coverage of Irish

**P80/296** affairs, seditious propaganda in anti-Treaty papers and virulent articles by W H Bretherton, Dublin correspondent of the *Morning Post*. Includes report on the provenance of a picture published in the *Detroit News* showing an alleged public flogging by a masked Free State executioner in Dublin.

**P80/297** 29 November 1922–18 April 1923

27pp

Typewritten list of reports in the Northern Irish, British, French and German press on domestic Irish and international affairs.

**P80/298** 10 February 1922–May 1923

39 items

Copies of statements issued by Publicity to the press mainly with regard to military and political developments, outrages by anti-Treaty forces, and the futility of the campaign of destruction. Included are repudiations of inaccurate and misleading press reports; announcements concerning Government appointments, resignations, and the receipt of messages of support; copies of captured anti-Treaty correspondence with detailed critiques of anti-Treaty aims, methods, and the internal policy divisions revealed by the documents. Includes copies of two letters found in Sean T O'Kelly's house, one from Harry Boland requesting that O'Kelly attend the forthcoming Clan na Gael Convention in America, collect all the money available and arrange with the Clan to supply armaments; and the second from Ernie O'Malley noting that Michael Collins was using some former associates for intelligence work in Dublin and requesting that O'Kelly get 'a list of the prominent Free Staters or pals of Mick's who are at present out of London and also a complete list of Mick's former pals there, as he may be utilising some of them. This is urgent' (31 July 1922); one handwritten and one typescript copy of an anti-Treaty policy document by Liam Mellows entitled 'How to capture Irish-Labour—the use to be made of unemployment, starvation, the postal strike and the desire for land'; account of Senators Andrew Jameson and James Douglas' preliminary discussions with de Valera on behalf of the Provisional Government to see if any basis could be found for negotiation.

### **2.3.2 Death of Collins and Griffith**

**P80/299** 22–28 August 1922

15 items

Material relating to the death of Michael Collins. Includes telegrams of condolence; copy of the Government's message to the Irish people; copy of a lament by O[liver St John] G[ogarty]; press cuttings; handwritten letter of sympathy from Sara Allgood, Abbey actress, to FitzGerald. 'Words fail me to say what I feel in this awful calamity that has befallen ... this unfortunate country ... I pray that God will inspire all your hearts with additional courage to carry on the great burden' (24 August 1922).

**P80/300** [1922]

2pp

Typescript account based upon the authority of 'a gentleman in a high official position', of Collin's handling of the Sinn Féin war chest in the form of bullion and gold coins; how he buried the treasure in leather bags, boxes and a child's deal coffin in a remote part of Cork to prevent its seizure by the British; how it was recovered during his tour of the south-west, brought to Dublin after his death, and now 'lies closely guarded in an Irish bank'.

**P80/301** 12–16 August 1922

60 items

Material relating to the death and funeral of Arthur Griffith. Includes letters and forty four telegrams of condolence; press releases concerning the lying-in-state, funeral route and procession, and the closure of Government offices for the obsequies; letter from Michael McDunphy, Acting Secretary, Provisional Government, to the Director of Publicity, Sean Lester, requesting that special prominence be given to telegrams from the Pope, Cardinal Logue, and Sir James Craig.

**P80/302** 18–20 August 1922

2 items

Copy of a typescript letter from Darrell Figgis to Mrs Maud Griffith expressing his condolences on the death of her husband and requesting permission to write his official biography as he believed Griffith had wished him to do. Copy reply from Mrs Griffith indicating that she is 'making other arrangements' for her husband's biography.

**P80/303** 29 June–7 August 1923

9 items

Memoranda from Sean Lester to FitzGerald outlining plans for the joint commemoration of the deaths of Collins and Griffith, to include press and cinematic tributes and the erection of a cenotaph. Includes copy of a letter from Cootehill, County Cavan, objecting on behalf of Mrs Maud Griffith to the proposed cenotaph; and memoranda from M J Burke, architect, Office of Public Works, concerning the completion and unveiling of a temporary memorial on Leinster lawn.

### **2.3.3 Execution of Erskine Childers**

**P80/304** 15 November 1922

2pp

Copy of a statement issued by IRA GHQ prior to Childers trial; denigrates the charges and insinuations against him. 'Erskine Childers is no more an Englishman than was Pádraig Pearse or Thomas Davis'.

**P80/305** 30 November 1922

4pp

[Sean Lester] to the editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, enclosing for publication a copy of a statement made by Childers in Portobello Barracks prior to his sentencing and execution, 19 November 1922, protesting against the prejudicial and unproven allegations made against him by Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, in Dáil Éireann, while he was awaiting and undergoing trial *in camera*.

- P80/306** 30 November 1922  
4pp  
*Irish Independent* [to the Publicity Department], submitting a copy of Childers' statement [for approval by the censor?]
- P80/307** [1922]  
2pp  
Typewritten article entitled 'Sinister Activities of Major Erskine Childers DSO', depicting Childers as an agent of British imperialism bent on bankrupting Ireland by crippling her transport and trade infrastructure, and destroying her lines of communication with the world at large, *i.e.* the transatlantic cable stations on the Irish coast.
- P80/308** [1922]  
1p  
Typescript extracts from Erskine Childers, *In the ranks of the CIV* [City of London Imperial Volunteers], describing his Boer War activities. Extracts are intended to show Childers' jingoism, his condescension towards the Irish soldiers fighting in South Africa, and the brutality and avarice of British forces.
- P80/309** [1922]  
1p  
Doggerel entitled 'The Er-Skin & the Pig-One of Erskine's Little Wars', satirising Childers activities with the City of London Imperial Volunteers during the Boer War.
- P80/310** [1922]  
2pp  
Typescript extracts from Childers, *The form and purpose of Home Rule* (Dublin, 1912), and from his speech during the Treaty Debates.

### 2.3.4 Ernie O'Malley

**P80/311** 24 August 1922

4pp

Ernie O'Malley, Officer Commanding, Northern and Eastern Command, to P Hooper, editor, *Irish Independent*, enclosing for publication a letter commenting critically upon the newspaper's inconsistent attitudes towards the whipping of prisoners by the Northern Ireland Government, and the Provisional Government's treatment of their prisoners; accuses the paper of helping to precipitate the Civil War by misrepresenting the issue and falsifying and suppressing the truth.

**P80/312** [1922]

6pp

Handwritten letter on The Literary Agency notepaper, and typescript letter on Treaty Election Committee notepaper, both in reply to a letter from Ernie O'Malley to the *Irish Independent*, rejecting O'Malley's claims that the anti-Treatyites are engaged in a just and holy war and are not indulging in barbaric excesses; further typescript anonymous letter attacking O'Malley, sent to the *Independent* by Cummins of the Publicity Department.

**P80/313** 15-22 May 1923

6 items

Mrs Marion K O'Malley, St Kevin's, Iona Drive, drawing FitzGerald's attention to the transfer of her severely injured son, Ernie, wounded during his capture on 4 November, from the hospital wing to A wing Mountjoy, expressing fears that such treatment would kill him, and asking FitzGerald to enquire into the matter; draft handwritten reply from FitzGerald assuring her that her fears were groundless but promising to contact O'Malley's doctor; copy extract from an earlier letter from O'Malley to Miss O'Rahilly, noting the eagerness of his captors to see him return to health, '... but I will refuse to go out until I feel fit enough and also inclined to do so; this enemy Army Council will have to recognise that they are shooting a hospital patient' (29 January 1923); copy of a report by the Medical Officer, Mountjoy, detailing the rapid improvements in O'Malley's condition; copy letter from FitzGerald apprising Mrs O'Malley of her son's recovery; and reply thanking him but reiterating her fears. 'I feel it is only a matter of a short time for him and if I could only give him some real

**P80/313** comforts, that is all I want' (22 May 1923).

### 2.3.5 Propaganda: publications, posters, and related matter

**P80/314** [1923]

3pp

Publicity Department newsletter entitled *Dublin Doings—Unedited Views of a Metropolitan Journalist*. Claims that Liam Deasy's surrender and admission that the struggle had degenerated into a wretched vendetta had had a profound effect on the IRA rank and file; urges them to renounce violence and pursue constitutionalism; discusses the provisions of the Malicious Injuries Bill; announces the forthcoming publication by the Talbot Press of a book by the late Michael Collins, *The Path to Freedom*, 'a valuable exposition of the conditions that led to the signing of the Treaty and an able defence of the Treaty itself'.

**P80/315** 1922

15x25 cms

Handbill entitled *The Ambushers*, containing an account of the killing of Divisional Commandant MacCurtain and Commandant Collinson in an Anti-Treaty ambush at Maryborough, Laois, 28 July 1922.

**P80/316** [1922]

2pp

14x21 cms

Leaflet entitled *The New Objective*, claiming that the anti-Treatyites are increasingly targeting undefended homes in an attempt to break civilian morale.

**P80/317** 1923

5pp

Typescript draft and published text of a leaflet entitled *A New Position. Republican leader's effort to end the struggle*. Contains an

**P80/317** appeal to the IRA rank and file to reconsider their position in light of the courageous surrender of Liam Deasy and anti-Treaty prisoners in Limerick and Tralee.

**P80/318** 1922-3

Nine handbills, leaflets and pamphlets relating to Government policy and the conduct of the Civil War, including the destructive effects and economic consequences of the war; the execution of anti-Treatyites; taxation, budgetary policy and economic progress.

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| (1) The Cost                   | 15x25 cms |
| (2) The Position made Clear    | 3pp       |
| (3) A Painful Necessity        | 4pp       |
| (4) The Return to Normality    | 3pp       |
| (5) Civic Virtues              | 3pp       |
| (6) Ireland's Opportunity      | 4pp       |
| (7) His Neighbours Pay         | 2pp       |
| (8) What Fiscal Autonomy Means | 3pp       |
| (9) Rutledge and the Empire    | 20x33 cms |

**P80/319** [1922-3]

21x29 cms

*The Kilmainham Prisoners, Conditions in the Prison. The True Facts.* Handbill containing the text of a Publicity Department statement concerning prison conditions including prisoners' diet and privileges.

**P80/320** [1923]

6pp

Article entitled 'What might have been—anti-Treaty forces crime against the nation and its effect on the Irish taxpayer'. Deals with the cost of war and its effects in terms of the dislocation of resources.

**P80/321** 1922

47pp

*Civil War and the events which led to it.* Pamphlet containing six articles by Kevin O'Higgins written for *The Free State* between February and April 1922; typescript copy of the introduction by

- P80/321** O'Higgins to the articles.
- P80/322** [1922-3]  
9 items  
Handwritten drafts of posters and handbills criticising the opponents of the Treaty and their irresponsible campaign of destruction.
- P80/323** [copies made 1922]  
2pp  
Typescript copies of statements by Wolfe Tone on the liberty of the Press, Government and English law. Marked 'may be useful for a "fill-up" par'.
- P80/324** 13 July 1922  
2pp  
Typescript copy extracts from James Bryce, *The American Commonwealth*, Dicey's *Law of the Constitution*, and a speech by Abraham Lincoln concerning the right of the Executive to use powers, in time of crisis, in excess of those allowed by the Constitution.
- P80/325** [extracts made 1922]  
2pp  
Typescript extracts from Abraham Lincoln's inaugural Presidential address, 4 March 1865, in which he calls for national reconciliation; and from a speech by William Jennings Bryan in 1908 concerning the right of the people to control their Government and use that Government to protect their rights and promote their welfare.

- P80/326**      October–November 1922
- 5pp
- Copy extracts from letters written by Republican prisoners expressing satisfaction with their prison conditions.
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- P80/327**      [extracts made 1922]
- 2pp
- Typescript copy extracts from proceedings of S[ean] MacE[ntee's] court martial in 1916; extracts relate to MacEntee's defence with the intention of discrediting his Republican credentials.
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- P80/328**      [copy made 1922]
- 5pp
- Typescript copy of a letter from Mr F P Ferran, Foxford, County Mayo to the Freeman's Journal (20 June 1916), written in the wake of the 1916 Rising, considering the issue of Irish unity and concluding that under the present circumstances the inclusion of Ulster in a united Ireland was neither feasible nor desirable. 'Has the Irish Parliament not sufficient difficulties to surmount on the path to nationality, without some antiquated prejudice or bigoted anachronism ... let the Orange faction realise that they have no monopoly of genius or constructive ability; that Ireland can exist without their support and most of all let them realise that they are Irishmen all and not exotics. Then Ireland may be prepared to receive them back and kill the fatted calf'.
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- P80/329**      1922
- 47pp
- Handwritten copy and typescript translation of an article by Simone Tery, 'Que va devenir l'Irlande?' (What will become of Ireland), *La Grande Revue* (1922).

### **2.3.6 Correspondence**

#### **2.3.6.1 Irish Bulletin London office**

**P80/331** July 1922–February 1923

37 items

Letters from J H MacDonnell, Southampton Street, Strand, London, the Dáil Éireann solicitor in London, and Frank MacDonagh, the Publicity Department's London representative, mainly dealing with the establishment, production and distribution from the London office in 7 Chandos Street, of the London edition of the Irish Bulletin; monitoring British press comment on Ireland; and detailing the enquiries received concerning the military and political situation in Ireland, enlistment in the Irish Army and civil service, engineering contracts and industrial development schemes. Included are weekly analyses of British press reports on Ireland; British press cuttings on the Civil War, the Irish economy, Ireland's membership of the League of Nations, the appointment of the Irish High Commissioner to London and America's attitude to Ireland; notification by MacDonagh of the proposed visit to Ireland of Captain L Norrgran, Finnish Consul-General, with a view to promoting commercial relations between Ireland and Finland; and a report on a meeting organised by the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain at Bermondsey Town Hall, 21 January 1923, to celebrate the Declaration of Independence and the re-affirmation of the establishment of the Irish Republic.

#### **2.3.6.2 Chairman of the Provisional Government/ President of the Executive Council**

**P80/332** May 1922–February 1923

6 items

[Michael Collins] to President Griffith enclosing a note from J[oseph] McG[rath, Minister for Labour] concerning allegations by Delia Larkin, published in a handbill, that representatives of the Government had canvassed the Governor of New York State against the release from prison of her brother, James Larkin; copy of the handbill and related material.

**P80/333** 20 October 1922

1p

Note to President Cosgrave, enquiring if he had any objection to Lloyd George's publication of a telegram from Cosgrave expressing appreciation of Lloyd George's message assuring the Irish Government of Britain's commitment to the Treaty. Annotated, assenting to publication.

**P80/334** 3 November 1922

2pp

M A Kelly, Director of Organisation, AARIR, New York District Headquarters, to President Cosgrave, enclosing a copy of a resolution protesting at the detention without trial of Republicans and calling upon the US President and Congress to investigate their maltreatment; annotated to FitzGerald requesting a suggestion for reply.

**P80/335** 21 December 1922

1p

Cosgrave to FitzGerald, reminding him that the Government had given a guarantee that there would be no publication or notice in the press about Heuston's release.

### **2.3.6.3 Army**

**P80/ 336** July 1922

4 items

FitzGerald to Collins, Commander in Chief, enclosing a copy of the 'Manifesto to the people of Ireland adopted at a conference of the available Deputies of the Republican Party'; reply from Collins requesting a more legible copy; further copy of the manifesto.

**P80/337** 1922

3pp

FitzGerald's copy of a letter from Collins to members of the Government, enclosing copies of two documents found on Sean T O'Kelly when arrested on 28 July 1922. Includes copy of a letter from Ernie O'Malley to O'Kelly requesting an outline of his courier system and a list of Collins' associates; and copy of a letter from Harry Boland to O'Kelly asking him to attend the forthcoming Clan na nGael convention in New York to raise funds, plan an American campaign and prevail upon the Clan to provide arms. Collins suggests that the two documents be given to the press exactly as they are. 'Good use can be made of these papers if they are written up in the proper way. The other day Poblacht na hÉireann accused prominent Army men of belonging to the IRB; they lauded de Valera and Boland for not having anything to do with Secret Societies. Now we see de Valera in his true light as being not only a Secret Society man but the maker of a Secret Society specially for his own purposes'.

**P80/338** November 1922–March 1923

11 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Richard Mulcahy, mainly concerning anti-Treatyite activity. Included are copy letters from FitzGerald concerning the smuggling of large quantities of arms from England; Ben Briscoe's probable gun running in America; and the unauthorised unilateral action of an officer in the Adjutant-General's Department in permitting the publication, contrary to FitzGerald's instructions, of de Valera's reply to the neutral IRA. Also includes a copy of a letter from Sir Horace Plunkett's secretary requesting that he and Sir Horace's chauffeur be supplied with arms to protect their employer's home; a query from Mulcahy as to the suppression of *The Republic*; a copy of a letter from Miss H B Murray, Rathmines, to Mulcahy complaining of thefts during raids on her home by national troops and informing him of her intention to provide the Dublin and British press with an account of the events; and a copy of a letter, forwarded by Mulcahy, from David L Robinson, an anti-Treatyite, to [George] Gavan Duffy, asking him to enquire into the death of a captured colleague, John Galvin, and requesting that he take the National Army's practice of using prisoners as hostages up with the appropriate authorities. Mulcahy orders that the letter not be used without informing him.

**P80/339** June 1923

12pp

Commandant Risteard OhEigearthaigh, Office of the Commander-in-Chief, to FitzGerald, concerning an anti-Treaty circular containing allegations about conditions in the North Dublin Union Internment Camp. Includes a copy of the circular, and copies of reports by Commandant T O'Neill, NDU Military Governor, and his medical staff detailing prison conditions with particular reference to hospital facilities, the prisoners' mutinous attitude, and the deteriorating sanitation arising from the refusal of the prisoners to scrub out.

**P80/340** September 1922–March 1923

4 items

Diarmuid Ó hEigearthaigh, Director of Intelligence, to FitzGerald, enclosing items of possible propaganda value. Includes a copy of a captured report concerning the shooting of sheep by anti-Treatyites in County Donegal; and a copy of a letter from Mrs M Connolly to her son Joseph, detained in Newbridge Military barracks, berating him for associating with the murderers of Michael Collins.

**P80/341** January 1922–January 1923

3 items

Adjutant-General's Office to FitzGerald, enclosing copies of minutes of a meeting of the General Staff and all Divisional and Independent Brigade Commandants held in Dublin, 18 January 1922; extracts from correspondence between the imprisoned de Valera and [Con Murphy], IRA Adjutant-General concerning peace moves, and Mary McSwiney concerning the neutral IRA. Includes typescript copy of a handbook entitled *General Regulations as to Discipline* forwarded by Major-General Gearoid O'Suilleabhain, Adjutant-General, and a recommendation from the Minister for Defence that Walter A Maguire, an active anti-Treatyite, remain in detention.

**P80/342** 18 January 1923

2pp

Staff Captain Hugh Smith, Department of Military Statistics, to External Affairs, enclosing for possible publication a copy of a

**P80/342** letter received by prisoner Edward McCluskey, Adjutant, 2 Southern Division, from his brother, a divinity student in Maynooth, concerning the recent Bishop's Pastoral condemning the anti-Treatyites. Advises his brother that the Pastoral need not affect him if he abides by his conscience. 'You can act without sin if you can say for sure that the statement does not apply to you ... what would be a serious mortal sin for one to kill a soldier, might not be for another at all'.

#### **2.3.6.4 Home Affairs**

**P80/343** July–August 1922

4 items

Secretary, Ministry for Home Affairs, to the director of Publicity, informing him that a number of malicious outrages had been committed at the Castlecomer Collieries resulting in the nine week closure of four pits and large scale lay offs. Handwritten letter from Frank Dorr, Foxford, County Mayo, to Dan McCarthy TD, apprising him of the closure of the Providence Woollen Mills, Foxford, as a result of repeated bombings of local bridges and railway lines, and requesting that he bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities. He encloses a copy of the notice of closure served on the employees of the mill.

#### **2.3.6.5. General Correspondence**

**P80/344** February 1922–December 1923

8 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Dr Pieter Greyl, St John's Wood, London, concerning Greyl's request on behalf of an associate, M Borginon, that FitzGerald recommend an expert to lecture in Flanders on the Irish national movement; FitzGerald's recommendation of Rev John Crowley; and enquiries about Dutch drainage projects with reference to the possible arterial drainage of the Barrow. Includes letter from Crowley to FitzGerald advising against the proposed lecture tour in the light of Borginon's involvement with the Front Party, an unpopular separatist organisation routed at the recent elections.

**P80/345** June 1922

2 items

Mrs N F Dryhurst, 11 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London, suggesting that a complete set of the *Weekly Bulletin* be sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury in the hope that he might propose the establishment of a Commission to enquire into the strife between Catholic and Protestant in Belfast. Typescript letter from the manager of *Poblacht na hÉireann* to FitzGerald enclosing payment by Dryhurst for Bulletins received.

**P80/346** June 1922

2 items

Stephen Gwynn to FitzGerald, criticising the insulting references to Joseph Devlin and John Dillon in a recent issue of the *Irish Free State*, demanding retractions and threatening to send a letter of protest, draft of which he encloses, to the *Freeman's Journal*. Includes request for a Dáil admission ticket on behalf of the *Observer*.

**P80/347** 23 August 1922

3pp

Letter in French from Maurice Bourdelain, publiciste, 4 Avenue Houba-Laeken, Brussels, to the Irish Head of State, expressing his condolences on the death of Michael Collins and asking that the enclosed plea to the Republicans to end their fractricidal civil war be published.

**P80/348** 24 September 1922

2pp

Handwritten letter in Spanish from Jose Maria de Elizondo OSFC, Colegio de Lecaroz, Navarra, concerning the *Irish Bulletin*.

**P80/349** 2 November 1922–6 November 1923

2 items

Two letters from Brinsley MacNamara, 47 Waterloo Road, to FitzGerald, expressing regret that, despite assurances from the

**P80/349** Minister of Home Affairs, the Government had seen fit to appoint James Montgomery rather than himself as Film Censor, and applies for a posting in the High Commissioner's Office in London; in the second letter he enquires if he might apply to succeed Osmonde Grattan Esmonde as Assistant Secretary in the Department of External Affairs.

**P80/350** 26 November 1922

3pp

Handwritten letter in French from Henri Beraud, condemning FitzGerald for his betrayal of Ireland, the execution of Erskine Childers, and the pursuit of war against his Republican brothers.

**P80/351** 4 January 1923

2pp

Handwritten letter in French from E [Baeda?], member of a League of Nations delegation visiting Brazil, to FitzGerald, expressing deep dismay at the death of Collins and Griffith and discussing the contemporary political situation.

**P80/352** October 1923

3pp

Rev John Ascham, Avondale, Methodist Episcopal Church, to FitzGerald, thanking him for the courtesies extended to him while visiting Dublin and enclosing a copy of his subsequent article on the Irish situation which appeared in the *Western Christian Advocate*. Copy acknowledgement by FitzGerald.

**P80/353**

3pp

Incoherent handwritten letter from T [Kellihan?], 374 West 55 Street, New York, calling on the Irish not to support the Republicans.

## **2.4 Northern Ireland**

### **2.4.1 Belfast Boycott**

**P80/354** June 1921

2 items

Copy letter from the Director of Publicity to [Countess Markiewicz], the Minister for Labour, criticising the religious slant in the recent press advertisements for the Boycott. Reply from Markiewicz stating that 'I have found that the religious is much more effective than the political plea where Republicanism has not been thoroughly crystallised'. Only in Belfast was the Boycott in danger of being regarded as in any way sectarian.

**P80/355** 7 July 1921

1p

Letter from S Mac O., Belfast Boycott Central Committee, forwarding to Publicity an extract from a report from a Department of Labour organiser in Leitrim. 'The recent proclamations re the Belfast Banks has had a wonderful effect in this district. There was a mad rush to dispose of the 'bad notes' and traders are now refusing to accept same'.

**P80/356** 27-29 September 1921

2 items

L J Sullivan, the Avon India Rubber Company, Dublin, to FitzGerald, enclosing a complaint [missing] about the working of the Belfast Boycott; copy acknowledgement from FitzGerald.

**P80/357** 28 January 1922

1p

Copy of a notice from Michael Staines, Director of the Belfast Boycott, informing his staff that the Department was to be wound up and their services would no longer be required.

- P80/358** 28 February 1922  
4pp  
Copies of three memoranda from the Belfast boycott staff to the Cabinet and members of Dáil Éireann, protesting against the cessation of the boycott and their summary dismissal.
- P80/359** 1 March 1922  
2pp  
James Bryson, Secretary, P H Pearse Sinn Féin Cumann, Belfast, to FitzGerald, enclosing a resolution passed by the Cumann calling on the Publicity Department to establish a Belfast branch, and on the Ministers for Home Affairs and Defence to adopt strong measures against those in Belfast defying the Dáil decree prohibiting political or religious tests as a condition of employment.
- P80/360** 4 April 1922  
1p  
Letter from S Heron, Secretary Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceanntair, Belfast, enclosing a resolution passed by the Comhairle Ceanntair in response to an announcement by the Publicity Department that the boycott had been lifted at the behest of Belfast Catholics. Resolution states that the Comhairle Ceanntair, representing the majority of Belfast Catholics, had never been consulted and had never approved the removal of the boycott.

## **2.4.2 Propaganda**

### **2.4.2.1 Committee of Information on the Case of Ulster**

- P80/361** 10 October–8December 1921  
9 items  
Correspondence between Frank Gallagher and Sean Milroy, Secretary of the Dáil Committee of Information on the Case of Ulster, mainly concerning Milroy's suggestion that a special Bulletin dealing with the treatment of the Nationalist minority in Ulster be prepared, Gallagher's agreement to do so, and his

**P80/361** request that copies of relevant statistics or statements be forwarded. Includes an estimate by Milroy of the approximate anti-partitionist area within Northern Ireland; and a list of atrocities against Catholics in Belfast directly committed by or connived at by Crown Forces between July 1920 and June 1921, and a list of private houses looted and burned out from July 1920 to September 1921 (21pp).

#### **2.4.2.2 Ireland and the Ulster Legend**

**P80/362** December 1921–January 1922

10 items

Two letters from W A McKnight, Hotel Savoia, Rapallo, Italy, to FitzGerald, discussing the substance of his reply to a pamphlet by the Deputy Speaker of the Northern Ireland Parliament, T Moles, *Ulster Facts and the 'Ulster Legend'*, which refuted claims in McKnight's book *Ireland and the Ulster Legend* that Ulster was spiritually, economically and educationally inferior to the rest of Ireland. McKnight encloses handwritten and typescript drafts of his response, two copies of Moles' pamphlet, and data supplied by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction detailing the estimated total value of crops produced in Leinster, Munster and Ulster from 1912 to 1919.

**P80/363**

5pp

Typescript notes on Northern Ireland in which it is characterised as an artificial entity with no historical, political or economic basis.

**2.4.2.3. Belfast pogroms, outrages**

**P80/364** 5 September 1921

2pp

Statement issued by the Irish White Cross announcing that a meeting of the White Cross Reconstruction Committee would be held in Dublin to consider the advancement of a loan of £18,000 to a group of responsible businessmen in Belfast, to be used to reconstruct dwelling houses destroyed in the pogrom of 10 July. Includes an account by C J France of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, of the total or partial destruction of 161 dwellings during the pogrom.

**P80/365** November 1921

2pp

Copy of a memorandum from Belfast Sinn Féin describing proceedings of two conferences in Belfast in October 1921, convened to consider the best means of terminating the turmoil in the city and attended by political and commercial representatives of both communities.

**P80/366** 25 April–3 May 1922

3 items

Copy letter from FitzGerald to the editor of *The Times*, accusing the paper of partial and misleading reporting in stating that one of the three men killed in Belfast the previous Friday been a Protestant, but failing to identify the other two as Catholics; two replies from the paper's acting editor informing FitzGerald that one of the men to whom he referred had been shot ten months previously, the other had been a Methodist, not a Catholic.

**P80/367** 16 June 1922

2 items

Copy letter from FitzGerald to J Marron, Emyvale, County Monaghan, acknowledging receipt of his letter concerning attacks on local farm houses and requesting that he secure detailed statements from the affected farmers showing the timing and location of the incidents and any evidence that the Ulster Special

**P80/367** Constabulary were involved. Copy letter from FitzGerald to Miss Susan Murney, Killowen, Newry, acknowledging receipt of her letter and requesting that she get three Catholic clergymen to sign a detailed statement of the facts.

**P80/368** 22 December 1922

1p

Letter from Countess Markiewicz to the Catholic Quarrymen, Carrigmore Quarry, Tyrone threatening to call in the Republican police unless they refrained from intimidating their Protestant fellow workers.

#### **2.4.2.4 Maps**

**P80/370** 1922

11 items

Eleven photographs of maps of Ulster illustrating different aspects of the distribution of the pro-and anti-Partition population.

### **2.5 PUBLICITY BUREAU 1924–5**

#### **2.5.1 Correspondence**

**P80/371** January 1924

4 items

President Cosgrave to FitzGerald requesting information on recent publications that had expressed pro- or anti-Saorstát sentiments and enclosing an extract from a Ministry of Education memorandum suggesting that a competent writer be given access to information compiled by the North-East Boundary Bureau to write an *exposé* of the oppressive Belfast administration. 'See the use made of Dublin Castle information in [Professor W] Alison Phillips work [*The Revolution in Ireland*, Longman, London 1923] which is written to hamper the Saorstát and especially to back up Partition'. Reply from Sean Lester enclosing a list of recent publications relating to Ireland with a commentary as to their content and attitude towards the Free State.

**P80/372** January–December 1924

27 items

Letters and memoranda from Sean Lester to FitzGerald, mainly with regard to the Boundary issue and the provision of press coverage favourable to the Government. Advises that the Army recruiting campaign be postponed in the light of the failure of the Boundary Conference; recommends that efforts be made to pressurise England on the Boundary issue by arousing American opinion; suggests that the Government exploit the rumoured dissatisfaction among Ulster farmers at the failure of the Northern Government to provide land purchase terms equal to those available to Free State farmers under the 1923 Land Act; asks that advance copies of Ministerial speeches introducing constructive bills in the Dáil be made available to the press; suggests that FitzGerald meet political correspondents once a fortnight; proposes that a conference of provincial newspaper editors be held under Government auspices; and suggests the nomination of Dr Lombard Murphy, proprietor of the *Irish Independent*, as a senate candidate in the hope that he would then take a keener interest in the paper's unhelpful editorial policy and reportage. He encloses press cuttings relating to the visit of a deputation of British MPs to Northern Ireland; a letter from Michael MacWhite, Irish representative in Geneva, seeking permission to reply to a critical article on Ireland in *Le Monde*; and a rough analysis of voting in the five by-elections in November 1924 in comparison with the 1923 general election.

**P80/373** February 1924

4pp

Two copy letters from Sean Lester to Mr McGann, President's Office, endorsing a suggestion by Dr J McDonnell of the *Freeman's Journal* that President Cosgrave give regular interviews to American and other foreign correspondents detailing the Government's achievements, and enquiring whether the President would approve of an open competition for a National Anthem. Notes that 'The Soldier's Song is hardly suitable either in words or music'.

**P80/374** 5 February 1924

2pp

Copy letter from Sean Lester to Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, suggesting that the Government conduct an intensive campaign designed to get English public opinion convinced of the fairness and justice of the Free State's position

- P80/374** with regard to the Boundary question.
- P80/375** 20 February 1924  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Sean Lester to E P McCarron, Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, drawing his attention to a resolution passed by Clifden Rural District Council demanding that seed potatoes and oats be supplied to the poor.
- P80/376** 27 February 1924  
2pp  
Sean Lester to A B O'Connor, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, enclosing a copy of a letter from Charlotte Despard and Maud Gonne McBride, President and Honorary Secretary, Womans [sic] Prisoners Defence League, to the press, revealing that anti-Treaty prisoners in Hare Park were being notified of sentences passed on them by secret courts martial during the height of the civil war, and offered the opportunity to apply for a revision of their sentences before a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Minister of Defence, whose remit extended only to confirming or reducing sentences and not quashing them.
- P80/377** 29 February 1924  
8pp  
Note from the Publicity Department enclosing a series of extracts from the press and annual reports of commercial institutions covering conditions in the Free State, prepared for the Department of Industry and Commerce at the request of an English financial group proposing to reopen a large industrial concern.
- P80/378** January–May 1924  
4 items  
Copies of four memoranda and minutes from the Publicity Department concerning tourist traffic in the Free State.

**P80/379** 13 December 1924

2pp

Copy of a confidential memorandum from Sean Lester concerning the Provincial Bank's appointment of a receiver at the *Freeman's Journal*. Notes that the failure of the most robust and committed supporter of the Free State represented a distinct blow to the prestige of the nation and advises that every possible encouragement and practical assistance be given to the paper to prevent it falling into the hands of the anti-Treatyites

### **2.5.2 Press Surveys and releases**

**P80/380** 1 January 1924–13 February 1925

270 items

Daily reviews by Sean Lester of national, provincial, Northern Irish, Republican, British, American and continental press coverage of Irish affairs with particular reference to political developments, the economy, the boundary question, the Army crisis and the resignations of Joseph McGrath and Richard Mulcahy, and the fatal attack by Free State soldiers in Cobh on an unarmed party of British soldiers on leave. Included are reviews of Stephen Gwynn's articles in the *Observer*; a report on the fifty guinea prize offered by the *Evening Herald* for a national anthem; details of press coverage on the formation of Joseph McGrath's political party; the appointment of an Irish envoy to Washington; by-elections; Armistice Day commemorations in Dublin; distress in Ireland; and the Anglo-Irish dispute over the registration of the Treaty at the League of Nations.

**P80/381** [1924]

5 items

Press releases issued by the Publicity Department concerning Government loans for farmers, agricultural revenue, and the revival of Irish industry.

**3 MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS 1922-27**

**3.1 Civil War**

**P80/382** May 1922–November 1924

23 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and his brother Frank, mainly concerning the latter's arms transactions on behalf of the State. Included are copies of reports from Frank describing approaches from arms dealers; negotiations with arms suppliers such as Horace Soley, London, to purchase arms from the Disposals Board; the purchase and subsequent confiscation by the police of five Hotchkiss guns; and the payment of a deposit on ten thousand guns. Also includes letters from Frank to Desmond complaining that numerous letters to the Chief of Staff and Army Finance had remained unanswered and enclosing copies of the correspondence; letters from Soley to Frank concerning their transactions and threatening action unless payment for revolvers ordered was forthcoming; letters from Seosaimh Ó Duinn, Army Director of Chemicals, to Desmond, discussing the purchase of chemical explosives and asking him to advise his brother not to relax his usual caution when dispatching consignments to Ireland in the light of the recent seizure of material by anti-Treaty forces; letter from the Quartermaster General's Department requesting that Desmond forward the attached invitation for quotations to Frank; copy letters from FitzGerald to Diarmuid Ó hEigeatiagh, Director of Intelligence, asking that he have the case taken by the Great Western Railway against Frank stopped; and letter from the Commissioners of Public Works enclosing for FitzGerald a warrant for one buck from the Phoenix Park, with copy letter from FitzGerald to Frank offering him the animal.

**P80/383** 31 July 1922

1p

Voucher for a colt revolver and 30 rounds of ammunition issued by the Chief Ordnance Officer, Portobello Barracks, to Desmond FitzGerald.

**P80/384** September 1922–November 1923

20 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Director of Intelligence, mainly relating to the movements and activities of anti-Treaty forces, and a request by FitzGerald that Ó hEigeartaigh have the case taken by the Great Western Railway against his brother Frank quashed. Includes a copy of a despatch from Michael McWhite, Irish Government representative in Geneva, reporting that despatches from de Valera to the Bolshevik Commissary in Lausanne revealed the close cooperation between anti-Treaty forces and the Irish Communist Party and contained a request for armaments and a loan of £10,000 from Moscow; copy letters from FitzGerald drawing Ó hEigearaigh's attention to suspicious newspaper advertisements and firms, as anti-Treaty arms buying sorties, and the movements of Miss Eileen Egan, an anti-Treaty forces courier; text of a tapped telephone message concerning the return of the body of Dr Emmet from America; copy extract from the *Freeman's Journal* reporting a statement issued by Mary MacSwiney on behalf of Patrick Ruttledge, Acting President, and an interview given by MacSwiney to press representatives on Republican policy.

**P80/385** December 1922–June 1923

84 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Ó hEigeartaigh concerning anti-Treaty activities in America with particular reference to their purchase of arms for shipment to Ireland. Included are copies of decoded telegrams from Professor Timothy Smiddy, Irish Envoy to Washington, warning of the arms transactions; identifying the main protagonists including Robert Briscoe and possibly James Larkin; reporting that sailors on the Glasgow-Dublin route had smuggled machine guns in their kits; recording the deportation of Larkin from the US as a result of inflammatory speeches; describing exchanges between leading anti-Treaty people in Cork concerning policy and funding; and warning FitzGerald of a possible anti-Treaty incendiary campaign in Dublin and Cork. Also includes reports on Larkin's background and American activities compiled by a special investigator employed by Smiddy; copies of two letters from Sean Moylan to Joseph McGarrity [Clan na nGael] and Liam [Lynch], O/C, 1 Southern Division discussing anti-Treaty organisation and fund raising in America; exchanges between Ó hEigeartaigh and Colonel Carter, Scotland Yard, concerning arms trafficking; and copies of despatches from Gloster Armstrong, British Consul General in New York, forwarded by the Colonial Office to the Governor General, T M Healy, detailing the movements, public meetings and fundraising drives of anti-Treaty forces.

**P80/386** 28 October 1922

3 items

Sean Ua Nunain, 9 North Frederick Street, Dublin, to FitzGerald, requesting an explanation for his suspension as head of the Relief Bureau and enclosing a copy of the letter sent by him to the Accountant-General reporting the Army's seizure of all the Bureau's files, with a copy of a reply from W T Cosgrave, Minister for Finance, informing him that the files had been seized because of information received and suspending him on half-pay until further notice.

**P80/387** November 1922–February 1923

21 pp

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Michael McDunphy, Assistant Secretary to the Provisional Government, concerning the purchase of twelve armed trawlers from the British Government to prevent gun running in Irish waters. Includes a query by McDunphy concerning the cost of the vessels; copy reply from FitzGerald furnishing quotations; copy of a letter from General Richard Mulcahy, Commander-in-Chief, to President Cosgrave, enquiring about arrangements for inspecting the trawlers prior to purchase and the steps that should be taken to secure the assistance of the British Admiralty in purchasing the vessels; copies of despatches relating to the transaction received by T M Healy, Governor General, from the Duke of Devonshire, Colonial Secretary; copy extracts from the contract and conditions of sale for the purchase of six Canadian built 'Castle' and six 'Mersey' type trawlers and copy of the sale receipt issued by the Admiralty's Accountant-General.

**P80/388** November 1922–January 1923

11 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Mark Sturgis, Colonial Office, concerning the establishment of an internment camp for the Republican prisoners on the Island of St. Helena and the cost of such an undertaking. Includes a secret report by M J Burke, Office of Public Works, considering the project's viability and estimating the cost of a camp housing five hundred; supplementary memorandum, forwarded by Thomas Le Fanu, Office of Public Works, containing further information on the subject obtained by a colleague from a private source; copy of a letter from N J Loughnane, Vice Regal Lodge, to Sturgis informing him that British military offenders against Irish civil law would be handed over to their own military authorities for trial and

- P80/388** punishment wherever possible.
- P80/389** 21 January 1923  
5pp  
Covering note from P[atrick] McG[illigan], Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs, to FitzGerald, enclosing a covering note from Tom Casement, Cushendun, County Antrim, with an accompanying confidential memorandum suggesting that prisoners be accommodated on transports at sea as an alternative to an island internment camp.
- P80/390** December 1922–April 1923  
12 items  
Correspondence between FitzGerald and Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, concerning the supply of munitions by the British War Office and the possible use of airships for police purposes. The correspondence also touches on the proper channels for communication between the two Departments and includes an External Affairs receipt for files forwarded by Defence concerning Dr Con Murphy.
- P80/391** November 1922  
10 items  
Correspondence between FitzGerald and [Sir Andy] Cope, National Liberal Organisation, relating to the mobilisation of the Irish vote in Great Britain in favour of the general election candidates who supported the Treaty. 'Between ourselves, it is very essential that if the Treaty is to be kept in spirit by my country that the die hards (Morning Post type) should not get in power with a working majority'. Included are names and addresses of leading pro-Treaty activists in Britain and a letter from B J Purcell, the Provisional Government's electoral agent in Britain, expressing confidence in the safety of [Austin] Chamberlain's Birmingham seat and that he could swing the large Irish vote in Dundee in favour of [Winston] Churchill.

**P80/392** 5 February 1923

2pp

M[ichael] MacD[unphy], Assistant Secretary, Executive Council, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a notice sent to a number of shopkeepers in Dublin ordering them to cease supplying goods to or in anyway trade with the Free State Government and Army.

**P80/393** March 1923

2 items

Captain A S Ó Muireadhaigh, Criminal Investigation Department, Oriel House, to FitzGerald, requesting details of safe houses used by Republicans during the Black and Tan War so as to keep the likely haunts of active anti-Treatyites under observation; copy list supplied by FitzGerald.

**P80/394** 17 November 1923

1p

Mary Barry, Dublin, warning FitzGerald that she would hold him personally responsible for the death of her daughter Mary, on hunger strike in the North Dublin Union.

### **3.2. Departmental functions and administration**

**P80/395** 20 June 1922

23pp

Note from George Gavan Duffy, outgoing Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Desmond FitzGerald, his successor, enclosing a confidential memorandum on the position of Ireland's foreign affairs at the time of the 1922 general election.

**P80/396** [c. 1923]

2pp

Incomplete handwritten notes detailing the projected functions and aims of the Department of External Affairs with particular

- P80/396** reference to the revenue potential of an issuing authority for passports and visas, and the establishment and maintenance 'with the chief countries of Europe and America such friendly relations as will lead to the universal practical recognition of Ireland as a distinct Sovereign State of the Commonwealth'.
- P80/397** 27 February 1923
- 2pp
- Michael McDunphy, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, to FitzGerald, enclosing extracts from the Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates of the English House of Commons concerning the proposed mutual abolition of visas between Great Britain and Italy.
- P80/398** February 1923–October 1924
- 10 items
- Invoices and accounts relating to FitzGerald travelling and incidental expenses on official business.
- P80/399** 16 May–1 June 1923
- Thomas Sadler, Registrar of the Office of Arms, to FitzGerald and Joseph Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, submitting provisional sketches [not present] of the official Department seal. Included are letters from the Ministries of Education and Agriculture informing Walshe that their Ministers considered the wording 'Seala Aireacht an Oideachas' and 'Seala Aireacht na Talmuiochta' suitable for their respective seals.
- P80/400** 21 June–9 July 1923
- 14pp
- Three memoranda by Gearoid Ó Lochlainn, Department of External Affairs, concerning the difficulties of printing in the Free State, Saorstát passports of the type recommended by the International Conference on Passports, held under the auspices of the League of nations in October 1922. Includes specimen of the Saorstát passport.

- P80/401** November 1923  
4pp  
Typescript extracts from contributions to the second stage of the Dáil debate on the Ministers and Secretaries Bill 1923, relating to the functions, value and future of the Department of External Affairs. Included are calls by Darrell Figgis and William Redmond for its dissolution and the transfer of responsibility for external affairs to the President of the Executive Council, and a defence of the Department by Sean Milroy.
- P80/402** November 1923  
10pp  
Copy of *Le Flambeau*, a Belgian review containing an article by FitzGerald entitled 'La Nouvelle Irlande'.
- P80/403** 7 December 1923  
2pp  
Cutting of an editorial from the *Freeman's Journal* on the occasion of the general election in the UK, underlining the importance of Ireland's controlling its own relations with other countries, particularly should the UK adopt protectionist economic policies.
- P80/404** 1 January 1924  
2pp  
Typescript list of Ministry of External Affairs, including Publicity Department, personnel.
- P80/405** June 1924–June 1925  
4 items  
Correspondence between the Departments of Finance and External Affairs concerning the claim for £30 submitted by Gladys Hynnes in respect of her plaster design for a Ministerial Seal for External Affairs. Includes a letter from Hynnes to FitzGerald enclosing a stamp design [not present].

**P80/406** 16 October 1924

6pp

James C Douglas, Deputy Chairman of the Senate, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of his strictly confidential memorandum examining the prospect of securing a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States; together with a copy of a second memorandum detailing his discussions with the President of the International Mercantile Marine concerning passenger traffic between Ireland and America, the possibility of the White Star Line flying the Irish flag on their passenger ships sailing in Irish waters, and the prospect of rescheduling the arrival of liners at Cobh to a more convenient hour.

**P80/407** October 1924–March 1925

12 items

Correspondence mainly between FitzGerald and Baron Palmstierna, Swedish Legation in London, concerning the development of relations between Sweden and the Saorstát, initially in the form of Swedish experts lecturing in Ireland on matters such as agricultural education, and gymnastic training of the Defence Forces; also includes correspondence between W B Yeats and FitzGerald concerning arrangements for the lectures.

**P80/408** 17 March 1726

8pp

Printed copy of a speech by Jeremiah E O'Connell, member for Rhode Island of the House of Representatives, concerning the contribution of the Irish to the United States; speech made in the House on St Patrick's Day.

**P80/409** 3 June 1926

3 items

Three press cuttings containing reports on the Dáil debate on the vote for the Ministry for External Affairs, including a speech by FitzGerald dealing mainly with the position of the Free State in the event of Great Britain being at war with another country.

### **3.3 Relations with the Vatican**

**P80/410** 23 February–27 July 1922

7pp

Typescript extracts from correspondence between George Gavan Duffy, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Count O'Byrne, Irish representative in Italy, concerning O'Byrne's efforts to secure eventual Vatican recognition of the Irish Government and gain a Papal audience as the Provisional Government's official representative. O'Byrne describes his meetings with Vatican officials; their queries concerning his credentials; objections to his acting as a representative both to the Vatican and the Quirinal; and their promises of recognition 'once a government was established by the will of the Irish people and England raised no objection to it'. He analyses the refusal to grant him a Papal audience in his official capacity. 'They are apparently afraid to see anybody who might remind them of the persecution of the Catholics in Ulster ... Delicate negotiations are being carried out in London I believe, about Palestine and they are afraid to do anything to offend the British Government'.

**P80/411** 24 April 1923

2 items

Handwritten and copy typescript memorandum from C P Curran [Vice Rector, Irish College, Rome], to FitzGerald, on relations between the Holy See and Ireland. States that the Vatican's Irish policy was conditioned by the Anglophile, anti-Irish legacy of Leo XIII, the pervasive anti-Irish influence of the English ecclesiastical and secular communities in Rome, and the Vatican's overwhelming desire to establish diplomatic representation in Britain and consequent reluctance to criticise English policy on Ireland. He concludes that Monsignor Luzio had been appointed as Papal Envoy to Ireland to 'secure through Dublin a camouflaged agent at the Court of St James. Through such an agent Irish politico-ecclesiastical officers would be sought to be controlled by anti-Irish ecclesiastics and politicians in London'. He stresses the importance of having Irish representation in Rome, appointing competent personnel to the Curia and Congregation, securing a Cardinalate for Dublin, and fostering links with political groups such as the Partito Popolare and the Cioventu Cattolica Associations.

**P80/412** 26 April 1923

5 items

Handwritten draft and typescript copies of a letter in French from Arthur Griffith to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, formally presenting Desmond FitzGerald, Minister for External Affairs.

**P80/413** [May 1923]

6pp

Typescript account by Joseph Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, of FitzGerald's visit to Rome, 29 April–2 May 1923. He describes the Minister's interviews accompanied by Marquis MacSwiney of Mashanaglas, with Monsignor Pazzardo, Secretary to the Cardinal Secretary of State, and his conveyance of the Government's gratitude for the Vatican's prompt recall of Monsignor Luzio; discussions with Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, concerning Luzio's mission, Con Murphy's visit to Rome and his subsequent imprisonment in Ireland; an audience with the Pope; a visit to the Vatican Library; a meeting with Signor Contanini, Permanent Director of Foreign Affairs, who spoke of a future Irish-Italian trade connection; and a courtesy call on Theo Russell, British Minister to the Holy See.

**P80/414** 8 May–30 July 1923

9 items

Handwritten letters from Marquis MacSwiney of Mashanaglas to FitzGerald, mainly reporting the positive reactions to FitzGerald's diplomatic mission to Rome. He describes the efforts of the recalled Papal delegate, Monsignor Luzio, to assume responsibility for the Irish peace process; speculation as to the involvement of Irish and American republican lobbies and English ecclesiastics in Rome in the appointment of Luzio; deplores the paucity of Irish press coverage of Rome affairs; refers to the arrest in Genoa and subsequent release of Sean Hales, the former Irish Consul and self-styled Republican Representative in Italy; and recounts conversations with Vatican dignitaries concerning conditions in Ireland, and forthcoming elections, Anglo-Irish relations, and the position that the Free State would henceforth occupy in the British Commonwealth, the League of Nations, and 'amongst the Great Catholic nations of the world'.

### **3.4 Saorstát Representation Abroad**

**P80/415** [1923]

1p

Handwritten note from Cosgrave to FitzGerald concerning the appointment and activities of Government representatives abroad. 'I don't know whether [James MacNeill] the High Com[missioner in London] is aware of the position of these Reps abroad. If not you will have to consider going over and personally seeing [the] Duke [of Devonshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies] and giving High Com. all the information at your disposal. This is a business which requires careful handling. These Reps are generally poor stuff and while our national position must be safeguarded, we can't have them making a mess of things'.

**P80/416** [post 1926]

5pp

Copy typescript memorandum from the Department of External Affairs outlining proposals for the reorganisation and expansion of the generally inadequate system of Saorstát representation abroad, as a means of enhancing the Free State's status as an independent state 'in no way subservient to Great Britain'. Includes rough estimate of the cost of reorganising the legations and consulates in Berlin, Paris, Geneva, Ottawa, New York and Washington'.

**P80/417** [1922-3]

5pp

Incomplete typescript memorandum by [Sean Murphy, former Irish Envoy in Paris?], in which he emphasises the need to establish suitable premises for the Irish Legation, the lack of which had prevented 'the Envoy taking up his proper position in French society and exercising the influence he ought to possess in diplomatic circles'. He condemns as prejudicial to the national interest the rumoured decision to close the legation and replace it with a smaller, more economical Bureau of Information. Notes that the attendance of representatives of the French President and Premier at the Requiem Mass in Paris for Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins had signified 'a deliberate intention of opening relations with Ireland ... The hand of Ministerial France is held out to Ireland but there is no Envoy to take it'.

**P80/418** [1922-3]

3pp

Provisional memorandum detailing the functions of consuls, their importance to the national interest, and the Constitutional right of the Free State to appoint them.

**P80/420** May 1922–February 1927

30 items

Correspondence with William Craig–Martin, an insurance broker based in Shanghai, mainly concerning his lobbying for and activities as the Free State honorary representative in China. Included are exchanges concerning the provision of Russian visas for Craig–Martin and his wife; the inability of the Free State representatives abroad to issue passports; the deteriorating political situation in China and the subsequent transfer of Craig–Martin’s business and Consular Office to Peking. He requests a diplomatic passport to ensure him a seat on the diplomatic train in the event of an evacuation from Peking and demands promotion to the rank of Commissioner to allow him direct access to the Peking Government. Included are six photographs of Craig–Martin’s offices and staff.

**P80/421** January–March 1923

10 items

US and Canadian press cuttings recording a visit to Canada by T A Smiddy, Irish Commissioner to Washington; an address by Smiddy to the American–Irish Historical Society; and the release of James Larkin from a New York prison.

**P80/422** 22 December 1923

5pp

T A Smiddy, Irish Envoy to Washington, to FitzGerald enclosing a report arising from a suggestion by A.E. [George Russell] and [Thomas] Johnston that the Free State conclude a reciprocal commercial treaty with the USA. Advises that US policy was opposed to reciprocal and preferential trade agreements and encloses a copy of a previous letter to this effect to George Gavan Duffy, former Minister of Foreign Affairs (24 June 1922).

**P80/423** 25 June 1924

2pp

Typescript copy letter from FitzGerald to Smiddy informing him that the British had instructed their Washington Ambassador to request that the US President receive a Minister Plenipotentiary on behalf of the Irish Free State; outlining his future role as the official channel of communication with the US Government for matters exclusively affecting the Free State; and providing instructions as to the nature of his relations with the British Ambassador.

**P80/424** July–December 1924

7 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Senator N A Belcourt, Canadian High Commissioner in London, mainly concerning the appointment of Professor T A Smiddy as Irish Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington. FitzGerald outlines, at Belcourt's request, the proceedings surrounding the appointment, the terms and conditions of accreditation, and the costs involved. Includes a letter of introduction to the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Dublin and a letter thanking FitzGerald for having travelled to London to discuss representation at the Inter-Allied Conference.

**P80/425** 9 August 1923

3pp

Edmund Duggan [Minister without Portfolio] to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a letter from J H McDonnell, solicitor, London, complaining that although he had been appointed by George Gavan Duffy, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, as the Free State solicitor in London and had since represented, exclusively and at considerable personal and financial sacrifice, the Free State's interests, the Government had appointed another solicitor to their first English court case. He requests that Duggan clarify his status with the Dublin authorities.

### **3.5 Correspondence**

#### **3.5.1 President and Secretary of the Executive Council**

**P80/426** 19 June 1923

2pp

Note from P[aul] B[anim], Secretary to the President, informing FitzGerald that the President wished to discuss with him and the Attorney-General, the enclosed report from the *Daily Chronicle* concerning the failure of the Free State Government to honour over eleven thousand war compensation claims worth thirty million pounds.

**P80/427** December 1924–April 1925

5 items

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary to the Executive Council, to George McGrath, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Kathleen McKenna, Department of External Affairs, enquiring as to the whereabouts of Sir Roger Casement's last handwritten message to the Irish Brigade, purchased in 1921 at Erskine Childer's house by the Dáil authorities from Sergeant Major Keogh of the Irish Brigade. Handwritten replies from McGrath, stating that he had no information on the matter but warning that the message was unlikely to be in friendly hands, and from McKenna, speculating that Childer's wife had the document in question. Included are typescript copies in English and German of Casement's farewell address at Zossen to the Brigade; a schedule of Brigade papers, 1915–18; and a copy of a letter from Irish prisoners of war in Berlin refuting statements allegedly made to the British press by exchanged POWs concerning the formation of the Brigade and the purported attempt to organise an Irish Brigade within the German army (24 September 1915).

#### **3.5.2 Home Affairs and Police**

**P80/428** 9 August 1922

10pp

Ernest Bylthe, Acting-Minister for Home Affairs, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of his memorandum on Government policy concerning Northern Ireland. He notes that counter-productive

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military or economic pressure would not secure unification; recommends that all military operations in or against Northern Ireland be immediately terminated; and suggests that the Provisional Government accept the Treaty in full, recognise the Northern Government, and adopt a friendly and pacific policy toward the North-East, trusting that 'in the course of time national unification would come to be regarded as a wise and economical thing by the majority in the Six Counties ... There is of course the risk that the peaceful policy will not succeed. But it has a chance where the other has no chance. The unity of Ireland is of sufficient importance for us to take a chance in the hope of gaining it. The first move lies with us'.

**P80/429**

November 1922–June 1923

4 items

P Ó Siochain, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, to FitzGerald enclosing documents relating to the transfer of Pettigo, County Donegal, to the Free State. Includes copies of correspondence between Einri Ó Frighill, Secretary, Home Affairs, and Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, concerning the expulsion by the British of Civic Guards, sent to man a station there, prior to the British evacuation; copies of subsequent reports by Captain E MacNaghten, Free State Civil Administrator of Pettigo, detailing his generally successful efforts to maintain peace, promote goodwill and enhance the authority of the Government; handwritten and copy typescript letter from Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, to Mac Naghten, applauding his endeavours but dismissing him as a result of his unfortunate tendency to resent all necessary Departmental checks; and a copy of MacNaghten's reply rejecting such accusation and requesting a meeting with the Cabinet on the matter.

**P80/430**

13 April 1923

2pp

FitzGerald to Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, enclosing a copy of a telegram from Professor Timothy Smiddy, Irish Envoy at Washington, advising that Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, attend a forthcoming International Police Conference in America.

**P80/431** 14 April 1923

1p

Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, requesting that FitzGerald inform him if there were any position in his Ministry to which he would be willing to appoint Joe Lynch, a former Mountmellick TD.

**P80/432** 21–27 February 1923

3 items

Donnchadh Ua Ceallaigh, editor and manager, *Iris an Garda*, the official journal of the Civic Guard, requesting FitzGerald's opinion of the recent march past Government buildings for publication in the journal; draft pencilled commentary by FitzGerald praising the participants 'fine bearing'; and a letter from Ua Ceallaigh enclosing a copy of *Iris an Garda* [missing].

**P80/433** 3 April–24 September 1923

8 items

FitzGerald to General Eoin O'Duffy, Chief Commissioner, Civic Guards, forwarding applications for membership of the force and recommending the admission of James Mulcahy, ex RIC. Replies from the Commissioner's office drawing FitzGerald's attention to the Government's prohibition on the re-employment of former RIC and DMP members in the Garda Síochána.

**P80/434** 13 October 1923

7pp

Captain A S Ó Muireadhaigh, Criminal Investigation Department, Oriel House, Westland Row, to FitzGerald enclosing, on the orders of Major General J McGrath TD, Director General, CID, a copy of his report to McGrath on the activities of the CID from McGrath's appointment in February 1923.

### 3.5.3 Defence

**P80/435** 16–19 May 1925

4 items

Confidential letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, to FitzGerald, returning a letter from George Lloyd Davies, North Wales [former MP], seeking information on behalf of his family as to the circumstances surrounding the death of Major Compton Smith [Royal Welsh Fusiliers, executed by the Cork No.1 Brigade]. The Private Secretary informs FitzGerald that despite exhaustive enquiries it has not been possible to obtain the required information; reassures him that investigations are ongoing and that relatives of the deceased will be contacted in the event of information becoming available; and encloses a copy letter to this effect sent to George Russell, *Irish Statesman*, with whom Mr Davies had also been in communication. Copy confidential letter from FitzGerald to Davies regretting that his enquiries had been fruitless, 'but you will understand that the attitude for and against the Treaty was largely dictated by IRA officers and in a district where the officer was anti-Treaty all the men followed him. The result is that we have no records covering that period in such areas. I have no doubt that as the Civil War recedes further into the background ... we will be able to get more information'.

**P80/436** 25 March–15 May 1926

2 items

Sean Lester, Department of External Affairs, to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, enclosing copies of two letters from Professor T A Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, describing lectures given by him in Chicago and Ohio and discussions with Canadian politicians on the subject of possible Canadian diplomatic representation at Washington.

**P80/437** 18 May 1927

2pp

Sean Lester to [P Hughes], Minister for Defence, enclosing a copy of a confidential letter from T A Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, to FitzGerald, concerning Eamon de Valera's recent visit to America.

**P80/439** 21 February 1923

3pp

Thomas Gorman, Army Finance Officer, Ministry of Defence, to FitzGerald enclosing a statement outlining new rates of pay and allowances for officers commissioned under the Army Reorganisation Scheme.

### **3.5.4 Abbey Theatre and the Lane Pictures**

**P80/440** 12 October 1922–1 April 1925

12 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald, Lennox Robinson, manager, and W B Yeats, director of the Abbey Theatre, concerning the Theatre's future. Includes a letter from Robinson enclosing a memorandum from the Abbey directors to the Provisional Government detailing the Theatre's precarious finances, arguing for State subsidisation, and calling for its recognition as the National Theatre. Robinson disagrees with the memorandum and advises the Government to build a State Theatre and maintain the Abbey as the Gaelic Theatre and possibly as a rehearsal theatre for the State Theatre. Copy letter from FitzGerald informing Robinson of a proposal to include a £1,000 annual subvention for the Abbey in the Estimates. Letter from W B Yeats to FitzGerald refusing to accept or request Robinson's resignation as a director and copy reply from FitzGerald reassuring him that the possibility was unlikely to arise.

**P80/441** 25–28 April 1927

3 items

Lady Gregory to FitzGerald, urging that a member of the Government make a statement in the Dáil reiterating the Government's hope that the British would carry out Sir Hugh Lane's acknowledged intention, and the Government's determination to accept nothing less than the indefinite loan of the whole collection. Notes that a public commitment by the City Commissioners to the construction of a gallery to accommodate the pictures would be helpful. Copy reply from FitzGerald assuring her that everything possible was being done but that no definite statement could be made; letter of thanks from Lady Gregory.

### **3.5.5 Routine correspondence**

**P80/442** 20 October–9 November 1922

7 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Francis Hackett, writer and journalist, concerning Hackett's abortive attempt to secure an interview with President Cosgrave for American syndication, and his representation on behalf of his brother John, an applicant for the post of Consul in Spain.

**P80/443** 12 November 1922–6 July 1924

13 items

Letters, telegrams and enclosures from Chester Allan Arthur Junior, New York and Dublin, grandson of the 21<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, Chester Arthur (1881–84), to FitzGerald concerning Irish political affairs. He condemns the executions of Erskine Childers, Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows, expresses strong disapproval of Ireland's membership of the League of Nations and the Government's mishandling of the Republican prisoners' hunger-strike. He disputes FitzGerald's assertion that Pearse would have accepted the Treaty; repudiates his contention that the majority of Republicans were motivated by self-interest; urges the Free State to establish direct trade links with the Continent as a means of securing recognition as an independent state; and praises the ideals and enthusiasm of the Italian Fascists. Includes copy reply by FitzGerald justifying the executions. 'In the position we are in we can have only one ideal and that is the continued existence of our country and our people. The fact that that existence is jeopardised forces us to take every step, no matter how ruthless it may be, to avert national extinction. It is, in a way, almost laughable to hear people talk as though we shot those men, who were our most intimate comrades merely because we like shooting them'. Also includes cuttings of Arthur's articles and letters on Irish affairs for the American press; concerning his successful action against the *New York Times* for alleging that he had publicly appealed for arms for the IRA; and a handwritten account by him of the shooting of a woman in Grafton Street by Free State soldiers.

**P80/444** 13 October 1923–17 May 1926

6 items

Dr James H Cousins, Principal of the School of World Culture,

*Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald Papers*

- P80/444** Madras, offering to foster contacts between Ireland and India. Includes promotional literature for Dr Cousins' lectures and publications.
- P80/445** 20 September 1923  
4pp  
Denis Gwynn to FitzGerald requesting on behalf of a colleague, M Depreaux, Sous Director of the Foundation Thiers, Paris, who had agreed to write a history of the Irish Brigade using the French War Office records, that the Irish Government formally ask the French Government to provide him with any assistance necessary.
- P80/446** 17 January 1924–27 October 1926  
8 items  
Correspondence between FitzGerald and Sarah Purser, portraitist and stained-glass artist, Mespil House, Dublin, mainly concerning the possible appointment of Alec Martin of Christies to the Board of the Hugh Lane Gallery. Includes a request from Purser that FitzGerald make enquiries about the proposed stained glass scheme for the Canadian Government building in Ottawa for which she had tendered.
- P80/447** June 1923–June 1931  
31 items  
Letters to FitzGerald from his two brothers John, a rancher in Brazil, and William, a peripatetic journalist promoting commercial and diplomatic links between Ireland, Brazil and Peru. Included are requests by William FitzGerald for Irish stamps on behalf of a Peruvian Government Minister.
- P80/448** 2 May 1924–29 April 1927  
9 items  
Letters from John Steele, London correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, seeking interviews on the Boundary Question and the Shannon Scheme and data on the Carlow beet sugar factory. Included are copy notes on the factory from the Department of Agriculture, and letters from Steele stating that his cables on the industrial revival of Ireland had aroused interest in the US.

**P80/449** 7 May 1924

3pp

Letter from a Chinese student, Ignatius Ging-K, Dalgan Park, Galway, to Dr Oliver St John Gogarty, asking him to enquire if he would be eligible for Irish citizenship, what steps he should take to obtain naturalisation, and whether the authorities would overlook the fact that he had lived in Ireland for only five of the seven years required.

**P80/450** 7 June 1924–2 October 1926

13 items

Routine correspondence between FitzGerald and O D Skelton, variously a Canadian delegate to the League of Nations and member of the Office of Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, mainly concerning matters of a general political nature, Skelton requests assistance in purchasing portraits of noted nineteenth century Irish nationalists; and encloses at FitzGerald's request copies of legislation and reports on the control and financing of hydro-electric schemes in Canada. FitzGerald enquires about Skelton's plans to visit Europe as he wishes to discuss Dominion affairs. He contends that Dominion Trade Representatives should have Consular status and seeks Canadian cooperation in amending at the forthcoming Imperial Conference, constitutional anomalies such as the status of Governors General, the issue of extra-territorial powers, and the unqualified right of Dominion Governments to be sole and direct advisers to the Crown, 'remnants of a previous state of affairs which are not consistent with the declared equality of the status of the States forming the British Commonwealth of Nations'.

**P80/451** 29 July 1924–3 December 1928

9 items

Routine correspondence with the Maharajah Jam Saheb of Nawanger, India, Ballynahinch Castle, Connemara, and the Royal Hotel, Kensington, London. Includes reference to the Maharajah's planned purchase of a summer property in Ireland subject to his gaining immunity as a Head of State from local rates and taxes. Includes correspondence with the Maharajah on holiday in Connemara.

**P80/452** May 1925–August 1927

23 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Alice Stopford Green, 90 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, concerning the closure of Mount St Benedict, a Benedictine school in Gorey, County Wexford. Includes statements taken in reply to the charges by Dr Codd, Bishop of Ferns, that Dom J F Sweetman, Superior of Mount St Benedict, had defied the Bishops Pastoral of October 1922 and had organised and encouraged military activities against the Free State; letters from Mrs Green urging FitzGerald to take up the matter with other Ministers; letter from Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education, expressing the opinion that the closure of Mount St Benedict would be a severe loss to Irish education; handwritten note from Patrick McGilligan to FitzGerald informing him that there was no hope of moving the President on the matter; statement of protest from Green and circular letter from M Gertrude Sweetman and A F Keogh to the parents of pupils, attributing the closure of the school to the unremitting opposition of the Bishop of Ferns, and calling on them to sign and return the attached letter of protest for despatch to the press, the Bishop of Ferns and the Abbot of Downside. Copy of a minute from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence stating, in regard to Sweetman's application to reopen his school, that sources revealed 'that he had not changed his coat in the interval and ... was simply "suing his book" with a view to getting fixed up—when he would go back to his old game'.

**P80/453** 22 April–22 May 1926

2 items

Two letters from Carlos Reuter, P W Chapman and Co, New York, to FitzGerald offering to underwrite any loan raised by the Irish Government. 'Although no steps have been taken so far towards raising a loan ... in view of the very large and influential Irish element in this country, with which we are in closest touch, it may be good policy to issue a part of the future loan on our market ...'.

**P80/454** 23 April–14 May 1926

2 items

Lionel Curtis, Honorary Secretary, British Institute of International Affairs, to FitzGerald, inviting him to attend a private and unofficial discussion on Dominion foreign policy between a select number of Dominion representatives and Professor Wrong of Toronto University. Copy reply from FitzGerald

**P80/454** regretting his inability to attend and outlining his views on the subject. '... unity of policy or action in most big and important matters is eminently desirable, but that unity of mutualness should be based on the solid foundation of unity of interest and not on arbitrary arrangements which being in dis-accord with 'co-equal membership' may, with the passing of time, lead to irritation and friction, and therefore, to an effect contrary to the one to be desired'.

#### **4 MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, 1927-32**

##### **4.1 Army and Air Force**

**P80/455** April-May 1928

34 items

Cuttings from North American newspapers containing reports and photographs on the landing of the airplane 'Bremen' after the first westward transatlantic flight by co-pilots Major James Fitzmaurice, Irish Air Force, and Captain Hermann Koehe, and Baron Ehrenfried von Huenefeld, sponsor of the flight.

**P80/456** July 1928

Two menus for dinners given in honour of Fitzmaurice, Koehe and von Huenefeld, by the Department of Defence and the citizens of Limerick; autographed.

**P80/457** [after 1926]

23pp

Secret memorandum by [Peadar MacMathghamhna, Secretary, Department of Defence] concerning the military pension claims of Volunteers interned by the Northern Ireland Government before and after the ratification of the Treaty.

**P80/458** 3 September 1929

1p

Handwritten note from Seosamh Mac Suibhne, Chief of Staff, to

**P80/458** the Private Secretary, Minister for Defence informing him that there was no soldier named Maher employed at GHQ or at McKee Barracks.

**P80/459** 20 June 1930

2pp

Commandant D B forwarding to FitzGerald as a matter of historical interest, a circular from Colonel M Scot, General Staff, The Curragh, drawing attention to a warning from 6 Division concerning the constant threat of assassination for all members of the Crown Forces and their families. Refers to an alleged statement by Desmond FitzGerald in response to a question about his reaction to the murder of the wife of District Inspector Blake in Galway. '... [He] said that as the wives of British Officers were not put into the front line against the Germans, he thought it was their own look-out if they went into the front line in Ireland'.

**P80/460** 3 July 1930–4 March 1931

29pp

Correspondence between the Army, the Air Corps, and the Department of Defence concerning a complaint from the *Dublin Evening Mail* about the treatment accorded to pressmen at Baldonnell aerodrome by Captain Eamonn Rooney, Air Corps Adjutant, prior to the departure of the 'Southern Cross' on its first transatlantic flight, and the subsequent transfer of Rooney to 5 Infantry Battalion. Included are statements from J Whitehead, editor, and J Healy, reporter, of the *Dublin Evening Mail* describing how Rooney had imposed a news blackout on the impending flight, had prevented them from leaving Baldonnell and had refused Healy re-entry after he had managed to get out; report by Rooney stating that he had acted in compliance with instructions to defer as long as possible release of the news of the decision to take off; letter from Colonel Seamus O'Higgins, Adjutant General, to FitzGerald describing his interview with and reprimanding of Rooney; letter from Commandant G Carroll, O/C Army Air Corps, to Colonel S MacGoran, Chief Staff Officer, Department of Defence, asking that Rooney's transfer be reconsidered and enclosing a letter from Rooney requesting an interview with FitzGerald; brief handwritten *resumé* of the interview; letter from Major-General Seosaimh MacSuibhne, to Carroll, denying that Rooney's attachment to the Air Corps had been a permanent posting; and letter from Rooney to FitzGerald enclosing a complaint under Defence Forces regulations concerning his transfer.

**P80/461** January–November 1930

2 items

Cuttings from the *Daily Sketch* and the *Derry Journal* reporting Army manoeuvres at the Curragh and reporting the Government's suppression of a manifesto which had criticised administration and organisation within the army, issued by a body of serving and retired Army Officers.

**P80/462** December 1931

3pp

Note from the Department of Defence to W J Fowler, chief reporter *Irish Times*, enclosing a foreword by FitzGerald on the role of the Defence Forces as a preserver and defender of national peace and stability.

**P80/463** 20–31 January 1932

4 items

Correspondence between M Crotty, Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Colonel Fritz Brase, Commander, Army School of Music, and L G Redmond–Howard, London, concerning Howard's invitation to Brase to compose the music for his playlet on Tom Moore, provisionally entitled 'The Soul of the Nation'.

#### **4.2 Ministerial visits to North America**

**P80/466** December 1927

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs memorandum for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council concerning the beneficial effects of a visit to the US by the President, Vice-President, Minister for External Affairs or any other Minister. '... the great body of Irish-American opinion worth having is passively on our side and it only requires a little nursing to become active'. Memorandum prompted by a proposal to issue a formal invitation from the Irish Fellowship of Chicago.

- P80/467** 31 January 1928  
7pp  
Typescript text of an address by FitzGerald in Ottawa, on historical and contemporary links between Canada and Ireland.
- P80/468** 31 January 1928  
1p  
Typescript copy of a *communiqué* from W S Thompson, Limoges, Ontario, outlining the circumstances surrounding the accidental derailment of the special train carrying President W T Cosgrave to Ottawa.
- P80/469** January 1928–December 1929  
9 items  
Letters from John Kelley, Boston, to FitzGerald expressing regret at President Cosgrave's decision to by-pass Boston on his American tour; reporting the defection of thousands of supporters of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic; and enclosing press cuttings relating to Republican bonds, the flight of the 'Bremen', and Lieutenant-General Sean MacEoin's visit to America.
- P80/470** 21 January–5 February 1928  
10 items  
Press cuttings, mainly from US newspapers reporting the progress of President Cosgrave's visit to North America, particularly Chicago, Washington and New York.
- P80/471** 3 July 1928  
2pp  
Sean Lester, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, to the Private Secretary, Minister for Defence, enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Professor T A Smiddy, Saorstát Minister at Washington, reporting that the visit by President Cosgrave and FitzGerald to the US had enhanced Ireland's reputation and weakened Irish-American loyalty to de Valera.

**P80/472** September 1929

12 items

Memoranda concerning the development, functions and achievements since independence of the Departments of External Affairs, Finance, Justice, Local Government and Public Health, Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries, and Posts and Telegraphs. Prepared by the Departments at the request of the Department of Defence in connection with the impending visit by the Minister for Defence to America.

**P80/472a** 3 October 1929

2 items

Handwritten letter from Sarah Purser, portraitist and stained glass artist, asking FitzGerald to call on the leading Catholic architect in the United States, Charles Maginnis during his visit to Boston, encloses a letter of introduction.

**P80/473** October 1929

4 items

Invitations and programmes for two dinners given in FitzGerald's honour during his American visit, by The Industrial Club of Chicago and William J McGlinn, Philadelphia.

**P80/474** 23 October 1929

29pp

Typescript text of an address entitled 'The New Ireland', given by FitzGerald to the Ways and Means Luncheon meeting, Chicago; deals mainly with economic and social developments since independence.

**P80/475** 1926-9

2 items

FitzGerald's passports with diplomatic visas for travel abroad, including his visits to the United States.

### **4.3 Special Powers Tribunal**

**P80/476** 19–21 October 1931

5 items

Michael MacDonnchadha, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, to [M Crotty] Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, informing him that the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act had become law and that an Order had been made bringing into force parts of Article 2A of the Constitution, allowing the establishment of the Constitution [Special Powers] Tribunal; appointing officers of the Defence Forces to membership of the Tribunal and enclosing their Warrants of Appointment and the Tribunal's seal; copy acknowledgements from Crotty.

**P80/477** October 1931

9pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a memorandum by Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, forwarded by Michael MacDonnchadha, to be considered at a special meeting of the Executive Council. The memorandum contains proposals for the enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act; appended is a typescript copy of a recently distributed leaflet entitled 'Smash the Free State Terror Government' to support MacEoin's proposals to prohibit publication of seditious material.

**P80/478** October 1931

4pp

Copy of a Joint Pastoral issued by the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland appealing to their flock to resist the current campaign of revolution and communism, 'which, if allowed to run its course unchecked, must end in the ruin of Ireland, both soul and body'.

**P80/479** 1931

6pp

Mr Crotty's copy No 6 of a draft memorandum containing outline rules of procedure for the Special Powers Tribunal established by the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act, 1931.

- P80/480** 1931  
47pp  
Copy of the *Constitution [Amendment No 17], Act, 1931*.
- P80/481** 30 October 1931  
2pp  
James B Swanton, Secretary, New York State Directorate of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, to FitzGerald, enclosing resolutions adopted by the AARIR condemning the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act, 1931.
- P80/482** 3 November 1931  
3 items  
Minister for Defence's copy of a minute from the Department of Justice, to each member of the Executive Council, circulating an issue of the *Worker's Voice*, organ of the Workers Revolutionary Party, with a view to securing a decision from the Executive Council as to whether an application should be made to the Constitution [Special Powers] Tribunal for an Order for its suppression.
- P80/483** October–November 1931  
24pp  
Copies of regulations made and prescribed by FitzGerald, by virtue of powers conferred on him as Minister for Defence, by the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act, governing the conduct of prisons, interment camps and other places of imprisonment as determined by the said Act.
- P80/484** 14 November 1931–30 January 1932  
15 items  
Correspondence between Sean Lemass TD, Vice President of Fianna Fáil, J A F Gregg, Archbishop of Dublin, and the Department of Defence, concerning the provision of religious services to George and Charles Gilmore, detained in Arbour Hill Military Barracks by order of the Special Powers Tribunal. Included are letters from Lemass and Gregg enquiring on behalf of

- P80/484** Gilmore's parents as to whether a chaplain had been provided for them, with copy replies from Defence stating that the two had refused the services of a chaplain. Also included is a letter from Robert Briscoe TD, asking if the Gilmores could receive letters from their father; copy reply from Defence; and telegram from Philip Gilmore enquiring as to when he could visit his sons.
- P80/485** 16 November 1931  
1p  
S A Roche, Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice, to the Secretary, Executive Council, enclosing for circulation to the Council copies of the *Irish World and American Industrial Liberator* [missing], suppressed under the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act.
- P80/486** 20 November–2 December 1931  
4pp  
Copies of replies by James FitzGerald-Kenney, Minister for Justice, and Desmond FitzGerald, Minister for Defence, to questions from Deputies Little and Briscoe concerning the failure of the Garda Síochána to produce a search-warrant when searching premises at 27 Ormond Quay and the difficulties encountered by relatives of those detained under the Special Powers Tribunal when endeavouring to discover their whereabouts and communicate with them.
- P80/487** February 1929–June 1931  
13 items  
Copies of seditious pamphlets and handbills sent to Government Ministers and members of the Defence Forces. Included are attacks on James FitzGerald-Kenney, Minister for Justice; calls on the Army to support the Republican struggle; a list of jurors who convicted Con Healy, an IRA activist; and a list of Republican prisoners.

**P80/487a** 22 November–2 December 1931

2 items

John Skinner, Tralee, to Mr [Richard] Anthony [TD for Cork] requesting him to assist in any way possible his sick son William, detained in Arbour Hill under the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act, 1931; report by Lieutenant F J Power, Medical Officer, Arbour Hill, on William Skinner, noting that he was suffering from a gastric ulcer which was responding to treatment.

**P80/488** 24 November 1931

1p

Brother Vincent McNamara, St Saviour's, Dublin, to FitzGerald, writing on behalf of his nephew, John M O'Connor, detained in Arbour Hill.

**P80/489** 27 November 1931

2pp

Defence Force Regulations 92, 1931, defining the power of arrest conferred on the Military under the Constitution [Amendment No 17] Act, 1931.

**P80/490** 19 December 1931

8pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents from the Registrar to the Constitution [Special Powers] Tribunal, sent to each member of the Executive Council. The documents contain copies of orders made by the Tribunal imposing seven-year prison sentences on Joseph Kennedy and Michael Moran with recommendations that the sentences be reviewed by the Executive Council after four years.

**P80/491** 15–17 December 1931

3 items

Handwritten note from M Crotty, Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, to the Adjutant General, informing him of enquiries by a Mrs Radburn concerning visits to her brother Patrick Mooney

- P80/491** in Arbour Hill, the date of his trial and her application to attend. Reply stating that the trial date had not yet been set and that any application to attend should be made to the Registrar of the Military Tribunal, Collins Barracks. Copy letter from Crotty to Mrs Radburn conveying this information.
- P80/492** 7 January 1932  
3pp  
Minister for Defence's copy of a Department of Justice memorandum for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, containing proposals for the grant of a free pardon to Patrick O'Callaghan, convicted by the Constitution [Special Powers] Tribunal.
- P80/493** 12 January 1932  
2pp  
Captain M Lennon, Arbour Hill Detention Barracks, to the Adjutant General, Department of Defence, enclosing a copy of a Medical Officer's report on the condition of Patrick Connaughton on admission to Arbour Hill. Report notes chest wound and the prisoner's statement that he had received a beating in Loughrea Garda Barracks.
- P80/494** 13 January 1932  
2pp  
Handwritten letter from Charlotte Despard, Roebuck House, Clonskea, County Dublin, to Desmond FitzGerald, reminding him, with reference to the refusal of the Governor of Arbour Hill to allow her visit a detainee without permission from the Minister for Defence, of her intercession with the military authorities on FitzGerald's behalf during his internment in the Curragh Camp, and accuses him of denying to others 'that which was freely and gladly accorded to you'.
- P80/495** January 1932  
17pp  
Minister for Defence's copies of documents from the Registrar to the Constitution [Special Powers] Tribunal, for the agenda of a

**P80/495** meeting of the Executive Council; documents relate to recommendations for the remittance of sentences imposed on Patrick Stephens and Matthew Kelly by the Tribunal, subject to certain undertakings from them.

**P80/496** 19 January 1932

11pp

Bernard Dunne, Commandant, Arbour Hill Detention Barracks, to the Adjutant-General, Department of Defence, enclosing handwritten and typescript copies of surreptitious correspondence between prisoners Frank Ryan and T J Ryan, discovered behind a lavatory cistern, with appended observations by Dunne. Letters mainly concern the imminent appearance of both Ryans before the Special Powers Tribunal and their prison protest. T J Ryan disagrees with his colleague on the question of a hunger-strike. 'I think it would be much better for you to conserve our strength for the fight that is before us when we are convicted ... I certainly am not going to work or don the greys for them, whatever they will do ... it is up to us, the faithful few, to stick it out to the bitter end'.

**P80/497** 29 January–26 February 1932

9 items

Letters from Dublin and Sligo Corporations and Youghal and Nenagh Urban District Councils, to the Ministers for Defence and Justice, transmitting resolutions passed by these bodies calling on the Government to hold an enquiry into conditions in Arbour Hill.

**P80/498** 20–27 February 1932

4 items

Handwritten letter from Mrs V F Ryan, Limerick, appealing to FitzGerald to allow an ear specialist examine her son, Frank Ryan, detained in Arbour Hill; copy reply from M Crotty, Private Secretary to the Minister, informing Mrs Ryan that her son had at no time reported sick with ear trouble to the Medical Officer in Arbour Hill; acknowledgement from Mrs Ryan.

#### **4.4 Speeches and Articles**

- P80/499** [not dated]  
3pp  
Typescript amended text of an address by FitzGerald on the occasion of the unveiling of portraits of Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and Kevin O'Higgins in Leinster House.
- P80/500** April 1930  
31pp  
Typescript notes consisting mainly of extracts from speeches by de Valera, Sean Lemass and Sean MacEntee, compiled by FitzGerald in preparation for the Dáil debate on the proposed election of de Valera as President; typescript copy of FitzGerald's Dáil speech, taken from Dáil Debates.
- P80/501** [1931]  
3pp  
Typescript copy of an article by FitzGerald for *An t-Óglach* Vol 4 No 2, on the qualities required in soldiers.
- P80/502** [c.1931]  
2pp  
Typescript text of FitzGerald's address to student officers of the Hibernian Military School on the skills, loyalty and discipline required of officers.

## **4.5 Correspondence**

### **4.5.1 Governmental**

**P80/503** 17 April 1930

4pp

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary, Department of the President, to the Private Secretary, Minister for Defence, enclosing a list of persons who had passed through the First Aid Station in the Father Matthew Hall during Easter Week 1916 with details of their injuries; together with a list of the assistants who had worked in the Station as compiled by the official in charge, Mrs Liam O’Gorman.

**P80/504** 3 June 1930

14pp

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a letter from W F Schilling, Federal Farm Board, Washington, together with a copy of his notes on an address by de Valera to a poorly attended gathering in the Carlton Hotel, Washington, in which he appealed for funds to establish a Republican newspaper.

**P80/505** 21 September 1931

1p

Handwritten letter from W T Cosgrave, President, Executive Council, to FitzGerald requesting particulars concerning the cost and efficiency of the existing system of buying cattle for the Army.

**P80/506** 20–25 August 1930

5 items

Senator Thomas Johnson to FitzGerald, Acting Minister for Finance, enclosing a letter signed by six members of the Oireachtas protesting against the impending reduction in the Cost-of-Living Bonus payable to Civil Servants, and appealing to the Minister to reconsider receiving a Civil Service deputation on the matter and suspend reductions in the bonus pending an enquiry into its method of application. Letter from Paul Banim, Secretary to the President, urging the Acting Minister to meet with

**P80/506** the signatories of the letter. Letters and a resolution from A Heron, Honorary Secretary of the Cost of Living Bonus Joint Committee, abhorring the proposed reduction and requesting a meeting with the Minister. Copy Ministerial replies refusing to make concessions or receive deputations. Copy letter to Senator Johnson informing him of the Minister's readiness to meet with the Oireachtas members; and observations on the Cost-of-Living Bonus prepared by H P Boland, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance, at the request of the Oireachtas deputation, together with an explanatory memorandum outlining the history of the Bonus.

**P80/507** 13 April–8 July 1931

4 items

Letter from Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, requesting FitzGerald's opinion on W B Yeats' proposal for the establishment of an Irish Academy of Literature chartered or recognised by the Government. 'Its business would be at intervals of say three years to "crown" the best works of creative or imaginative character produced by Irishmen during the preceding triennial period'. Handwritten and typescript draft and typescript copy of FitzGerald's reply detailing the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed Academy and advising against its establishment. 'Nowadays it seems to me that there is a short cut to being recognised as a great writer by favouring communism and stressing filth ... I think if you eliminate Bolshevism and muck-raking from Liam O'Flaherty you have a very unimportant writer left ... In the case of Joyce, although he may say something more or less clearly to us, I am quite sure that he says precious little to many of his admirers abroad who praise him so whole-heartedly ... The Academy would run the risk of being derided by ... the intellectual world for neglecting these writers or would yield to a judgement that is of today perhaps, but not of eternity – and incidentally not Irish'.

#### **4.5.2 Routine**

**P80/508** 4 October 1927–2 October 1931

23 items

Routine correspondence with John S Steele, London correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, mainly concerning his coverage of Irish affairs. Includes letters of introduction; request for an itinerary of FitzGerald's 1928 American tour; outline of Steele's plans for stories on the Irish Army Air Force and

*Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald Papers*

- P80/508** Gaeltacht; covering letter from Maire MacNeill, Secretary of the Cumann na nGaedheal Organisation Committee, enclosing a clipping of an article by Steele in the *Chicago Tribune*, drawing attention to a statement in the Cumann na nGaedheal journal, *The Star*, that Ireland would never go to war against America; and a copy of a letter from Professor T A Smiddy, Irish High Commissioner in London, suggesting that the President and Minister for Defence send their condolences to Steele on the death of his wife.
- P80/509** 21 January 1928
- 3pp
- Edward N Hurley, Chicago, to FitzGerald, forwarding under separate cover a copy of his book *The Bridge to France*, and enclosing copies of two letters from Woodrow Wilson which were paraphrased in the book.
- P80/510** 22,29 November 1928
- 2 items
- Two handwritten letters from F McDermott, 127 Rue de Faisanderie, Paris, offering his services to the Free State in any diplomatic capacity.
- P80/511** 27 November 1928
- 9pp
- William Craig-Martin, Assistant Secretary, Hibernian Insurance Ltd, Dame Street, Dublin, to FitzGerald, enclosing two letters received by him from L M ffBeytagh, Shanghai, a former managing director of Ilbert and Company, one of the leading British firms in the Far East, in which he offers his services in any capacity, commercial or otherwise, to further Irish penetration of Eastern markets and strengthen her commercial and political status in the Orient.
- P80/512** 5 September 1929–4 October 1931
- 19 items
- Correspondence between FitzGerald, officials of his Department, and Mrs Maud Griffith, widow of the late President Arthur

- P80/512** Griffith, concerning efforts to arrange in response to her requests, her attendance at a Military Tattoo and Army Band practices, the admission of her son Nevin to the welcome reception in the Pro-Cathedral for the Papal Nuncio, and the transfer of her brother-in-law's employment from Limerick to Dublin.
- P80/513** October 1927–December 1929
- 24 items
- Monthly bulletins issued by Siemens Schuckertwerke, contractors on the Shannon Hydro-Electrical Power Scheme, entitled 'Progress on the Shannon'.
- P80/514** 14 September 1929
- 9 items
- Professor T A Smiddy, Irish High Commissioner, London, to FitzGerald enclosing cuttings from American newspapers containing reports on the Shannon Scheme.
- P80/515** 4–17 June 1930
- 4 items
- Correspondence between FitzGerald, Denis Gwynn, Englefield, Surrey, and Mrs Sydney Parry, Cushenden, County Antrim, concerning Gwynn's proposed biography of Sir Roger Casement. Includes a copy letter from FitzGerald offering to allow Gwynn access to relevant papers providing that the custodians were assured 'that the life would be sympathetic ... would not advert to the scandalous stories that were mooted at the time or immediately after the execution'; reply from Gwynn stating that he had more than enough material and had not decided whether to mention the diaries; copy letter from FitzGerald to Mrs Parry conveying these sentiments; and reply thanking him for his assistance, adding, 'I think it is much better if he touches on certain matters, to do so in a way that will not provoke the evil-minded in the Birkenhead tradition'.

**P80/516** 1 December 1930–30 January 1931

5 items

George Sylvester Uiereck to FitzGerald enclosing a copy of a letter to President Cosgrave, protesting against the suppression of his book, *My First Two Thousand Years – The Autobiography of the Wandering Jew*. Draft handwritten and typescript replies from FitzGerald and Cosgrave defending the Censorship Board as a responsible body, independent of Government.

**P80/516a** 1931

2 items

Two handwritten letters from Gladys Hynes, London and Cornwall, enquiring about the situation in Ireland with particular reference to the 'coercion laws'.

## **5 LEAGUE OF NATIONS, 1923–33**

### **5.1 Application for Admission**

**P80/517** 20 February 1923

1p

Kevin O'Shiel, Assistant Legal Adviser, to each member of the Executive Council, drawing their attention to the rumoured appointment of Ronald MacNeill MP, 'a violent partisan of the Northern secession movement', as the British representative in the Council of the League of Nations as successor to Lord Balfour. Notes that such an appointment would be tantamount to giving the Northern Government direct representation in the League Council and sees it as yet another unanswerable reason why the Free State should make haste to join the League. Includes notation by W T Cosgrave observing that the question of entry should be definitely decided. 'Unless the state of war interfere with or prejudices our membership we ought apply in my opinion'

**P80/518** 14 March 1923

3pp

Secret letter from Kevin O'Shiel to each member of the Executive Council on the subject of the Free State's application for membership of the League. Emphasises the value of membership in the context of the Boundary Commission. Advocates membership of the Imperial Conference as another means of consolidating the Free State's position and as a platform for the Saorstát's case, were the findings of the Boundary Commission to prove contentious. Encloses a memorandum [missing] by B C Waller of the North Eastern Boundary Bureau concerning admission procedures to the League, with particular reference to the registration of the Treaty. Memorandum by N de Paor critical of Waller's memorandum and disputing his claims about the difficulties of preparing application documents and the according of full membership rights to applicant states with respect to matters of concern to them.

**P80/519** 20 April 1923

1p

Michael MacDonnchadha, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, to FitzGerald reminding him that President Cosgrave expected him to submit a statement at the meeting of the Executive Council on the following day concerning the Free State's application for admission to membership of the League of Nations.

**P80/520** 4 June 1923

1p

Hugh Kennedy, Attorney General, to [J P Walshe], Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, concerning the drafting of legislation to enable the Government to fulfil the requirements for membership of the League.

**P80/521** 1 July 1923

2pp

Copy of a memorandum from Francis Hackett, Geneva, to Senator James Douglas, Chairman of the Irish Senate, outlining the advantages inherent in Ireland's membership of the League.

- P80/522** 25 July 1923  
2pp  
Copy minute from the Secretary [External Affairs?] to G Mac Canainn, Department of the President, estimating the Saorstát's probable contribution to the League.
- P80/523** 1923  
2 items  
Two External Affairs memoranda concerning the objects, structure and functions of the League; requirements for membership and application procedures; and the role of the International Court of Justice.
- P80/524** 1923  
3pp  
Copy memorandum by J P Walshe, Secretary, External Affairs, concerning proposed amendments to Article 10 of the League Covenant, binding members to respect and preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of all League members.
- P80/525** 1923  
43pp  
Handwritten and copy typescript notes by Mr Browne [External Affairs], on international law with reference to the Free State's application for membership of the League.
- P80/526** June–September 1923  
9pp  
O Grattan Esmond, External Affairs, to the Secretary to the President, enclosing a notice of the celebrations to mark the thirteenth centenary of Saint Columban, to be held at Bobbio under the auspices of the Pope; suggests that the President could attend the celebrations prior to the Assembly of the League of Nations. Minister for External Affairs' copy of a letter from Michael MacDonnchadha, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, to each member of the Cabinet, enclosing a memorandum

- P80/526** concerning the celebrations; the President wishes the matter to be discussed at an early meeting of the Cabinet. Copy of an Italian press agency report on the celebrations, including the attendance of President Cosgrave, Eoin MacNeill and the Marquis MacSwiney.
- P80/527** August 1923  
9 items  
Italian, French and Swiss custom passes issued to members of the Irish Delegation attending the Free State's formal admission to the League.
- P80/528** 8 September 1923  
1p  
Lunch menu from the Grand Hotel Bellevue, Geneva, autographed 'Erin go Bragh' by Helene Varny.
- P80/529** September 1923  
3pp  
Copy circular letter in French from Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington to the Delegates of the League of Nations. The application for admission to the League of the Irish Free State should be rejected since it was an unrepresentative and repressive regime.
- P80/530** 11 September 1923  
2pp  
Paul Banim, Secretary to the President to Cosgrave in Geneva, enclosing a copy of the programme for his homecoming reception.
- P80/531** 15 September 1923  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Michal Ó Aonghusa TD, to Cosgrave, congratulating him on Ireland's admission to the League.

**P80/532** 1923

4pp

Draft typescript Dáil reply [by FitzGerald] to a question from Deputy Thomas Johnson, Leader of the Labour Party, concerning the Free State's status within the League as a member of the British Commonwealth.

**P80/533** 1923

9 items

Diplomatic and constitutional texts submitted by the Irish Free State in support of its application for admission to the League. Includes copies of the Constitution; the Irish Free State Agreement Act, 1922; and the League of Nations (Guarantee) Act, 1923.

## **5.2 Registration of the Treaty**

**P80/534** 17,22 September 1923

2 items

Copy of a letter from Michael MacWhite, Irish representative accredited to the League, to FitzGerald, requesting that he forward a certified copy of the Anglo-Irish Treaty to the Delegation; and that he give instructions empowering them to take steps to register it and allow them discretion as to the timing of registration. Refers to a report in *The Times* that the Free State was definitely submitting the Boundary dispute to the League. 'This is interesting and shows a certain amount of nervousness ... It may be advisable for some member of the Government to have an interview published on the subject to the effect that it is hoped that the Boundary question would be settled amicably by the parties concerned without reference to any third party'. Copy reply from J P Walshe querying the implications attached to the date of registration and requesting the most exact and authoritative statement as to various possible lines of procedure on the part of the League authorities following an application to register.

**P80/535** 19 September 1923

2pp

Handwritten letter from Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education and head of the Irish Delegation, to Cosgrave, attributing *The Times* 'canard' about registration to some diehards in the British delegation of the League Secretariat. Recommends that the Government adopt the Spahlinger remedy for tuberculosis.

**P80/536** 25 September 1923

9pp

Copy letter from Michael MacWhite to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a League of Nations memorandum dealing with the Registration of Treaties under Article 18 of the League's Covenant, approved by League Council in May 1920, together with a commentary on the articles of the memorandum of special relevance to the Saorstát position.

**P80/537** 9,30 April 1925

2 items

Copy letter from FitzGerald to Professor W Kennedy, University of Toronto, thanking him for his notes on the registration of the Treaty and informing him that the Treaty remained registered despite the British Government's insistence that Article 18 of the League's Covenant did not cover the Treaty or any similar *inter se* arrangement; they did not intend to pursue the matter any further. Acknowledgement from Kennedy.

### **5.3. Dominions Office**

**P80/538** 6 December 1924–21 April 1926

20pp

Minister for Defence's copies of correspondence between L S Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and T M Healy, Governor General, concerning British objections to the Free State's registration with the League of Nations of the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the Agreement of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1925. Included are despatches from Healy to Amery informing him of the registration

**P80/538** under the auspices of Article 18 of the league Covenant; replies contending that neither the Covenant or any Convention concluded by the League were intended to govern the relations, *inter se* of the various parts of the Commonwealth; and memorandum by J P Walshe describing the British refusal to recognise the registrations as 'the most barefaced explicit denial of equality of which we have an instance ... I can only suggest that we should emphatically declare that we joined the League of Nations believing the Covenant to be of universal application ... if at the mere wish of Great Britain, the League decides that the Covenant does not apply, we can give notice that we intend withdrawing'. Copies sent to the Minister for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council or for his information.

**P80/539** February–September 1926

125pp

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches from L S Amery to T M Healy, mainly concerning the future composition of the Council of the League of Nations, including Germany's application for admission to permanent membership of the Council; the claims of Poland and Spain to permanent seats on the Council; and the proceedings of the Geneva Committee on the Composition of the Council. Copies sent to the Minister for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council or for his information.

**P80/540** September 1926

12pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents relating to the Free State's candidature for a seat on the Council of the League of Nations, circulated to each member of the Executive Council. Included are copies of letters from the Secretary of the Irish Delegation to the Secretary of each Dominion Delegation soliciting support, from FitzGerald to Sir Austin Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, informing him of Ireland's decision to proceed with the candidature despite opposition; Irish Delegation report on the voting and result; report of Assembly speeches by FitzGerald and Blythe; press cuttings.

**P80/541** March–April 1927

9 items

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches exchanged between T M Healy and L S Amery concerning procedure in relation to

**P80/541** Treaties concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations; in particular, proposals by Britain that the practice of concluding Treaties between States, first adopted at Versailles and since followed at Geneva, be abandoned and the previous practice of concluding Treaties between Heads of State be reintroduced. Copies supplied to each member of the Executive Council for their information.

**P80/542** 1 August 1928

2 items

Sean Ó Murchadha, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, enclosing a copy of the House of Lords Official Report, 11 July 1928, containing a debate on the ratification of Minority Treaties at Geneva.

**P80/543** August 1928

4pp

Material relating to the return of Spain to the League of Nations, including copy of a despatch from Amery to FitzGerald enclosing a copy of a telegram sent to the Governments of other Dominion countries concerning Spain's return to the League (4 August 1928); Sean Ó Murchadha, External Affairs, to the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence enclosing a copy of Article 4 of the temporary provisions for the election of a non-permanent member of the Council to the League (13 August 1928).

#### **5.4 Assemblies**

**P80/544** 4 October 1923

8pp

Copy of a report by Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education and head of the Irish Delegation, on the proceedings of the Fourth Assembly of the League of Nations, September 1923, with particular reference to the settlement of the Italo-Greek crisis; the Canadian proposals to amend Article 10 of the Covenant; the position of Abyssinia; and the reconstruction of the state finances of Austria. Reports that the full status of Ireland was universally admitted; and that the Irish Delegation avoided making unnecessary protestations and adopted a wholly friendly attitude

- P80/544** to the British who did nothing to limit Irish freedom of action. Praises the diligence and efficiency of the other Irish delegates, Kevin O'Shiel, the Marquis MacSwiney and Michael McWhite, and the invaluable assistance of Edward Phelan of the International Labour Office. Advises that Irish policy with regard to the League should be to strengthen the position of smaller nations. 'The League will not realise its aim and principles until the small nations break away from the group system and act in harmony'.
- P80/545** 1 May 1924
- 2pp
- Handwritten letter from Sean McBride, 17 Rue des Domeliers, Compeigne, offering to help FitzGerald in promoting Franco-Irish relations. 'I feel strongly that, in the interest of our race and what remains of the old Celtic empire, Ireland and France should stand together whatever England or any other country does. If Mr FitzGerald wants propaganda in that direction I certainly could be useful'.
- P80/546** 22 October [1924]
- 2pp
- Report by FitzGerald on his discussions in Geneva and Paris with Monsieur Massigli, French Chef du Bureau at the League of Nations, Monsieur Le Prevost, French Minister for Commerce, and various representatives of industry on the subject of Franco-Irish trade and a Franco-Irish Trade Convention.
- P80/547** March 1925
- 5 items
- Covering minute from Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh to FitzGerald, in Geneva, enclosing a copy of a Memorial from the Irish Franciscan Community to Benito Mussolini, appealing to him to prevent the implementation of a street-plan which would result in the demolition of the greater part of the garden or private grounds attached to the Irish Franciscan College of St Isidore in Rome. Ó hEigeartaigh recommends that the memorial, submitted by the Franciscans for signature by the Governor General, President and Vice President, should under no circumstances be signed by them; but the President is anxious to have FitzGerald's views on the matter.

**P80/549** March 1926

40pp

Copy of the report of the Irish Delegation to the Extraordinary Assembly of the League of Nations, convened to deal with the application of Germany for admission to membership of the League.

**P80/550** 31 August 1926

1p

FitzGerald's credentials, in French, as a member of the Irish Delegation to the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations.

**P80/551** 21 October 1926

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a memorandum by Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, outlining his views on Ireland's membership of the League of Nations with particular reference to the manner in which future delegations should be organised. Recommends that the Saorstát take the League more seriously, play a more prominent role, and endeavour to acquit itself more creditably in the Commissions and Assembly. 'The League generally would be strengthened by the existence of another State which took an intelligent independent line ... and the status of the Saorstát itself both in the League and in the British Commonwealth of Nations would be substantially improved'. Contends that with the exception of Desmond FitzGerald, inadequate preparation rendered the 1926 Delegation ineffective and redundant and suggests that a permanent League secretariat be established in the Department of External Affairs, that delegates be selected twelve months in advance, be comprehensively briefed and that, where possible, the same delegates should attend from year to year. Memorandum circulated to each member of the Executive Council.

**P80/552** May 1928

5pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs memorandum, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, dealing with the appointment of delegates to the Ninth Assembly of the League and the agenda for the Assembly.

**P80/553** 29 August 1928

2pp

Sean Ó Murchadha, External Affairs, to the Private Secretary, Minister for Defence, enclosing a copy of a letter from Count Gerard O'Kelly, Irish representative in Berlin, describing a visit from his Chinese counterpart, Wang King Ky, canvassing Irish support at the Ninth Assembly for the temporary or permanent renewal of his mandate as China's representative on the League Council.

**P80/554** September 1928

69pp

Report of the Saorstát Delegation to the Ninth Assembly of the League.

**P80/555** 24 March 1931

15pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a memorandum by External Affairs describing the proceedings of the Sixty Second Session of the Council of the League, January 1931. Includes copy of a letter from J P Walshe to the Executive Council, explaining the attitude the Minister for External Affairs [Patrick McGilligan] proposed to adopt at the session with regard to the primary subjects for discussion: the German minority in Upper Silesia and the fixing of a date for the General Disarmament Conference.

### **5.5. Correspondence**

**P80/556** May–June 1923

3 items

Two letters from S de Madriaga, a League of Nations official, congratulating FitzGerald on the Free State's application for admission to the League and looking forward to renewing acquaintance. 'It was with great pleasure that I saw your name [on the application] ... It reminded me of the many conversations which we had in the Strand when you kept looking right and left while talking in case you saw a detective'. Includes copy acknowledgement from FitzGerald.

**P80/556a** November 1923–November 1926

14 items

Correspondence with the Marquis and Marchioness MacSwiney of Mashanglass. Correspondence with the Marchioness is mainly of a social nature. Correspondence with the Marquis relates mainly to his resignation from the 1924 Saorstát Delegation to the League because of his perception of his position within the order of precedence given to members of the Delegation as humiliating. Includes correspondence between President Cosgrave and FitzGerald on the resignation.

**P80/557** December [1923]–April 1927

11 items

Edward J Phelan, International Labour Office, Geneva, to FitzGerald mainly concerning the League Assembly and the 1926 Imperial Conference. Discusses the attempt by London to jeopardise registration of the Treaty; congratulates FitzGerald on Irish achievements at the Imperial Conference, particularly the appointment of a US Minister to Dublin; applauds the Conference Report and the acceptance of the right of the Dominion Ministers to advise the King on Dominion affairs; criticises as unintelligible the section relating to the *inter se* clause in League Treaties; deplores Chamberlain's statement at the Assembly that he represented the British Government and the Dominions; and encloses copies of two of his articles, 'The Sovereignty of the Irish Free State' and 'Ireland and the International Labour Organisation', which appeared in the *Review of Nations and Studies* respectively. Copy reply from FitzGerald in which he assures Phelan that the Government were going to raise Chamberlain's statement with London and concurs with him about the *inter se* clause but adds that 'It was a matter of give and take and we gave the minimum and took the most ... I think we came out fairly well on the credit side ... more so than I expected in the early part of the Conference when it looked as though the debit balance was going to be considerable'.

**P80/558** September 1924–June 1927

17 items

Letters of introduction, mainly in Italian for Giovanni Ciubranovich, a member of the Italian Committee for the Independence of Montenegro, on a six month visit to Ireland to secure Irish assistance in bringing the cause of Montenegrin independence before the League of Nations. Included are letters from Ciubranovich requesting an interview with FitzGerald and

- P80/558**      thanking him for his cheque and letter of recommendation; press report on Ciubranovich's address to the Irish Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; copy of an article in French forwarded by Ciubranovich to FitzGerald entitled 'Un appel au monde en faveur du Montenegro'; and a 1925 issue of the Italian journal *Adriatico Nostro*, containing an article on Montenegro and Ciubranovich's Irish visit.
- P80/559**      April-June 1925
- 3 items
- Three handwritten letters from Alfred Zimmer, Honorary President of the Federation Universitaire Internationale pour La Société des Nations, requesting FitzGerald's assistance in arranging lectures on Ireland for a series of courses in Geneva for students of international politics, to be held prior to and during the forthcoming Assembly.
- P80/560**      18-19 October 1926
- 3 items
- Canon H Darling, Bective Rectory, Navan, to FitzGerald forwarding a Resolution passed at the Diocesan Synod concerning the enslavement of Armenian women and girls in Turkey, urges FitzGerald to place the matter before the League of Nations and encloses a copy of *The Slave Market News*, championing the Armenians' cause; copy acknowledgement from the Ministry of External Affairs.
- P80/561**      5 October 1926
- 1p
- John Horgan, solicitor, Cork, to FitzGerald, requesting a copy of his speech at Geneva and any information concerning the Free State's attitude to the problems of the Imperial Conference, for an article in the December issue of Round Table.
- P80/562**      17,25 October 1927
- 2 items
- L P de Pauli, Austrian Minister to Berne, congratulating FitzGerald on his nomination as Minister for Defence and

**P80/562** expressing his regret at his absence from the Eighth Assembly. Copy letter of thanks from FitzGerald.

**P80/563** 17,22 December 1927

3 items

Z L Motchane-Silberstein, head of the Artistic Relations Section of the League of Nations International Institute of International Cooperation, to FitzGerald requesting that he furnish him with the names and addresses of Irish experts in popular arts and crafts who might form the Irish section of the organising committee of the forthcoming International Congress on Popular Arts. Encloses explanatory pamphlet on the Congress. Copy acknowledgement from the Ministry of External Affairs.

**P80/564** 7 May 1930

2 items

Original French and English translation of Circular No.7 from the International Secretaryship of Democratic Parties of Christian Inspiration, outlining the agenda for the organisation's forthcoming congress in the Netherlands. The main topic for discussion concerns the Secretaryship's attitude towards the League of Nations.

**P80/565** 12 September 1930

2 items

Leonard F Behrens, Didsbury, Manchester, to FitzGerald enclosing a copy of a printed memorandum on the Constitution of the Council of the League of Nations issued by the National Reform Union (July 1926).

**5.6 Printed**

- P80/566** September 1926  
435pp  
*Records of the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations.* Plenary meetings, text of the debates. Published as Special Supplement No. 44 to the *League of Nations Official Journal*.
- P80/567** September 1926  
10pp  
*Verbatim Record of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations,* concerning rules dealing with the election of the nine non-permanent members of the council and their terms of office.
- P80/568** September 1928  
544pp  
*Records of the Ninth Ordinary Session of the Assembly.* Plenary meetings, text of the debates. Published as Special Supplement No. 64 to the *League of Nations Official Journal*.
- P80/569** June 1926  
23pp  
*Draft Convention and Recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference at its Eighth Session,* dealing with the simplification of the inspection of emigrants on board ship and the protection of emigrant women and girls on board ship.
- P80/570** 27 July 1929  
18pp  
Final proceedings of a Conference convened by the Swiss Federal Council to revise the 1906 Geneva Convention on the relief of illness and injuries in armies at war and to draw up a convention governing the treatment of prisoners of war.

**P80/571** 1927

31pp

*Double Taxation Relief. Discussion of Conventions drafted at an International Conference of Experts*, Mitchel B Carroll (United States Department of Commerce, 1927).

**P80/572** 1932

5 volumes

*Taxation of foreign and national enterprises in France, Germany, Spain, the UK and the USA* (League of Nations).

## **6 IMPERIAL CONFERENCES, 1923–30**

### **6.1 1923 Conference**

#### **6.1.1 Graeco-Italian crisis**

**P80/573** 6–8 September 1923

3 items

Copies marked secret of summaries of information received by the British Delegation to the Conference concerning Italy's bombardment and occupation of Corfu in retaliation for the shooting of Italian soldiers engaged in determining the Greek-Albanian frontier; and the formula drawn up by the Council of Ambassadors, at the request of the League, to resolve the crisis.

#### **6.1.2 Engagements**

**P80/574** 24 September 1923–19 March 1924

32 items

Invitations to receptions, lunches, dinners, and other social and cultural events, received by FitzGerald while attending the Conference. Included are invitations to an afternoon party at Buckingham Palace and a Government dinner at Lancaster House; copy letters of acceptance and expressions of regret; letter

**P80/574** from the Office of the High Commissioner, London, requesting a list of the functions attended by FitzGerald in connection with the conference; copy of the list.

**P80/575** December 1923

29pp

FitzGerald's itemised expenditure account detailing travel and subsistence expenses incurred by him during the Conference.

### **6.1.3 Correspondence**

**P80/576** 29 September 1923

6pp

F Herbert Stead, Convenor, League to Abolish War, to FitzGerald seeking Irish support at the Imperial Conference for the establishment of an International Police Force, at the disposal of the League of Nations, to prevent or repel aggressive acts on the part of powerful States towards their weaker counterparts. Encloses a copy of the League's programme.

**P80/577** 2 October 1923

2pp

Charles G Ammon MP to FitzGerald, enclosing an article by him from the *Daily Herald* concerning the dangers inherent in a takeover by the Marconi Company of the Empire Wireless Chain and voicing the hope that his views would receive FitzGerald's favourable support in any discussion on the subject at the Imperial Conference.

**P80/578** 3 October 1923

1p

The Editor, the *Manchester Guardian Commercial*, informing FitzGerald that he had forwarded to him a copy of the current issue containing a special section dealing with some of the financial problems before the Imperial Economic Conference.

- P80/579** 17 October 1923  
1p  
R Murray, Secretary, Reuters, London, to FitzGerald stating that he would call on him at any convenient time to discuss a Reuters service for the Irish Government.
- P80/580** 19,20 October 1923  
2 items  
Professor Rushbrooke Williams, Carlton Hotel [on 10 Downing Street headed paper], to FitzGerald, seeking his support for the Indian cause at the forthcoming Conference discussion on Indians Overseas. Copy reply from FitzGerald requesting a clear outline of the background to and current status of the Indian question.
- P80/581** 25 October 1923  
1p  
Copy letter from [FitzGerald] in London to Patrick Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, suggesting that his brother, James, write a comprehensive review of Professor W Alison Phillips recently published 'dishonest' account of the Irish struggle [*The Revolution in Ireland 1906–1923*].
- P80/582** 31 October 1923  
2pp  
Copy letter from [FitzGerald] to Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, suggesting that he travel to London to pursue possibly useful contacts with the head of the Bank of England and the financial assistant to the American Ambassador.
- P80/583** 2 November 1923  
4pp  
Frank Moore, Masbro' Road, West Kensington, appealing to FitzGerald for financial assistance in view of the refusal of the British Admiralty to acknowledge his invention of several successful naval instruments between 1875 and 1916.

**P80/584** 3 November 1923

2pp

Letter from Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary to the Executive Council, to Professor Eoin MacNeill, informing him of the alterations suggested by the Executive Council to the draft post-Conference address to George V; of the decision not to press the British for publication of the official correspondence on the Boundary Commission, pending the return of the Irish Delegation from London; and querying Desmond FitzGerald's intentions with regard to the length of his stay and his views on proceeding with the registration of the Treaty at the League of Nations in the immediate future.

**P80/585** 3 November 1923

1p

Copy letter from the Private Secretary to the High Commissioner for the Irish Free State to W E D Allen, Leicester Street, London, informing him that FitzGerald was uncertain of the date of his return to Dublin, would be unable to arrange an interview with his father and suggesting that, as Mr Allen wished to discuss the Licensing Act, he communicate with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**P80/586** 14 November 1923

2 items

Patrick McGilligan to FitzGerald discussing an attached letter from President Cosgrave (27 October 1923) ordering FitzGerald to take up with Mr Curtis, Chairman of the Soldiers and Sailors Housing Fund, the question of providing housing for service veterans. McGilligan reports that he had asked Curtis to contact Senator Bryan Mahon, Irish nominee as Trustee to the Fund, and had been assured of progress on the matter by Mark Sturgis of the Colonial Office.

**P80/587** [1923]

2 items

The International Women's Suffrage Alliance to FitzGerald enclosing a copy of the Provisional Draft International Convention on the Nationality of Married Women.

## **6.2 1926 Conference**

### **6.2.1 Engagements**

**P80/ 588**    October 1926

7pp

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Secretary, Department of the President, forwarding to FitzGerald and each member of the Executive Council, copies of lists received from [James MacNeill], High Commissioner in London, detailing the principal functions to which delegates to the Imperial Conference had been or were likely to be invited with his suggestions as to attendance.

**P80/589**    [1926]

3pp

Handwritten memorandum containing a tentative guest list for a possible luncheon party hosted by the Irish Delegation with suggestions as to the venue.

**P80/590**    1926

6pp

Typewritten amended list of FitzGerald's social engagements between 26 October and 17 November 1926.

**P80/591**    2 October–20 November 1926

97 items

Invitations to receptions, lunches, dinners and various social and cultural events, received by FitzGerald while attending the Conference. Included are invitations from Buckingham Palace, Lancaster House, other delegations, press associations, clubs and institutes, parliamentary, Commonwealth, and trade organisations; copy letters of acceptance and regret.

### **6.2.2 Reports**

**P80/592** 14 December 1926

19pp

Statement by FitzGerald to the Dáil, introducing the report on Conference proceedings, with particular reference to the Inter-Imperial Relations Committee and the status of members of the Commonwealth based on the principle of absolute co-equality.

**P80/593** 3 May 1927

3pp

S P Breathnach, Secretary to the Department of External Affairs, circulating to each member of the Executive Council a copy of a telegram from L S Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, to the Governors General of the Commonwealth, expressing approval for the proposed publication by Canada of correspondence relating to the 1926 Imperial Conference.

**P80/594** 1 June 1927

6pp

S P Breathnach to the Private Secretary, Minister for Defence, enclosing brief notes on the achievements of the 1926 Imperial Conference and the activities of the Department of External Affairs.

**P80/595** 1926

62pp

*Summary of Proceedings of the 1926 Imperial Conference*, presented to both Houses of the Oireachtas by order of the Executive Council.

**P80/596** 1927

446pp

*Imperial Conference, 1926. Appendices to the Summary of Proceedings* Cmd 2769 (HMSO, London).

### **6.3 1930 Conference**

#### **6.3.1 Proceedings**

**P80/597** November 1929

15pp

Proceedings of a meeting of the Sir Maurice Gwyer Committee dealing with a proposed Commonwealth Court, its composition and jurisdiction. Proceedings are not a verbatim record but are based on notes taken during discussions; includes contributions from John A Costello, Irish Attorney General and member of the Committee.

**P80/598** July 1930

9pp

Copies of brief memoranda issued by the Union of South Africa concerning the appointment of Governors General, the ratification of treaties and the issue of full powers, the status of High Commissioners, and the granting of exequaturs to Consuls.

**P80/599** [not dated]

5pp

Copy of a report from representatives of the UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Newfoundland, concerning the implications of the use of the Great and Signet Seals on certain formal documents relating to Dominion countries signed by the Monarch.

**P80/600** 1 September 1930

9pp

Typescript summary of a discussion in Dublin between Patrick McGilligan, Minister for External Affairs, and General James Hertzog, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa, with reference to the forthcoming Imperial Conference. Subjects discussed include the *inter se* application of Treaties; international trade; the right of direct access to the King; the proposed Commonwealth Court; nationality and secession. Concludes that Hertzog's support for the Irish position 'is already secured in principle'.

**P80/601** [September 1930]

6pp

Copy H of a confidential memorandum by [External Affairs] on the Conference agenda and the additional topics which the Irish Delegation would introduce, namely relations with and access to the King, nationality, Treaties, and the proposed Commonwealth Court.

**P80/602** 12 September 1930

6pp

Typescript and printed copy No. 85 of a secret despatch from McGilligan to Lord Passfield, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, detailing the principal points which the Irish Government wished to have discussed at the Conference.

**P80/603** 10 September 1930

64pp

John J Hearne, Legal Advisor to the Department of External Affairs, to FitzGerald enclosing a copy of Heads of a Nationality Bill; a copy memorandum on nationality prepared by External Affairs in preparation for the Imperial Conference; and a copy of the comments of the Department of Defence on the heads.

- P80/604** 31 October 1930  
10pp  
Handwritten memorandum from John J Hearne to FitzGerald detailing the draft provisions of the Irish Nationality Bill, 1931, and appending British Home Office redrafts of sections defining Irish nationality.
- P80/605** [October 1930]  
7pp  
Copy of a memorandum outlining suggestions for the terms of reference, composition, and procedure of the proposed Commonwealth Court.
- P80/606** [1930]  
28pp  
Typescript [External Affairs?] memorandum detailing the main changes in procedures governing the form and application of Treaties, arising from the 1926 Imperial Conference.
- P80/607** October 1930  
4pp  
Provisional programme for the Imperial Conference, supplied by M P A Hankey, Secretary to the Conference.
- P80/608** October 1930  
6pp  
Printed provisional agenda and suggested order of procedure for the Conference.
- P80/609** 1930  
1 item  
Desmond FitzGerald's Imperial Conference identity card.

- P80/610** 14–23 October 1930  
11 items  
Composition and terms of reference, agenda and draft conclusions of the Imperial Committee on Arbitration and Disarmament. Topics under discussion included the draft disarmament convention and the General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.
- P80/611** October 1930  
4pp  
Reduction and limitation of armaments; printed review by the Sub-Committee on the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments, of developments since 1926.
- P80/612** 7–22 October 1930  
10 items  
Copies of the composition and terms of reference, agenda and draft conclusions of meetings of the Committee on Inter-Imperial Relations, appointed to consider such aspects of Inter-Imperial relations as might be referred to it by Prime Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Items discussed include the formal procedure for the appointment of Governors General; the issue of exequaturs to foreign consuls; the *inter se* applicability of treaties; and the appointment of sub-committees.
- P80/613** 17–18 October 1930  
3 items  
Copies of the composition and terms of reference of three sub-committees appointed by the Committee on Certain Aspects of Inter-Imperial Relations, the sub-committees on certain merchant shipping questions; discipline of the armed forces; and the form of commercial treaties.

- P80/614** 15 October 1930  
10pp  
Copy of a report by the Committee on the Quota Scheme detailing the current position of the world's wheat trade.
- P80/615** 15 October 1930  
4pp  
Copy of heads of a British Bill to provide for the purchase of a statutory quota of British wheat by flour millers and importers in the United Kingdom, circulated for the information of members of the Committee on the Quota Scheme.
- P80/616** October 1930  
18pp  
Board of Trade tables of the world's production of certain staple commodities, printed for the Imperial Conference.
- P80/617** 17 October 1930  
3pp  
Report of the Committees on War Graves concerning proposals of the Imperial War Graves Commission mainly relating to terms of employment of the Commission's staff and facilities for their dependents.
- P80/618** 18-20 October 1930  
8 items  
Agenda, draft conclusions and preliminary draft report of the Committee on Economic Co-operation; proof copy of the fifteenth report of the Imperial Economic Committee dealing with raw materials suitable for marketing enquiries.

### **6.3.2 Engagements**

**P80/619** 7 October 1930

2pp

Handwritten note from George Bernard Shaw, 4 Whitehall Court, London, reminding FitzGerald that he, Hogan and McGilligan were expected for luncheon at 4 Whitehall Court the following Saturday.

**P80/620** 13,16 October 1930

2 items

Two handwritten letters from F S Flint [poet], Statistics Division, Ministry of Labour, inviting FitzGerald to drinks at Harold Munro's Poetry Bookshop, Great Russell Street. 'A few people meet here once a month, T S Eliot, Herbert Read, Bonamy Dobrée and so on'; and subsequently explaining their premature departure or absence. '(1) Harold Munro has just had an operation and can hardly walk. (2) T S Eliot, as usual, went home early. (3) Herbert Read had to catch his train back to Bucks'.

**P80/621** 6 November 1930

1p

Harold Munro, The Poetry Bookshop, Great Russell Street, inviting FitzGerald to have dinner with him or be his guest at a meeting of the Criterion Club in his bookshop on 12 November.

## 7 TD AND SENATOR, 1931–43

### 7.1 Correspondence

**P80/622** 27 November 1931–4 May 1941

8 items

Letters from J M N Jeffries, assistant press attaché at the British Legations, Madrid, and Irish correspondent of the *Daily Mail* during the War of Independence, mainly with reference to political matters. He congratulates FitzGerald on his exposure of Frank Pakenham in his reviews of *Peace by Ordeal*, deplores de Valera's isolationism and Irish neutrality. He reiterates his belief that if the Cosgrave administration had not fallen, the War might never have occurred, and notes changes in the tone of the coverage of Ireland by Spanish correspondents in Berlin. 'The Spanish correspondents ... are absolute carbon copies of Wilhelmstrasse feelings and ideas ... I have come to the conviction through the tenor of the Spanish comment that the preferred German plan of attack on Britain is based on an attack on Ireland first'. Includes a copy letter from FitzGerald discussing the possibility of Jeffries coming to Ireland to cover the Irish response to the war.

**P80/622a** 6 July 1933

23pp

Typescript copy of a speech by Senator James G Douglas on the Constitution Amendment (no 19) Bill.

**P80/623** 19 July 1933

5 items

Typescript letter from John Riley, New York, a former chairman of the 1919–20 Irish Bond Drive in America, responding to FitzGerald's [Dáil] speech opposing the payment of the balance of the Bonds; states that seven million dollars had been subscribed for national reconstruction under the auspices of the Friends of Irish Freedom; that de Valera, having established the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic in the wake of a split with the Friends of Irish Freedom, had diverted subscriptions from their original purpose by persuading bond holders to assign their bonds to the AARIR and fund the *Irish Press*; he encloses a bond, prospectus, pamphlet containing de Valera's instructions on the organisation of the Bond campaign, subscriptions receipts, and proceedings of the founding conference of the AARIR.

- P80/624** December 1933  
4pp  
Typescript copy of regulations made by Sean MacEntee, Minister for Finance, dealing with the form and manner of application for Dáil Éireann loans.
- P80/625** 6 March–13 June 1935  
4 items  
Copies of correspondence and related documents, between E M Forde, Secretary to the Department of Industry and Commerce, and Manus Nunan, Secretary, Consolidated Goldfields Ireland Ltd, concerning the company's application for a licence to mine gold, minerals, and precious stones in Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford.
- P80/626** 10 May 1936  
1p  
Circular letter from the Easter Week Memorial Committee requesting FitzGerald's signature on the Easter Week Roll of Honour.
- P80/627** 15 July 1937  
5pp  
Captain Thomas P Gunning, Gran Hotel, Salamanca, concerning the Spanish Civil War and bemoaning the shameful involvement of Eoin O'Duffy's Irish Brigade. 'O'Duffy and his entourage of bosthoons have given us a black eye here that will last for generations ... I was very stupid, and I did a poor day's work for both Spain and Ireland when I helped the insane, uncultured lout to put his flat and smelly feet across the frontier'. Invites FitzGerald to restore Ireland's standing by undertaking a tour of nationalist Spain at the request of Franco's propagandists. Notes the war's favourable progress despite the assistance given the 'Reds' by Russia and France.

**P80/628** 17 July 1937

2pp

E T Keane, editor of the *Kilkenny People*, commiserating with FitzGerald on his failure to secure a Dáil seat in the General Election. 'Politics is a peculiar game and not always a hygienic one'.

**P80/629** 4 June 1939

1p

J W Hamilton, St Paul, Minnesota, congratulating FitzGerald on the 'tenor of your speech with reference to the unfortunate attitude of some members of [sic] the IRA's activities in Great Britain'.

**P80/630** 1939

4pp

B Dunalley, Nenagh, County Tipperary, congratulating FitzGerald on his recent remarks in the Senate. 'It is such a relief to find that there are some people who express sane and sound views, though I fully realise how very difficult it must be to speak out'.

**P80/631** 6 January 1940

1p

Letter from E T Keane, editor of the *Kilkenny People*, praising FitzGerald's courage and his Senate speeches. 'Despite many evidences to the contrary there must be something good in a country that can produce a man like you'.

**P80/632** 6 January 1940

2pp

Confidential letter from Richard O'Sullivan, defence counsel for Peter Barnes and Frank Richards, the convicted IRA Coventry bombers [hanged 7 February 1940], in which he congratulates FitzGerald on his forthright Senate speech denouncing the crime, outlines the foiled IRA plan to bomb Westminster Abbey and Scotland Yard, and claims that these facts were revealed to de

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- P80/632** Valera's London representative. Gives FitzGerald permission to use this information but requests that the source remain secret as an appeal had yet to be heard.
- P80/633** 8 January 1940  
3pp  
Patrick Moore, Porthfield, Birmingham, congratulating FitzGerald for his forthright denunciation of the IRA campaign in Britain. 'I believe by denouncing those IRA terrorists you're speaking for more of the Irish people than those representatives who seem afraid to do so'.
- P80/634** 7 February 1940  
4pp  
Pat Malley, Tulsa, Oklahoma, expressing the fear that the hanging of Peter Barnes and Frank Richards could represent a change in Britain's hitherto wise policy of deporting rather than executing IRA activists and would generate sympathetic support for the organisation; wonders if FitzGerald had the strength to force the Irish to present their claims peacefully.
- P80/635** 12 February 1940  
8 items  
Rev R S Devane SJ, Milltown Park, Dublin, to FitzGerald, emphasising the importance of maintaining a local government system based on the parish council, and enclosing cuttings of his and Senator Martin O'Dwyer's series of articles on the subject in the *Irish Independent*.
- P80/636** 28 February 1940  
2pp  
Mary Corrigan, Enniskillen, responding to FitzGerald's remarks to the Rathmines Literary and Debating Society condemning de Valera's statement that he would be justified in ending partition by force, and his proposal to repatriate Loyalists to Britain.

**P80/637** 15 September 1940–25 March 1942

4 items

Four letters from Thomas Rudmose–Brown, Professor of Roman Languages, Trinity College Dublin, to FitzGerald. He depicts the war as a struggle between rival imperialists, precipitated by Britain, and reiterates the need for Ireland to remain neutral. 'I see no reason why Eire should commit suicide to please anybody whatever, America, Britain or Germany' (12 February 1942). He expresses surprise that FitzGerald had advocated abandoning neutrality and on correction apologises. 'I absolve you from Dillonism – we don't agree except about keeping Eire neutral' (2 February 1942). Included are condemnations of the Government's domestic policies and the denial by the Tanaiste, Sean T O'Kelly, of the existence of hunger or deprivation in Dublin. 'Nobody hungry in Dublin and bread queues everywhere! And profiteering everywhere!' (25 March 1942).

**P80/638** 8 October 1941

3pp

Laurence F Kelly, on a cycling tour at Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny, to Dr Richard Hayes, describing an autograph album belonging to a recently deceased Dr Dunden, a 1916 veteran, which contained a ditty by Terence MacSwiney and dedications by Arthur Griffith, James Connolly, Darrell Figgis and Desmond FitzGerald, penned in Reading Gaol in 1916. Suggests that an article, woven around the book, be written on Dunden.

**P80/639** 13 January 1942

3pp

Diarmuid Brennan, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, to FitzGerald arising from an address the previous night by M Dobrzynski to the Catholic Association for International Relations. He expresses concern about the non-representation of Poland or any other pro-Allied group at the Atlantic meeting between Churchill and Roosevelt.

**P80/640** 8 April 1942

1p

Harold Nicholson MP thanking FitzGerald for his unpublished letter to *The Times* supporting his Commons speech on Ireland.

**P80/641** 15 July 1943

1p

J N R Macnamara, Strand House, Youghal, County Cork, taking issue with FitzGerald's Senate speech on the Central Fund Bill. Accuses him of being notoriously pro-Britain and anti-neutrality. 'When the war ends with an Axis victory, and the New Ireland comes into being, gentlemen like yourself, MacDermott, and Dillon will not be forgotten but will be suitably rewarded for their efforts to drag Ireland into war on behalf of the rotting, dying, Jew-ridden British Empire, the Wall St financial ghouls, and the sub-men of Moscow'.

## **7.2. Printed**

**P80/642** 1936

37pp

*Report of the Second House of the Oireachtas Commission, 1936*  
(SO, Dublin)

**P80/643** 1937

113pp

*Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937* (SO Dublin)

**P80/644** 1940

41pp

*Seanad Electoral (Panel Members Bye-Elections) Act, 1937* (SO Dublin)

**P80/645** 1947

175pp

*Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1947* (SO Dublin)

- P80/646** [1941]  
3 items  
IRA handbills entitled *Who is your Enemy* and *The True England*, and a special communiqué issued by the Army Council detailing the courtmartial and sentencing to death of Stephen Hayes, former Chief of Staff, on charges of collusion with the Free State. Includes excerpts from Hayes confession, written after sentencing.
- P80/647** 1 April 1943  
17pp  
Pamphlet entitled *Believe it or not, or quo vadis Erskine Childers?* Contains a letter from J J Callan, Artsilk Underwear Ltd, Hawkins Street, Dublin, to Erskine Childers TD, Secretary of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers, accusing him of aiding the Jewish infiltration of Irish industry by favouring Jewish rather than Irish manufacturers and acting as their lobbyist with the Government.
- P80/648** [1942]  
1p  
Typescript copy of an attack in verse by Dorothy L Sayers, medievalist and crime writer, on Irish neutrality entitled 'The Burden of Ireland'.

### **7.3. Press cuttings**

- P80/649** November 1938  
6 items  
Cuttings reporting the provisions and passage through the Dáil of the *Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Bill*.

**P80/650** 1939

2 items

Press cutting reporting a commemorative meeting of the Irish Friends of the Spanish Republic in honour of the forty four Irish members of the International Brigade killed in the Spanish Civil War; cutting containing a photograph of FitzGerald and W T Cosgrave leaving the Pro-Cathedral after attending a Solemn High Mass and Te Deum in thanksgiving for the Catholic victory in Spain.

**P80/651** 1939–40

3 items

Cuttings reporting FitzGerald's contribution to the Senate debate on the *Offences Against the State Bill* and his address to the Rathmines Literary Society on the topic 'That Éire Needs a National Government'.

**P80/652** March 1940

10 items

Cuttings reporting the discussions between Lord Tavistock and the German Legation in Dublin, on the terms under which Germany would conclude peace.

## **8. FIRST AND SECOND DÁIL, 1919–22**

**P80/653** 18 January 1919

1p

Circular letter in Irish from G[eorge] N[oble] Count Plunkett, Dáil Cathaoirleach, to all TDs giving notification of the first meeting of the Dáil on 21 January in the Mansion House.

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- P80/654** 1919  
1p  
Copy of the democratic programme adopted at the meeting of Dáil Éireann, 21 January 1919
- P80/655** 21 May 1920  
1p  
£20 Dáil Bond issued to Desmond FitzGerald.
- P80/656** 15 June 1920  
1p  
Copy of a typescript memorandum by [Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Finance], outlining proposals for the collection of income tax.
- P80/657** 24 September 1920  
7pp  
Secret directive by Commandant L MacAodhagáin, General Headquarters, Parkgate, containing instructions governing the organisation, administration and duties of the Special Unit established to protect Government ministers and officials.
- P80/658** 19 October 1920  
1p  
Circular letter from Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Secretary, Sinn Féin Executive, to the Secretaries of each Comhairle Ceanntair, announcing Dáil approval for criminal and malicious injury claims against enemy forces.
- P80/659** 1920  
85pp  
*Government of Ireland Act, 1920* (HMSO, London).

- P80/660** [not dated]  
39pp  
Address to the Representatives of Foreign Nations, adopted at the January session of Dáil Éireann, 1921. Outlines the background to the War of Independence and details British outrages from 1917.
- P80/661** Ghost number
- P80/662** 6 August 1921  
Incomplete letter from Eamon de Valera, President Dáil Éireann, to David Lloyd George, Prime Minister, rejecting the British Government's draft peace proposals as outlined by Lloyd George in his letter of 20 July.
- P80/663** 6 August 1921  
2pp  
Directive issued to the Republican authorities ordering all solicitors in Carrickmacross to cease paying income tax to the British Government on behalf of their clients.
- P80/664** August 1921  
3 items  
Three admission tickets endorsed by FitzGerald, two blank and one for Mr Molly, for public sessions of Dáil Éireann on 16 and 17 August 1921.
- P80/665** July 1921  
7pp  
Handwritten and typescript minutes of two meetings of the Propaganda Sub-Committee mainly concerning appointments to the committee; expenditure on propaganda; and the printing, circulation, content of and revenue from the Irish Bulletin. Included are recommendations for the formal establishment of a wholly Government-funded Propaganda Department.

**P80/666** 16 August 1921

46pp

Brief survey of the work of the Department of Agriculture, April 1919–June 1921, presented to the Second Dáil by Art O'Connor, Substitute Minister for Agriculture.

**P80/667** October 1921

60pp

Official correspondence relating to the peace negotiations, June–September 1921, published by Dáil Éireann. Included are transcripts of preliminary correspondence between President de Valera and David Lloyd George and of correspondence arising from meetings between them in London, July–September 1921.

**P80/668** 6 October 1921–22 June 1922

36 items

Typescript copies of a series of policy documents entitled 'Views of the man in the street', circulated to Government Ministers and the Chief of Staff. Documents monitor public reaction and advise on propaganda strategies relating to the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations; the Treaty and subsequent Republican split; the North-East; Government policies and the deteriorating political situation. Included are recommendations that the Government foster suspicion abroad, particularly in America, of England's commitment to the peace negotiations, and prepare a pre-emptive propaganda blitz, absolving the Irish of responsibility were the talks to fail. Also included are suggestions that the Publicity Department become more active and that the Government produce a policy statement on unemployment, act on renaming public offices and streets in Irish, and highlight the evacuation of British troops. The writer recommends the revival of the *Irish Bulletin* to deal specifically with Ulster; warns of public weariness with the protracted negotiations between the Treaty factions; suggests that they be ended unless there were clear signs of progress; and advises the Government on how to respond to the provocative actions of the anti-Treatyites.

**P80/669** 13 December 1921

1p

Typescript copy of a letter from David Lloyd George, 10 Downing Street, to Arthur Griffith, Mansion House, Dublin, clarifying 'certain points not specifically mentioned in the Treaty terms', including the appointment of the Crown representative in Ireland, arbitration procedure on the question of Ireland's liability for a share of the public debt, the constitutional status of the Irish Free State and the framing of the Irish constitution.

**P80/670** 17 December 1921

6pp

Copy memorandum on the oath to be taken by members of the Dáil as prescribed by Clause 4 of the Treaty.

**P80/671** 10 January 1922

1p

Dáil Éireann orders of the day.

**P80/672** 11 January–27 February 1922

40pp

Typescript copy of Cabinet minutes.

**P80/673** 24 February 1922

2pp

Typescript copy of a letter from Thomas Johnson, Secretary of the Irish Labour Party, to Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, transmitting a resolution, passed at a special congress of the Party demanding a plebiscite on the Treaty prior to any parliamentary election and outlining his Party's opposition to the holding of an election on the single issue of the Treaty.

- P80/674** 1,2 March 1922  
7pp  
Copies of Dáil questions relating mainly to conditions in the Free State and Northern Ireland, and the transfer of powers in the aftermath of the Treaty.
- P80/675** 23,24 March 1922  
3pp each  
Typescript draft and copy letter from Arthur Griffith to Eamon de Valera, repudiating his claim that the electoral register was invalid and inaccurate and dismissing his demand for a new register. Accuses de Valera of seeking 'to prevent the Irish Electorate exercising its right of decision on the Treaty ... You are also prepared, judging from your speeches, to put forward subsequent claims with the object of consuming time, in order that the electorate may be muzzled, while the Treaty is being destroyed'.
- P80/676** April 1922  
6pp  
Report to Dáil Éireann on the activities of the Department of Labour, 11 January–18 April 1922.
- P80/677** 20 April 1922  
1p  
Copy letter from FitzGerald to President Griffith and Eamon de Valera enclosing twenty public Dáil tickets for each.
- P80/678** 25, 28 April 1922  
11pp  
Typescript copies of correspondence between Sir James Craig, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, concerning the alleged failure of the Northern Ireland Government to fulfil the terms of the Craig-Collins Agreements.

- P80/679** April 1922  
1 item  
Dáil Éireann ticead teachta issued to FitzGerald for the Dáil session of 25 April 1922.
- P80/680** 25 April 1922  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Margaret Pearse, Kathleen Clarke, Cait Bean Michil Ní Cheallacháin, Eithne Inglis and Maire Nic Suibhne, to all members of Dáil Éireann appealing for national solidarity and opposition to the Treaty.
- P80/681** 26 April 1922  
2pp  
Copy of a statement by President Griffith to the Dáil expressing regret at the death of Frank Lawless, introducing departmental reports and promising to take whatever action necessary to ensure the freedom of the electorate to vote on the Treaty.
- P80/682** 27 April 1922  
2pp  
Dáil Éireann orders of the day.
- P80/683** 28 April 1922  
2pp  
Copy of Dáil questions consisting mainly of questions from Sean MacEntee to [Richard Mulcahy] the Minister for Defence concerning the pre-1921 relationship between the Army Executive, Dáil Éireann, the Minister for Defence, and the Army Convention.

- P80/684** April 1922  
2pp  
Copy typescript report with handwritten amendments from [Eamon Duggan] the Minister for Home Affairs, on the activities of the Ministry since his appointment; for presentation to Dáil Éireann.
- P80/685** April 1922  
7pp  
Dáil Éireann interim accounts, 1 January–10 April 1922.
- P80/686** 3 May 1922  
4pp  
Orders of the day and Dáil questions.
- P80/687** 5 May 1922  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Arthur Griffith, President, Dáil Éireann, to [Laurence O'Neill], Lord Mayor of Dublin, concerning the Lord Mayor's refusal to permit a letter intended for the Municipal Council, sent by and with the authority of Dáil Éireann, to be considered by the Council.
- P80/688** 10 May 1922  
5pp  
Incomplete typescript copy of the joint report of the Committee established under the terms of a Dáil motion on 3 May, that such a Committee consisting of pro-Treaty and Republican representatives be appointed to make recommendations for agreed elections and the formation of a non-party government as the basis for Army unity and the cessation of hostilities.

- P80/689** 11 May 1922  
3pp  
Copy typescript supplementary report from the republican delegation to the Committee appointed to make recommendations for agreed elections and the formation of a non-party government.
- P80/690** 18,20 May 1922  
7pp  
Dáil Éireann orders of the day.
- P80/691** 22,23 June 1922  
2 items  
Typescript copy of a letter from Lloyd George to Collins informing him that documents found upon the murderers of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson clearly linked them with the IRA and were further evidence of a conspiracy against the peace and order of England. Requests that Collins end the occupation of the Four Courts, offers to place the necessary artillery at his disposal and concludes that the British Government regard the continued toleration of this rebellious defiance of the principles of the Treaty as incompatible with its faithful execution. Copy reply from [Diarmuid OhEigearthaigh], Secretary to the Provisional Government, expressing grave concern at the existence of a possible conspiracy and requesting that the British assist them in thwarting it by providing them with all the relevant information at their disposal.
- P80/692** 1922  
6pp  
Statement of Dáil Éireann trustees' account for the half year ended 30 June 1922.
- P80/693** 15,19 July 1922  
2 items  
Circular letter from Labour Party TDs inviting members of the recently elected Dáil to attend a meeting at the Mansion House to

- P80/693** consider proposals for peace. Copy of a reply from Sean T O'Kelly and Harry Boland, Cumann na Poblachta, regretfully declining the invitation on behalf of the available Republican TDs. 'While we are in the fullest sympathy with the object of your meeting ... we believe that for the moment, your Conference can more efficiently pursue the object in view uninfluenced by our presence'.
- P80/694** 22 August 1922  
3pp  
Patrick Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, to the Acting Chairman, Provisional Government, enclosing a draft reply to a Labour Party letter of 12 August conveying the terms of a resolution passed at the Party's annual congress protesting against the further prorogation of Parliament and threatening to resign their seats if a meeting of Parliament were not held before 26 August.
- P80/695** 27 September 1922  
1p  
Copy of letter from Colm Ó Murchadha, Clerk of the Dáil, to President Cosgrave drawing his attention to an Amendment to Standing Order no 11 adopted by the Dáil, that every sitting of Dáil Éireann should be governed by a printed agenda prepared by the Ceann Comhairle in consultation with a Committee on Procedure.
- P80/696** 27 October 1922  
1p  
Statement issued by the President's Office concerning the payment of decrees through the issue of Government Bonds.
- P80/697** 1922  
2pp  
Terms of reference of the Property Compensation Commission set up to determine compensation for damage caused between January 1919 and July 1921.

- P80/698** [1922]  
6pp  
Dáil voting list with handwritten notations.
- P80/699** [1922]  
1p  
Typescript copy of a Dáil question from Sean MacEntee TD that [FitzGerald] Minister for Publicity place before the Dáil a record of the number of outrages to which the nationalists in Northern Ireland had been subjected since 1 January 1922.
- P80/700** 1922  
20pp  
Copy of a report on the activities of the Ministry of Defence, with particular reference to the Treaty split within the Army.
- P80/701** 1922  
4pp  
Pamphlet containing an appeal by Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins for contributions to the Treaty Fund.

**9 PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IRISH FREE STATE**

**9.1 Constitution, 1922-6**

**P80/702** 1922-6

6 items

Copy of the draft Constitution (1922) together with a supplementary draft of Section III dealing with the Executive and a copy of a confidential memorandum on the draft by Lord Midleton; copy no. 16 of the approved draft Constitution (May, 1922); printed text of the draft Constitution (1922); published text of the English translation of the Constitution (1922); copy of the confidential report of the Amendments to the Constitution Committee (May, 1926); and a copy of the Constitution incorporating the amendments proposed by the Committee (May, 1926).

**9.2 Irish Race Congress, Paris 1922**

**P80/703** [February 1922]

2 items

Two copies, one incomplete, of a draft report by the Provisional Government delegation to the Irish Race Congress in Paris, January 1922. The incomplete copy contains extensive handwritten amendments by Michael Hayes, Minister for Education and member of the delegation. Appended to the complete report are copies of the Congress provisional programme and the proposals for an Irish World Association submitted by Art O'Brien, a member of the Republican delegation.

**P80/704** [February 1922]

25pp

Copy of a report from the Government delegation to the Congress. Appended are copies of a letter from George Gavan Duffy, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to de Valera inviting him to nominate four Congress delegates; congress agenda; preliminary report by Eoin MacNeill, chairman of the Government delegation; and two letters from overseas delegates to de Valera, President of the Congress Executive Committee, protesting against the appointment of

- P80/704** Robert Brennan as the Committee secretary and the failure to appoint Seamus Hughes as co-secretary, in breach of an undertaking given by de Valera and the Committee to keep their actions free from political bias.
- P80/705** 1922  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a report from [FitzGerald] on the exploitation of the Congress by the Republican delegation and his subsequent decision to discourage press coverage of the proceedings. Reports that delegates were disgusted rather than converted by the actions of the anti-Treaty side and notes that Sean T O'Kelly, the Irish representative in Paris, acted as a party politician rather than a Government representative.
- P80/706** 4,10 February 1922  
6pp  
Thomas H Kelly, Honorary Secretary to the Irish Race Congress, to FitzGerald, requesting the three summaries in French, given him by W B Yeats, of Yeats' lecture to the Congress on the Irish Literary Revival, for inclusion in a book on the Congress. Copy reply from FitzGerald warning that the translations were poor and suggesting that someone with a good knowledge of French check them: two summaries of the Yeats' talk, one corrected.
- P80/707** 13 March 1922  
3pp  
Copy of a report by Maurice J O'Reilly, National Delegate for Australia, to the Congress on 'The Intrusion of domestic Irish politics at the first Irish Race Congress'.

### **9.3 Civic Guard Mutiny, Kildare, May 1922**

**P80/708** 22 May 1922

2pp

Thomas Daly, President, and P Sellars, Secretary of the Committee formed by the men of the Civic Guard Training Depot, Kildare, to FitzGerald, concerning recent events in the Depot and enclosing a copy of an order from Colonel P Brennan, Commandant, to the men, exonerating their behaviour.

**P80/709** [1922]

1p

Handwritten statement by Padraig Ó [Dubhainrigh?], Intelligence Officer, North Roscommon Brigade, IRA, attesting to the assistance given by District Inspector Carney, RIC, during the War of Independence.

**P80/710** July 1922

20pp

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Civic Guard with particular reference to the mutiny at Kildare; investigates the charges against the mutineers and makes recommendations with regard to the organisation of the Civic Guard in matters such as the employment of ex-RIC personnel, the arming of the force, and the required characteristics for a commissioner.

### **9.4 Civil War**

#### **9.4.1 Cork Peace Initiative, July–August 1922**

**P80/711** 17 July 1922

10pp

Copy extract from a report in the Cork *Evening Echo* on the proceedings of a conference convened by the Cork Harbour Commissioners, 17 July 1922, with a view to bringing to an end

- P80/711** the Civil War, attended by representatives of public bodies in the city and County.
- P80/712** 14–18 July 1922
- 6 items
- Copies of correspondence and related documents, between Frank J Daly, Chairman of the Cork Harbour Board, and the Anti-Treaty leadership concerning the Board's peace initiative. Includes a copy of the resolutions adopted by the People's Rights Associations calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities and the reconvening of the Second Dáil; copy of a memorandum by [Daly and Barry Egan, Cork Chamber of Commerce and Shipping], proposing that a truce be based on Army unification, anti-Treaty forces' acceptance of the Treaty and the revision of the draft Constitution; and a copy of a letter from Conn Ua Maoldhomhnaigh [Con Moloney], Adjutant-General IRA, enclosing a memorandum outlining anti-Treaty force views on the matter.
- P80/713** 1–5 August 1922
- 8 items
- Copy of a letter from Michael O'Cuill, Honorary Secretary, People's Rights Association, Cork, to Michael Collins seeking a response to peace overtures from Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, IRA. A copy of Collins' reply together with handwritten and typescript drafts of the response of W T Cosgrave, Acting Chairman of the Provisional Government, reiterating that peace was conditional on recognition by anti-Treaty forces of the supremacy of elected Government.
- P80/714** 1922
- 22pp
- Drafts of analyses and comment [for publication?] on the correspondence between the Cork Harbour Board, anti-Treaty forces, the People's Rights Association and Michael Collins on the peace initiative 'launched from alleged 'neutral' sources in Cork'.

**9.4.2 Government policy and the conduct of the War,  
August 1922–November 1923**

**P80/715** 25–26 August 1922

7 items

Seoirse MacGraith, Accountant General, to W T Cosgrave, Acting Minister for Finance, detailing proceedings which resulted in an injunction being granted in the American courts to the Provisional Government, preventing anti-Treaty forces from drawing on funds raised by the National Loan, and enclosing a summary of the American loan accounts to March 1922. Handwritten and typescript drafts of a letter from Cosgrave to the press, in response to a previous letter on the same matter, reiterating the Government's commitment to securing the safety of the loan funds. Appeal by Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith for subscriptions to the National Loan.

**P80/716** 29 September–14 October 1922

6 items

Letters from Seosaimh O'Raghallaigh, Secretary to the Chairman of the Provisional Government, to each Minister requesting their opinions on the formation of a Dáil Committee on Procedure; on possible punitive measures against anti-Treaty forces, including the prohibition of all anti-Treaty claims for compensation; and the preparation of a census, giving particulars of those in custody or in active opposition to the Government.

**P80/717** 1922

5pp

Notes on Government policy on aspects of the Civil War, circulated to each Minister with the request that they be studied and amplified where necessary.

**P80/718** 17 August 1922

1p

Note from a Post Office official to the Postmaster General, enclosing one of eighty one circulars [missing] posted to clergymen in Wexford and withheld from delivery because of their content.

- P80/719** 12 October 1922  
6pp  
Copy of a memorandum by J J Healy, Secretary, Commissioners of Public Works, concerning accommodation for interned prisoners with particular reference to Gormanstown Camp.
- P80/720** November 1922  
5pp  
Minister for External Affairs' copy of a memorandum by Sir Alfred Cope, circulated by Richard Mulcahy, Commander in Chief, concerning the sale to the Provisional Government by the British of military and commercial stores left by them in Ireland; copies of letters from [Richard Mulcahy] Minister for Defence, and Thomas Gorman, Army Finance officer, commenting upon Cope's proposals.
- P80/721** 23 December 1922  
3pp  
Minister for External Affairs' copy of a letter from Staff Captain Hugh Smith, Department of Military Statistics, to [Richard Mulcahy] Commander in Chief, enclosing a memorandum giving his impression of the feelings of Irish journalists and expatriates in London towards events in Ireland, gained during a recent visit there. Copies circulated to each member of the Executive Council.
- P80/722** 13 December 1922  
2pp  
Copy of a letter from C O'S [Cathal O'Shannon?], London, to President Cosgrave, for the information of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. O'Shannon is in London mainly to cultivate contacts in literary and journalistic circles for the purpose of disseminating Government propaganda. He reports favourably on the progress of his work.

- P80/723** 1922  
2pp  
Copy of a reply from [Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education], to a resolution from Wexford County Council expressing alarm at the awful plight to which the country was being reduced by the continuation of the present deplorable Civil War.
- P80/724** [1922/3]  
4pp  
Copy of a confidential memorandum from Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, to each member of the Executive Council, advising that the Government was not justified in refusing to supply arms to citizens to defend themselves against attack by Anti-Treaty forces. He advocates a trial self-defence scheme for the Dublin area, suggests that the Government place an advert in the press offering to consider applications for weapons from people permanently resident in the city, and includes a rough draft of the proposed advert.
- P80/725** 14 April 1923  
33pp  
Copy of the confidential monthly report for March 1923 from Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, to Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, on the state of the country on a county by county basis.
- P80/726** 28 November 1923  
4pp  
H J Friel, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing extracts from the Garda Commissioner's report for October, indicating where armed Anti-Treaty bands were still operational. Conveys the view of the Ministry that responsibility for the dispersal of such bands lay with the Defence Forces rather than the Gardai.

**P80/727** 15 April–20 October 1923

15 items

Minister for External Affairs' copies of secret Army reports on the national military and security situation. Included are reviews of Command reports with details of successful operations against anti-Treaty forces, the capture of activists and equipment, and the subsequent erosion of anti-Treaty activity and morale. Also refers to the restoration of rail transport; progress in Army training; the growing popular support for the Army; labour agitation; and the activities of Sinn Féin. Reports are made on a weekly basis until July, then fortnightly.

**P80/728** 25 September–23 December 1922

20 items

*Iris An Airm*, the Army Bulletin, Vol 1, no.s 1, 3–13, 15–20, 22, 25.

**P80/729** 26 October 1923

3pp

Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing a copy of his letter to [Richard Mulcahy], Minister for Defence, concerning the release, without reference to Home Affairs, of James Baird, due to ill-health caused by a hunger strike.

**P80/730** 19–26 November 1923

6pp

Press cuttings from Canadian and American newspapers reporting the Republican hunger strike.

**9.4.3 Anti-Treaty activities, July 1922–March 1924**

**P80/731** 6–30 July 1922

3 items

Copies of three letters from Frank Aiken, Commandant, 4 Northern Division, to [Richard Mulcahy], Minister for Defence, appealing for an immediate truce and demanding his and his officers' release from Dundalk prison.

**P80/732** 8 July 1922

2pp

Copy of a despatch from Sean MacEoin, Adjutant, 4 Northern Division, to [General Eoin O'Duffy], Chief of Staff, reporting the recapture of nine escapees from Dundalk Prison, together with four of their rescuers. Notes that 'there is no likelihood of any trouble here, we are making provision to round up all persons who are likely to cause trouble in the Division or outside of it'.

**P80/733** July 1922

4 items

Copies of statements from the Criminal Investigation Department, Oriel House, relating to robberies and the purchase of small arms by anti-Treaty forces. Included are five handwritten profiles of anti-Treaty personnel involved, with details of the charges against them.

**P80/734** 23 July 1922

2pp

Copy of a memorandum from Michael Collins to Government Ministers reporting the arrest of the two men who had robbed Laurence Ginnell TD, neither of whom had any connection with the Army. Includes a copy of a telegram from Ginnell to Collins accusing Free State soldiers of having perpetrated the robbery and demanding effective protection.

**P80/735** 27 July 1922

10pp

Copy of a letter from Charles Bewley, Irish Consul, Berlin, circulated by Ernest Blythe, Minister for Trade and Commerce, to Dáil Ministers, in which Bewley draws attention to the anti-Treaty sympathies of John Chartres, Irish political representative in Berlin. Included are two copies in translation of *Irisches Bulletin*, a Government leaflet issued by Chartres.

**P80/736** 27 July–5 September 1922

13 items

Copies of letters from Aodh de Blacam, Falcarragh, County Donegal, to Mrs Sheehy–Skeffington; to C O’Shannon of *The Voice of Labour*; Fr Canice, Church Street, Dublin; and Mrs Pegg, Finsbury Park, London, giving vent to his republican sympathies. Copy of the *Tirconnail War Bulletin*, vol 1, no 12, compiled by de Blacam. Copy of an article on the Civil War by de Blacam. Handwritten memo by [Cummins of the Publicity Department] on how best to exploit the letters and articles. Handwritten letter from Austin Clarke, London, protesting against de Blacam’s arrest, ‘an innocent man, purely a writer and pacifist ... what can be gained by Tzarist suppression of literature and opinion’ and copy reply from FitzGerald sharply rebutting such criticisms. ‘Mr Blackham’s association with literature is rather more remote than the association of the editor of *Tit-Bits* ... I do not consider it an insult to my cause for people of the Blackham type to be put in prison. I consider it an insult to my cause and to myself for any analogy to be drawn between either my cause or me and Blackham’.

**P80/737** 3 August 1922

1p

Copy of a message from Frank Aiken to members of the IRA serving under the Provisional Government, appealing to them not to accept the oath of allegiance or make a dishonourable peace with England. ‘War with the foreigner brings to the fore all that is best and noblest in a nation – Civil War is all that is mean and base ... The onus on stopping the fight rests with you ... It is clearly your duty if peace is not made to down tools immediately’.

**P80/738** 8,11 August 1922

2 items

Copies of two letters from Charles Bewley, Irish Consul to Berlin, to [Ernest Blythe], Department of Trade, advising that any anti-English propaganda in Germany be conducted with the utmost caution. He provides a translation of *Irishes Bulletin*, no 132, 9 August 1922, and draws attention to some inaccurate and unwise statements and comments calculated to offend Germans.

**P80/739** 9 August 1922

2pp

Circular letter from Margaret M Madden, Ohio State Secretary, AARIR, urging members to persuade their local newspapers to use the Republican Press Bureau's weekly news cable and enclosing a copy of one such cable published in the *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*.

**P80/740** 7 September 1922–6 March 1923

10 items

Handwritten and copy typescript letters from Dr Con Murphy, Garville Avenue, Rathgar, to General Richard Mulcahy, Commander in Chief, and members of the Government, including FitzGerald, mainly protesting at his harassment by the security forces, including a series of illegal raids on his home. Includes a handwritten letter from Murphy to Kevin O'Higgins, [Minister for Home Affairs], demanding that O'Higgins retract a statement attributing Murphy's release from prison to his signing a statement denying any involvement in hostilities against the Government; copy letter from Murphy threatening to hold Mulcahy responsible if his son Fergus, captured that morning, were to die in custody; copy of a letter from Murphy to Professor Magennis upbraiding him for taking no public action in response to his dismissal from the civil service, the torture of his son Fergus and the imprisonment of his daughter, Constance. Also includes a Government statement announcing the impounding of eleven pairs of opera glasses discovered during a raid on Murphy's house, pending his trial for illegal possession; and a copy of a document found on Murphy consisting of a directive from IRA GHQ ordering the recipient to appear before a court martial or be shot on sight.

**P80/741** 7 September 1922

6pp

Captain Sean McGarry, RTO to the Chief RTO, Portobello Barracks, enclosing a copy of a report from a railway station foreman in Dublin concerning the vandalising of a train carrying prisoners to Gormanstown Internment Camp. McGarry forwards three bombs he himself had discovered whilst examining the damage.

**P80/742** 2 October 1922

2 items

Circular note from Michael Kelly, New York District Secretary, AARIR, summoning the officers of the Bronx Councils to a meeting to organise the Bronx reception for Mrs [Muriel] MacSwiney and further circular celebrating the success of the reception.

**P80/743** 5 October 1922

2pp

Copy of a letter from George Noble, Count Plunkett, Upper FitzWilliam Street, Dublin, to the Rev Dr Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, rejecting as 'vitiated by unsound party argument' his appeal for peace in an address at Islandeady. He condemns the Provisional Government as an illegal body elected without the consent of the people and as an agent for Britain's domination of Ireland.

**P80/744** 17 October 1922

1p

Copy of a statement by Michael Kelly, New York District Secretary, AARIR, calling on members of the Association to send de Valera words 'of cheer and comfort'.

- P80/745** 8 November 1922
- 6pp
- Copy of a letter from Commandant Pilib MacCosgair, Military Governor, Mountjoy Military Prison, to President Cosgrave, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mary MacSwiney to Edward Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, deploring the recent Bishops' Pastoral forbidding communion to active participants in the Republican cause, and calling on him to repeal the prohibition; copy of the Archbishop's reply expressing sorrow at her predicament but adhering firmly to the Pastoral.
- P80/746** 15 November 1922
- 1p
- Cutting from the *Irish Independent* containing a statement by seventy five former officers of the AARIR in support of the Treaty and the Government. Annotated by President Cosgrave that 'FitzGerald sh[ould] put up an answer for me to [the] *Ind[ependent]*.
- P80/747** [c. November 1922]
- 1p
- Copy of a cablegram from A J Castellini, President, Combined Councils, AARIR, Hamilton, Cincinnati, to [Laurence O'Neill], Lord Mayor of Dublin, protesting against the arrest and imprisonment of Mary Mac Swiney.
- P80/748** 28 November 1922–12 November 1924
- 91 items
- Documentation relating to the deportation of Art O'Brien [Dáil Éireann representative in Great Britain, 1919–22, and President of the Irish Self-Determination League] from England for internment in Ireland; his release; trial and imprisonment in England on charges of seditious conspiracy; and his subsequent activities. Includes the deportation order served on O'Brien; copy of *Eire*, vol 1 no 8, found on O'Brien when searched in Mountjoy; correspondence between Colonel Carter, Metropolitan Police Special Branch, and Lieutenant General Diarmuid O'Hegarty, Irish Director of Intelligence, on the subject of proving a conspiracy charge and securing definite evidence of O'Brien's involvement with anti-Treaty forces and between O'Hegarty and

**P80/748** Seoirse McGrath, Comptroller and Auditor General, concerning O'Brien's misappropriation of the Dáil funds given to him as Dáil Éireann's representative in Britain. Also includes copies of documents seized by police during a search of O'Brien's London home; copies of documents seized from Martin Moloney, Honorary Treasurer of the ISDL on his arrest for deportation, 11 March 1923; copies of the Information and the Evidence laid before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bow Street, on which process against O'Brien and eight others on conspiracy charges was obtained; copies of O'Brien's and his associates banking transactions; transcript of shorthand notes taken at the interrogation in Scotland Yard of HEM Bradley, Chief Compensation Officer, HM Office of Works, concerning his association with O'Brien and his disposal of money, supplied by O'Brien, through the South American Bank at Barcelona; press cuttings and extracts reporting O'Brien's conviction, two year sentence, the judgement given against him by the Master of the Rolls in respect of the moneys advanced to him as Dáil Éireann's representative in Britain by Michael Collins, late Minister for Finance, and the reception given him by the ISDL on his release in September 1924; copies of captured anti-Treaty documents and intelligence reports detailing O'Brien's loss of influence among London republicans and his struggle with Brian Hannigan, President of the Irish Freedom League, for control of the republican movement in Britain.

**P80/749** 21 December 1922

2pp

Telegram from John Harrigan, Massachusetts State President, AARIR, to President Cosgrave stating that he had no authority to speak for the Irish people.

**P80/750** [1922]

1p

Memorial verse, published in the US, 'In memory of Cathal Brugha, Harry Boland and their many brave comrades who have fallen in defence of the Irish Republic'.

**P80/751** [1922]

Leaflet published in the US, containing extracts from Harry Boland's last letters to American friends placing on record the events which led to 'this British manufactured war on the Republic'.

**P80/752** 19 January–6 February 1923

17pp

Copy extracts from letters by Michael McWhite and [Vaughan] Dempsey, Irish representatives in Geneva and Paris respectively, and copies of reports by Michael McDunphy, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, concerning the activities of Kathleen O'Brien, Charlotte Despard, and Dr Kathleen Lynn is making representations on behalf of anti-Treaty prisoners to the International Red Cross Committee sitting in Geneva, appealing to them to send a representative to Ireland, and approaching European delegations at the Lausanne Peace Conference with the request that they bring the question of the recognition of the Republic before the Conference. Includes a copy of a letter from Madame Chaponniere, ex-President of the International Council of Women, to the President of the International Red Cross Committee, recommending that the Red Cross send a representative to Ireland only at the express invitation of the Irish Government. McDunphy reports that investigations into Republican activities abroad could only proceed if the assistance of the local secret police were obtained through the good offices of the British Ambassadors; and supplies a list of persons likely to be involved in Republicanism in Paris whose movements the secret police might monitor.

**P80/753** 10 April 1923

1p

Circular letter from Maud Gonne, Honorary Secretary, Women's Prisoners Defence League, to each member of the Colonial 'Free' State Parliament, taking issue with a statement by Kevin O'Higgins that 'he had no knowledge of any hunger strike; that there had been one for four or five days but that it was over'. She notes that ninety six women had undergone a seven day hunger strike in protest against the policy of reprisals on prisoners for acts committed outside, names three women hunger-striking against unlawful imprisonment, and reports that prisoners in Kilmainham were suffering from scabies, ringworm and another very contagious skin diseases as a result of poor gaol conditions.

**P80/754** 23 April 1923

6 items

Copies of minutes sent to each member of the Executive Council detailing the anti-Treaty activities and arrests of Mary MacSwiney, Maud Gonne McBride, Mrs O'Callaghan, Annie O'Neill, Kitty Costello, and Nellie O'Ryan.

**P80/755** 26 April 1923

5pp

Copy of a letter from Commandant T O'Neill, Military Governor, Kilmainham Female Prison, to the Adjutant General, informing him that Nellie Ryan, Annie O'Neill, Kitty Costello, Maud Gonne McBride, Mary McSwiney and Mrs O'Callaghan had begun a hunger strike and enclosing statements from Ryan, O'Neill, Costello and McBride, announcing that they were striking in protest against their arrest and detention, and would give neither a verbal nor a written undertaking as to their future conduct.

#### **9.4.4 Anti-Treaty captured documents**

**P80/758** 4 May 1922

1p

Copy of a memorandum by R[obert] C B[arton] and E[rskine] C[hilders] to E de V[alera] describing the divisions within the London Plenipotentiaries during the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations and the reaction to de Valera's letter of 25 October [which ruled out any possibility of a settlement involving allegiance to the Crown]. The meeting [at which the letter was read] was a strange one for the principal reason that M[ichael] C[ollins] was in a state of violent emotion – a childish, excitable state – and was at intervals muttering that it was an attempt to stab him in the back – make him do the dirty work – and things of that sort – and insisting several times that he would go home at once. E J D[uggan] and A G[riffith] were soothing him like a child ... [A G] was insistent on your letter being an infraction of our powers ... we – that is RCB, G[avan] D[uffy] and E C – knew early in the negotiations that we were up against danger on the part of the others ... but our whole action on the negotiations must be read in the light of the fact that we never anticipated being caught in a trap and always thought we could stop a signing of allegiance by simple revolt ... The catastrophic dilemma of December 5 we never anticipated'.

**P80/759** 6 July 1922

4pp

Copy of minutes of a meeting of IRA General Headquarters Staff, 5 July 1922, Field GHQ, New Barrack, Limerick.

- P80/760** 11 July 1922  
3pp  
Copy of a letter from Sean Hegarty, Mallow, to Liam [Lynch], expressing despair with the fratricidal Civil War but defending the Government's attack on the occupied Four Courts.
- P80/761** 17 July 1922  
3pp  
Copy of a memorandum from Frank Aiken, Commandant, 4 Northern Division, to all officers and men, reviewing events since January and appealing to the men not to join the Government Army while the oath of allegiance was in place.
- P80/762** July 1922  
7pp  
Copies of the IRA Official Bulletin, nos 1–4, reviewing the military situation in the Southern, Western and Eastern Divisions and in the Dublin and Northern area.
- P80/763** 18 July–4 October 1922  
43 items  
Copies of communications, reports, despatches and directives including communications between Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, and members of the general staff concerning military and national policy; operations, administration and organisation with particular reference to intelligence, communications, propaganda, finance, the supply and movement of arms and the reorganisation of commands. Included are Dublin Brigade operation reports; reviews of the position of the Northern and Southern divisions; and repeated assertions by Lynch, in the face of rumoured and actual independent Republican peace initiatives, that only the Army Executive could put forward peace terms or consider proposals submitted by the Provisional Government.

- P80/764** 27 July 1922  
2pp  
Copy of a letter from Harry Boland to Luke, a friend in America, taken from a notebook found on Boland, in which he reviews the Anti-Treaty position and appeals for continued support in the US.
- P80/765** 15 August–12 September 1922  
13pp  
Handwritten rough minutes and typescript copy of meetings of the Army Executive with details of attendance, correspondence, items discussed and decisions reached. Matters under discussion include military policy, propaganda, finance, safeguarding funds in America and Republican attendance at the Second Dáil.
- P80/766** 29 August 1922  
2pp  
Copy of an anti-Treaty policy document urging the immediate establishment of a Republican Government, outlining propaganda measures, recommending maintenance of the Republican Courts, emphasising the need to preserve domestic and external communications, and suggesting the drafting of a food rationing plan.
- P80/767** 11 September 1922  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Liam Mellows to Austin Stack urging that the country's unemployment, starvation and postal strike be utilised for the Republic.
- P80/768** 13 September 1922  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Austin Stack and Sean T O'Kelly to the Manager, National Land Bank, College Green, authorising Brian O'Higgins to sign all cheques and to carry out all dealings in connection with the Uphold the Republic Fund.

**P80/769** 20 September 1922

2pp

Copy of a document captured at Ernie O'Malley's retreat, 36 Aylesbury Road, Dublin, consisting of a letter from Michael Comyn [Senior Counsel for the IRA] to A de S [Austin Stack] enclosing a summary of recent events, discussing resolutions before the Provisional Parliament and considering how best to deal with the Provisional Government's establishment of Military Courts. 'In my judgement we, on the legal side should face it exactly as we faced the Military Courts in Cork [established by the British in December 1920]. We should go in and defend the prisoners. Then we should apply to the Master of the Rolls for a Habeas Corpus and in case he refused, we should appeal to the Lords. Of course we could not do this officially as Republicans but when we were fighting the Military Courts in Cork, you know we were not recognised by the Republican Party. The Republican Government merely allowed the prisoners charged ... to retain Counsel for their defence'.

**P80/770** 25 September 1922

21pp

Copies of anti-Treaty documents captured in the Wexford and Dublin areas, circulated to each Minister, mainly comprising General and Operation Orders from the Officer Commanding the Dublin and South Wexford Brigades. Includes directives from the Dublin Brigade Adjutant to the Officers Commanding all Battalions requesting precise weekly reports of all operations; and a summary report from Fergus Murphy, Dublin Brigade, on all operations in the Brigade area for the week ending 9 September.

**P80/771** 5 October 1922

1p

Copy of a document captured on the occasion of the arrest of Tom Derrig [Assistant Adjutant General] at 21 Raglan Road, 6 April 1923, consisting of a letter from Art O'Brien, President, Irish Self-Determination League, to Mary MacSwiney, inviting her to speak at a forthcoming memorial meeting in honour of her brother Terence MacSwiney, arranged by the London District Committee of the ISDL.

**P80/772** 8 October 1922

8pp

Copy extract from a letter from Rory O'Connor, Mountjoy Gaol, to *The Republic*, concerning the abortive negotiations on Army unification, April–June 1922; copy of a letter from Liam Mellows Mountjoy Gaol, and Ernie O'Malley, O/C Northern and Eastern Command, reviewing events leading to the attack on the Four Courts.

**P80/773** 13 October 1922

1p

Copy of a despatch from the Command Adjutant to the Director of Publicity, informing him that de Valera was handling the appeal to Rome against the Bishop's pronouncement [the Catholic Bishops Joint Pastoral of 10 October condemning anti-Treaty forces], and requesting that he publish a response to the Pastoral, being prepared by a friend of Miss O'Byrne. Original captured on Ernie O'Malley at 36 Aylesbury Road.

**P80/773** 19, 23 October 1922

2 items

Letter from P J Kelly, President, Irish National Aid, 30 Moses Drive, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, to Sean McGrath, Honorary Secretary, stating in response to a letter from McGrath that he had done nothing but what he conceived to be his duty to ensure that the Fund was applied for the purpose for which it was collected, and claiming that the Committee had no power to divest him of his responsibility by a vote such as was invited by the motion circulated by McGrath. Copy of a letter from Art O'Brien to Kelly upbraiding him for his 'unwarranted impertinence' in implying that his committee colleagues were misappropriating funds for improper purposes, accusing him of being motivated by spite and a desire to destroy the work and effectiveness of Irish organisations in England, calling for his resignation, and vowing to have him removed from office.

- P80/775** 26 October 1922
- 1p
- Copy of a despatch from the Assistant Chief of Staff to E de V[alera], listing members of the Army Executive.
- P80/776** 31 October 1922
- 1p
- Copy of a despatch from the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff to the Command Adjutant, suggesting that licences for publicans be issued immediately and ordering him to maintain regular contact with de Valera so as to solicit his opinion on proposed military action including the burning of the homes of Dr L Murphy and A FitzGerald, proprietors of the *Irish Independent* and *Freeman's Journal*, and the issuing of a proclamation declaring the Provisional Government illegal.
- P80/777** 9 November 1922
- 2 items
- E de V[alera] to Stephen O'Mara, Mayor of Limerick, concerning communications from the US and England relating to a reply to a Provisional Government injunction obtained in the US [relating to access to funds?]; copy of one communication attached.
- P80/778** 10 November 1922
- 1p
- Copy of a document captured on John Gormley, Adjutant, 4 Northern Division, consisting of a directive from Gormley ordering IRA members not to make statements when arrested and to refuse to recognise the court when charged.
- P80/779** 30 November 1922
- 1p
- Copy of a document captured at Gouganne Barra, County Cork, consisting of a memorandum from the Divisional Adjutant to Sean Nolan, Cork, requesting a meeting with Nolan and Sean Moore in connection with the decision to reactivate the Republican Courts.

- P80/780** [c.December 1922]  
1p  
Copy of a list of categories of officials and individuals affected by anti-Treaty proclamations declaring the Provisional Government an illegal body.
- P80/781** 27 December 1922  
1p  
Copy of General Order 14 demanding the rigid enforcement of the proclamation of 2 December concerning 'enemy revenue', directing that those continuing to pay enemy taxes be fined the amount paid, and ordering the destruction of documents connected with, and offices engaged in, collecting such revenue.
- P80/782** 29 December 1922  
1p  
Copy of a document captured at Dr Harding's, Tarelton, Macroom, consisting of a memorandum from Thomas Derrig, Assistant Adjutant General, to O/Cs All Divisions; as a result of the painting of all railway signal cabin floors with a fire resistant chemical stain, the best way to burn signal cabins would be to fire the floors from underneath with petrol rather than from above.
- P80/783** [1922]  
1p  
Directive from the Director of Organisation to O/Cs Battalions, instructing that a serious effort be made to reorganise Fianna Éireann under IRA direction. Marked 'Very urgent – report on possibility at once'.
- P80/784** [1922]  
1p  
Handwritten copy of a letter from the Honorary Secretary [Cumann na mBan], to Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, conveying the feeling of her Executive with regard to recent house burnings, particularly where 'our girls' were asked to help, that 'the burning

- P80/784** of private houses where women and children are exposed to great danger does not seem to us to secure great military advantages, particularly when weighed against the efforts of a hostile press’.
- P80/785** [1922]  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Peadar O’Donnell, in prison, to Madge, requesting that she pass on a message to Frank [Aiken] to the effect that ‘the Republican party based on the declaration of 1916 and standing for the social and political programme must be in the hope of the peasants and workers and not individuals who mean well enough but are only toying with the question’. Includes handwritten comment describing O’Donnell as a ‘Gaelic League organiser and Irish teacher. Very well in with enemy political people’.
- P80/786** 1922  
23pp  
*Correspondence of Mr Eamon de Valera and others* (SO, Dublin) 1922; published transcripts of captured correspondence between de Valera and Charles Murphy, Robert Brennan, Patrick Little, Ernie O’Malley, Austin Stack, Liam Mellows and P J Rutledge, and related memoranda, illustrating their subversive military and political activities.
- P80/787** 2 January 1923  
1p  
Copy of Operation Order 11 issued by T L, Adjutant, 3 Tipperary Brigade, to the Officers Commanding All Battalions and Columns, ordering that all members of Dáil Éireann and all Free State Army Officers who supported the ‘Enemy Murder Bill’ [Public Safety Bill] be shot on sight and their homes destroyed.
- P80/788** 5 January 1923  
1p  
Eamon de Valera to the Honorary Secretaries, Cumann na mBan, acknowledging receipt of copies of their correspondence with Army HQ and requesting that they inform their Committee of the

**P80/788** Government's and Army's deep regret at the death of Emmet McGarry [young son of James McGarry TD, killed when his home was burnt down by anti-Treaty forces]. Autograph removed.

**P80/789** 6 January 1923

1p

Copy of a letter from H [Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington], Park Avenue Hotel, New York, concerning Muriel [MacSwiney]'s behaviour in America and her refusal to return home despite repeated requests. Notes her involvement with, and exploitation by, an unscrupulous crowd, expresses fears for her mental state and requests that she be recalled by de Valera, Austin Stack, or Mary [MacSwiney].

**P80/790** 17 January 1923

3pp

General Mulcahy to President Cosgrave enclosing a copy of a letter from Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington, New York, to Miss O'Rahilly concerning the remittance of monies collected in America (15 October 1922).

**P80/791** 12 January–7 March 1923

17 items

Copies of a memoranda from de Valera and Liam Lynch to Laurence Ginnell, Republican Envoy to Washington, and General Sean Moylan, Military Attaché, Washington Legation, concerning the co-ordination of the Republican effort in the US; fundraising; the shipment of arms; and the surrender of Liam Deasy, O/C Southern Command. Includes a copy of a letter from de Valera to J J O'Kelly voicing dismay at the acrimony engendered by Ginnell's appointment and suggesting that the American situation would be relieved if O'Kelly and Fr O'Flannagan agreed to an Australian mission; copy of a letter from de Valera to Miss Barry, Secretary, Prisoners' Dependents' Fund Committee, recommending that they await a report from O'Kelly and O'Flannagan on the feasibility of raising funds in Australia; and copy of a communication from de Valera to Joseph McGarrity, Clan na Gael, requesting that he prevent Ginnell from being rushed into foolish ventures or manipulated by cliques. Also includes a copy of a directive to all Commands, forwarded by Lynch to Moylan, outlining the Republican position with regard to Deasy's surrender; and copies of a letter from M[oylan] to Spare, a

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**P80/791**      colleague in England, discussing his American fund raising initiatives, Republican factions in the US, and Ginnell's ineffectual leadership.

**P80/792**      10 February 1923

1p

Copy of a letter from Con Moloney, Deputy Chief of Staff, to Sean FitzPatrick, Limerick Prison, upbraiding him for his application for parole, 'coming when it did when F/S people were on the point of giving up having come to some arrangement with England ... Put yourself in enemy position and read your application. What would you think? Wouldn't you at once say the executions are having the desired effect?'

**P80/793**      19 February 1923

1p

Copy of a document captured during the arrest of Tom Derrig at 21 Raglan Road, 6 April 1923, consisting of a directive from [Conn Moloney], Adjutant General, to the Assistant C/S, Western Command, requesting a report on railway destruction in the Western Divisions, pressing for more operations against the Civic Guards, stressing the need to give cut and dried orders in all cases, and urging a general increase in activity to maintain morale.

**P80/794**      2 March 1923

1 item

Negative photographic copy of a letter from the Director of Publicity to P[resident de Valera], requesting that he write a message to the Irish people for the St Patrick's day issue of the Bulletin, and despatch the Chandler and Price machine to the Progress Press, 117 Stockwell Street, Glasgow.

**P80/795**      6 March 1923

4 items

Negative photographic copy of a letter from Eamon de Valera to Laurence Ginnell TD, Highgate, London, enclosing a letter introducing Denis Kennedy, a civil engineer and soldier of the

**P80/795** Irish Republic forced abroad through ill-health, and voicing the hope that Ginnell might be able to provide Kennedy with some introductions.

**P80/796** 8 March 1923

7pp

Captain A S Ó Muireadhaigh, Criminal Investigation Department, Merrion Square, to the Secretary, Saorstát Éireann, enclosing copies of documents found on a woman named Coughlan, arrested during a raid on Mrs Erskine Childers' residence, 12 Bushy Park Road, Rathgar, on 5 March. Documents comprise a letter from Eamon de Valera to Mrs Childers enclosing his reply to a questionnaire submitted by Signor D A Radoani, containing an outline of anti-Treaty forces economic programme; copy of a letter from [Robert Brennan], Director of Publicity, to Miss Prescott enclosing her weekly salary; and a copy of a letter from de Valera to Miss Edith M Ellis concurring with sentiments expressed in her letter. '... alas our country has been placed in a cruel dilemma, out of which she could be rescued only by gentleness, skill, and patience, and on all sides a desire for justice and fair dealing. Instead we find ourselves in the atmosphere of a tempest – every word of reason is suppressed or distorted until it is made to appear the voice of passion. I have been condemned to view the tragedy there for the last year as through a wall of glass, powerless to intervene effectively. I have however, still hope that an opportunity may come my way'.

**P80/797** 28 March 1923

1p

Handwritten note from Mary MacSwiney, to Miss K Gaffney, Cuff's Grange, Kilkenny, requesting details of a recent denunciation of Cumann na mBan from the pulpit.

**P80/798** 30 June [1923]

3pp

Handwritten letter from Thomas Cassidy, Officer Commanding B Company, to the Officer Commanding Battalion 1, agreeing to the latter's request that he resign; but rejecting claims that he had failed to attend staff meetings, hold parades or answer despatches; and requesting a transfer to a Dublin city company.

**P80/799** 8 July 1923

1p

Directive from the Regional Intelligence Officer, General Headquarters, Carlow Brigade, to the Intelligence Officer, 2 Battalion, ordering a weekly report on the strength and structure of enemy posts; the operations and movements of enemy forces; enemy intelligence methods; the names of enemy spies; the efforts made to tap enemy posts; telephone exchanges; railways; enemy election activity; and the organisers, members and activities of Cumann na nGaedheal.

**P80/800** 18 July 1923

1p

Copy of a document intercepted on its way into Tralee Gaol, consisting of a directive from Eamon de Valera calling on all prison and internment camp inmates to maintain their morale, and to organise and convert their prisons into miniature universities.

**P80/801** 12 August 1923

4pp

Copies of documents found in Cork Gaol, 24 August 1923, consisting of a directive from the Director of Intelligence to the Officers Commanding all prisons and camps enclosing a scheme for the operation of Prison Employment Bureaux; and a memorandum from Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff, advising against hunger striking for release in view of all the dangers and difficulties, the state of public feeling and the control of the press, directing Prison Councils to discourage any potential hunger striker who was not perfectly satisfied that he could carry it through to the end, expressly forbidding those who were not physically fit from going on hunger strike, and recommending that prisoners repudiate any enemy undertaking previously signed.

**P80/802** 14 August [1923]

1p

Copy of a document found on Eamonn Donnelly consisting of a note from Eamon de Valera to the Director of Elections enclosing an attached document [absent] and wondering if sufficient candidates could be put up in the constituencies to secure a

- P80/802** majority or near it. 'From all I hear Clare is magnificent ... I hope our people are not too optimistic'.
- P80/803** [1923]  
2pp  
Copy of a document taken from D J O'Donovan, Grace Park Gardens, Drumcondra, when being transferred to Mountjoy, 6 September 1923, consisting of a programme for Sinn Féin organisation and activities within internment camps.
- P80/804** 12 September 1923  
1p  
Copy of a document captured at Dromard, County Sligo, containing a directive from P MacFloinn, Divisional Adjutant, GHQ, ordering the Officers Commanding in all brigades to encourage the organisation of Sinn Féin clubs in all parishes, and ensure their affiliation before the end of September in readiness for the Ard Fheis in the middle of October.
- P80/805** 29 November 1923  
1p  
Copy of a letter from Steve in Mountjoy Gaol to May, discussing the Republican prisoners' hunger strike. 'It was a fiasco ... I stuck it 27 days, could easily have done 40 more, but refused point blank to do the fool or die to make a name for others ... I stuck it 27 days too long'.
- P80/806** [1923]  
1p  
Order of the Day issued by General Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff, to all ranks, appealing for stricter discipline and civic spirit and saluting the gallant men who had 'embarked on the great last Hunger Strike for Freedom'.

#### **9.4.5 Anti-Treaty Propaganda**

##### **9.4.5.1 Statements and proclamations**

- P80/807** 11 August 1922
- 2pp
- Statement issued by the Republican Publicity Committee, Wexford, outlining in response to enemy propaganda, the Republican view of the national position.
- P80/808** 29 August 1922
- 1p
- Copy of a proclamation issued by Thomas Bellew, Officer Commanding Operations, Kilkenny Brigade, prohibiting the passage of motor vehicles through the area covered by the Kilkenny Brigade, with the exception of doctors attending to professional duties; for publication in the *Kilkenny People*.
- P80/809** 7 September 1922
- 1p
- Mrs Julia Cole, 22 Lower Buckingham Street, Dublin, to Desmond FitzGerald, informing him that if he supported the Provisional Government, the blood of her son Sean, 'fouly murdered by men in the service and pay of the military junta which classes itself a Government', would be on his head.
- P80/810** [September 1922]
- 11pp
- Memorandum from the editor, *Republican War Bulletin*, to the members of the Third Dáil, calling on them to demand an account from those responsible for the awful happenings of the Civil War and have the guilty parties brought to justice. Included are details of the inhuman treatment of Republicans on board the prison ship, the SS Arvonía, in Dublin Bay; four statements relating to the torture of Republican prisoners; a list of Republican and enemy casualties, including those wounded, captured and killed in July and August; and a list of raids carried out by Provisional Government forces between July and September [1922].

- P80/811** [September] 1922  
3pp  
Circular letter to each TD, calling on them to force the Provisional Government to cease its war of aggression against the forces of the Republic or bear the consequences.
- P80/812** 3 November 1922  
1p  
Copy of a proclamation, issued by Eamon de Valera and Austin Stack, decreeing all debts contracted and appointments made by the Provisional Government without the sanction of Dáil Éireann, to be illegal.
- P80/813** [1922]  
1p  
Application form for membership of the Friends of Soviet Russia. 'The Russian revolution is the test of every Irishman's political creed ... if you are true to the principles of Tone you should be a friend of Soviet Russia'.
- P80/814** 24 January 1923  
1p  
Copy of a public notice issued by the Dublin 1 Brigade, warning all civilians that they continued to work and reside in premises occupied by Free State Forces at their own risk.
- P80/815** 1 February 1923  
1p  
Copy of a proclamation issued by Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, in response to the Government's announcement that punitive action would be taken against the Republican prisoners if hostages held by anti-Treaty forces were not released. Lynch gives notice that the hostages would not be freed and threatens retaliation against members of the Government if the threatened punitive action was to materialise.

- P80/816** 14 March 1923  
1p  
Copy of a proclamation, issued by Pádraig Ó Ruíleis, Minister for Home Affairs, ordering an indefinite period of national mourning in honour of tortured and murdered Republican prisoners-of-war.
- P80/817** [1923]  
1p  
Handwritten doggerel beginning 'A quart of milk is worth as much as a quart of Government whiskey, a pound of wheat is worth as much as a pound of government gunpowder'.
- P80/818** [1923]  
1p  
Statement entitled 'The Defamation of Michael Collins', warning all who treasured the memory of Collins as a Republican to remain vigilant in the light of a recent article in the *Catholic Herald* alleging that he had striven not for a Republic but for Dominion Home Rule.
- P80/819** [1923]  
1p  
Account of the sufferings of Irish prisoners in Derry Gaol.
- P80/820** [1923]  
1p  
Circular issued by Sinn Féin Headquarters paying tribute to the late Dinny Barry, a Cork volunteer who died in prison. 'Like the thousand other men whom he typifies he is flung into gaol, without trial, and left there on vague and indefinite charges until death releases him from the inhuman conditions in which thousands still suffer ... How many more such men are to be lost to us before the true meaning of liberty is realised by our people?'

- P80/821** 15 October 1923  
3pp  
Announcement of a mass hunger strike by four hundred and twenty four Republicans in Mountjoy Gaol for immediate and unconditional release.
- P80/822** 16 October 1923  
1p  
Statement by P J Rutledge, Acting President, to the Presiding Chairman and Delegates, Ard Fheis, announcing that the Republican prisoners had pledged to continue their strike to the death if unconditional release was not forthcoming.
- P80/823** 24 October 1923  
2pp  
Letter from Conn MacMurcada, Suffolk Street, Sinn Féin Headquarters, to FitzGerald, calling on all parliamentary representatives to take prompt action to secure the unconditional release of eight thousand Republican prisoners on hunger strike.
- P80/824** 12 November 1923  
3pp  
Appeal from Mary MacSwiney and Kathleen Lynn, calling on all TDs and Senators to ensure that Republicans were not forced to die en masse on hunger strike.
- P80/825** 16 November 1923  
4pp  
Statement issued by Mary MacSwiney to the press, drawing their attention to attempts on the part of the Government and the Free State press to fix responsibility for the hunger strike on the Republican authorities.

**P80/825a** 1 February 1924  
2pp  
Report on conditions in Hare Park Internment Camp.

**9.4.5.2 Printed matter**

**P80/826** 1922  
1p  
Handbill entitled *A Diary from the Four Courts*, containing a timetable of events leading to the attack on the Four Courts.

**P80/827** [not dated]  
1p  
Handbill entitled *The Murder Members*. Contains the names of Dáil members who voted for the Murder Bill [Public Safety [Emergency Powers] Bill, 1922].

**P80/828** [1922]  
6pp  
Pamphlet entitled *On the Proper Shoulders*, consisting of extracts from *Hansard* to prove that the primary responsibility for the Civil War rested with England, 'on whose orders the Provisional Government acted in attacking the Republican Forces'.

**P80/829** [1922]  
8pp  
Pamphlet by the Rev Michael O'Flanagan *Ireland Fights on! Why?* (Irish Republican Association, Melbourne).

- P80/830** [not dated]  
14pp  
*Ghosts – Other Ghosts or The Priests and The Republic.* Pamphlet by Columban na Banban.
- P80/831** [1923]  
1p  
Handbill issued by the Republican Political Prisoners' Committee, Dublin, urging all Irishmen and women to encourage their sons to join the IRA.
- P80/832** [1923]  
1p  
Handbill declaring that a special agent had been sent to the South to assassinate Eamon de Valera. 'The name of this man is known'
- P80/833** [1923]  
1p  
Handbill warning 'You people who lately became Free Staters because the crowd and the Jobs were on that side. Be careful! The wheel will take another turn. And that very soon'
- P80/834** [1923]  
1p  
Handbill entitled *Five Centuries to Go*, ironically urging Richard Mulcahy to continue killing Republicans, 'The pace is too slow, Dick! You are killing only about one hundred Republicans a quarter. At this rate it will take five hundred years to kill them all off'.

- P80/835** [1923]  
1p  
Leaflet urging people to purchase Dáil debates. 'File them carefully. Because the day is coming when Cosgrave, O'Higgins and Co. will be very anxious to see them all burned'.
- P80/836** [1923]  
1p  
Handbill entitled *The Stupid British*. 'If the British had the sense to give Cosgrave and Mulcahy the job in 1916. What short work they would have made of Padraig Pearse and the other Irregulars'.
- P80/838** 13 October 1923  
1p  
Leaflet issued by the Sinn Féin Publicity Department containing a manifesto from the prisoners hunger-striking in Mountjoy Gaol for unconditional release; signed by Michael Kilroy, Officer Commanding Prisoners.
- P80/839** 30 October 1923  
3pp  
Printed copy of a letter from Philip Gilmore to the Dominion delegates at the Imperial Conference, London, describing the year-long detention without charge of his son Harry, and calling for a Sworn Public Inquiry into the atrocities of the Irish Free State authorities.
- P80/840** November 1923  
4pp  
Printed copy of an open letter from [Robert Brennan], Director of Publicity, detailing the ill-treatment of Republican prisoners and the conditions in the Free State prisons and camps.

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- P80/841** 17 December 1921–28 January 1922  
2 items  
*The Workers Republic*, official publication of the Communist Party of Ireland, vol 1, nos 11 and 17.
- P80/842** 11 July 1922–21 February 1923  
10 items  
*Poblacht na hEireann War News*, nos 13, 14, 26, 41, 67, 72, 77, 78, 121 and 163.
- P80/843** 17 October 1922–4 May 1923  
50 items  
*Daily Bulletin*, nos 18, 19, 21–23, 25–27, 49, 52–53, 55, 108, 115, 116, 119, 148–157, 159–165, 167–183.
- P80/844** 19 October–19 November 1923  
*Republican Bulletin*, nos 270, 273–279, 282–284, 286–288, 290.
- P80/ 845** 6–22 November 1923  
13 items  
*Daily Sheet*, nos 11–16, 18, 20–25.
- P80/846** 14 April 1923–12 July 1924  
2 items  
*Eire/ The Irish National*, vol 1, no 13; vol 2, no 26.

## **9.5 Revolutionary and Subversive Organisation, 1924–31**

### **9.5.1 The IRA**

#### **9.5.1.1 Intelligence**

**P80/847** 14 January 1924–July 1926

187 items

Copies of and extracts from intelligence reports from the Army Eastern, Western, and Southern Commands and from individual agents, detailing activities and developments within the Republican movement with particular reference to the debate within Sinn Féin concerning entry into the Dáil; the negotiations between Sinn Féin Executive and the IRA concerning future policy; and the friction between the constitutional and military wings of Republicanism as a whole culminating in the IRA withdrawal of allegiance to Sinn Féin and de Valera's resignation as President following the rejection of his proposal that entry in the Dáil be conditional on the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance. Included are reports on Sinn Féin electoral tactics, contacts with organised labour, the breakaway Ulster Federal Association, and the Workers' Political Party, with summaries of Eastern Command monthly reports.

**P80/848** 11 April–20 May 1924

6 items

Copies of extracts from Sinn Féin, *Irish Independent* and Waterford local newspapers, circulated by the press survey and reports section of the office of Director of Intelligence, containing interviews given by de Valera and P J Rutledge outlining Republican policy; reports and editorials relating to the Irish delegation to the League of Nations, the Limerick by-election and the investment by Waterford Corporation of £37,000 in the National Loan.

**P80/849** 20 March–4 December 1925

12 items

Secret memoranda and reports from Colonel Michael Costello, Director of Intelligence, to Lieutenant General Peadar McMahon, Chief of Staff, and from the Chief of Staff to [P Hughes], Minister for Defence, concerning developments within Sinn Féin and the

**P80/849** IRA, particularly the rift between the two on the issue of entering the Dáil. Included are reports on the friction between anti-Treaty forces in Ulster and the Sinn Féin Executive arising from Sinn Féin contesting the Northern Ireland election; approaches by prominent Tipperary anti-Treaty activists to ex-IRA Officers with a view to forming a centre party; and a revival of anti-Treaty activity dating from Armistice Day and culminating in the destruction of the Masterpiece Cinema and the rescue of nineteen prisoners from Mountjoy. Also included are two copies of an IRA recruiting appeal; a directive from the O/C Midland Battalion, ordering all ranks to withdraw cooperation and support from Sinn Féin; regulations governing the selection of delegates to the IRA Convention; a draft agenda for the Convention and a general order from Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff, concerning the establishment of a foreign reserve list of Volunteers.

**P80/850** 7 January–22 March 1926

8 items

Cuttings from the *Irish Independent* reporting the split within the Republican movement over the question of entry into the Dáil; the resignation of de Valera as President of Sinn Féin and his replacement by Art O'Connor as President of the Republic.

**P80/851** 28 March 1928–2 October 1931

30 items

Minister for Defence's copies of police reports and Department of Justice memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning the activities of the IRA and prominent Republicans. Included are reports on armed attacks on President Cosgrave's escort car and on a party of undersheriffs in Kerry; a bank robbery in Tipperary; the murder of a Garda detective; the capture of a band of anti-Treaty soldiers in Glasnevin; the attempted burning of Portumna Castle; the unveiling of a memorial to an IRA member, Michael Neville, in Lisdoonvarna; and allegations by Deputies O'Kelly and Boland of Garda involvement in the assassination of Kevin O'Higgins. Also included are memoranda concerning the discovery of arms in a County Mayo national school; the disappearance and possible execution of IRA Commander, Patrick Murray; the formation of a Workers Defence Corps in Dublin; the rescue of John Keogh and James Killoran from Dundrum Criminal Asylum; the planned assassination of a witness in the proceedings against Florence McCarthy of Cumann na mBan; the identification of Frank Ryan as the probable author of the 'Ghosts' pamphlets and his subsequent conviction on a charge of resisting arrest.

**P80/852** 26 March–27 August 1929

7 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council concerning the prosecution of the Rev John Fahy, Bullaun, County Galway, for the unlawful seizure of cattle impounded by decree from Bridget Nevin in respect of land annuities. Included are copies of explanatory memoranda by the Department of Justice; a copy of a police report on Fahy's arrest, his refusal to accept bail and his subsequent imprisonment; copies of resolutions from Wicklow Urban District and Tipperary County Councils calling for his release; a copy of a letter from Fahy to Mary MacSwiney explaining his position; a copy of a letter from Dr M J Browne, Professor of Canon Law, Maynooth, discussing the validity of Fahy's written promise to the Bishop of Clonfert to apologise publicly for his actions; a copy of a letter from the Governor of Galway Prison to the bishop of Clonfert returning a sealed letter which Fahy had refused to accept; a copy of a report by the Governor on Fahy's refusal to receive visitors or accept mail; and a copy of a police report on Fahy's conviction and six-week prison sentence.

**P80/853** 2 July 1929

3 items

Minister for Defence's copies of memoranda from the Department of Justice, sent to each member of the Executive Council, concerning actions for damages taken or about to be taken against members of the Garda Siochana by anti-Treaty activists arrested and detained.

**P80/854** 30 April 1930

14pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents issued in connection with the financing of Irish Press Ltd, circulated for information of Ministers, with a request that they be considered when proposals for the repayment of the balance of the American Loan were being discussed. Includes a circular appeal for funds from Eamon de Valera, pamphlet signed by Frank P Walsh appealing to the holders of old Dáil Bonds to assign them to de Valera as seed finance for the Irish Press.

**P80/855** 9 May 1930–10 December 1931

4 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the information of Ministers, including copies of a Sinn Féin pamphlet entitled *Republic of Ireland addresses his Holiness the Pope*; issue of *An t-Óglach*, July 1931, the official organ of the IRA; a seditious leaflet appealing to Free State soldiers to join with the IRA in fighting for an independent Irish Republic; and an article from *An Phoblacht* entitled 'Long Live Mulcahy! And Why?!', with an accompanying memorandum from the Department of Justice advising of the probable failure of any prosecution taken against the publishers of the paper for incitement to murder.

**P80/856** 27 July 1931

59pp

Copy of a confidential report from Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, on the activities of the IRA, 1 January–5 May 1931, circulated to members of the Executive Council. Included are extracts from previous reports dealing with the growth of the 'Anti-Treaty menace' and the need for amended legislation to counteract it; a summary of IRA activities and outrages for the period under review; a copy of a report from Superintendent John Curtain, Tipperary, written two hours prior to his assassination by the IRA, in which he calls for the abolition of juries in political trials; and extracts from reports from divisional superintendents, decrying the legislative constraints under which the Gardai operated and pressing for increased powers of search, arrest, interrogation and detention. O'Duffy endorses his officers' demands and requests the immediate enactment of suitable legislation.

**P80/857** 27 July 1931

45 pp

Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, to [Einri Ó Frighil], Secretary, Department of Justice, enclosing a report on IRA activity in each County with particular reference to the incidence of illegal drilling. He lists the number and nature of the illegal parades, the leaders and the type of armaments, and concludes that these people should be deprived of the protection which enables them to endanger the security and peace of the State, by placing them outside the protection of a Constitution ... where their activities can be met by suitable action.

**9.5.1.2 Captured documents**

**P80/858** 21 March 1924

1p

Copy of a document captured at the home of Thomas Bertles, Ardnagrath, Drumraney, Moate, 3 May 1924, consisting of a directive from the Adjutant, Midland Division, to O/Cs All Brigades, ordering them to forward particulars of dependents of Civil War casualties for the consideration of the White Cross Committee which 'undertook last August to maintain the orphans of our men who were executed or killed in the recent fight'.

**P80/859** 30 May 1924

1p

Copy of a letter from Donal O'Callaghan, former Lord Mayor of Cork, found in the house of Connie Neenan, 17 June 1924, in which O'Callaghan discusses procuring funds for the IRA and asserts that de Valera's words and actions played a leading part in the destruction of the Republican cause.

**P80/860** July 1924

5pp

Copy of the 'Manifesto to the People of Ireland', adopted at a conference of available Republican deputies, 1 July 1922; captured in Sean T Ó Ceallaigh's house, St Stephen's Green.

**P80/861** 25 February 1925

2pp

Copy of a letter from L Kerney, Paris, to the editor, *Sinn Féin*, summarising the content of an article in a French newspaper *L'Ouest-Éclair*, entitled 'The end of England's naval supremacy', hinting at the possibility of war between England and France and the efficiency of a blockade of English ports using submarines.

**P80/862** 26 February–25 March 1925

7 items

Copies of captured correspondence between the O/C Limerick County, the Adjutant General, and the Minister for Defence, concerning the propriety of Volunteers serving with Government supporters on committees concerned with claims for portions of estates which were to be divided.

**P80/863** 5 April 1925

1p

Copy of a memorandum by the Minister for Defence, analysing the reasoning behind the introduction of the Treasonable Offences Bill.

**P80/864** 1 May 1925

1p

Copy of a letter from Annie Hogan, Kilmainham Gaol, describing the forcible removal to the North Dublin Union of prisoners who had refused to leave voluntarily until two fellow prisoners and hunger strikers, Mary MacSwiney and Mrs O'Callaghan, were released. She voices the fear that the forcible transfers would continue until all eighty one prisoners had been despatched, and requests that the incident be given all possible publicity.

**P80/865** 25 May 1925

1p

Extract from a letter from [Frank Aiken], Chief of Staff, to the Officer in Charge, Finance and Accounts, concerning the Treasonable Offences Act. 'A military parade at Bodenstown is, I consider, the best answer we can give at the moment to the Free Staters' decree that we must only fight for freedom in a way which would dishonour the nation'.

**P80/866** May 1925

1p

Handwritten copy of a statement of the cash accounts of the IRA for the months of May 1925.

**P80/867** 14 July–23 December 1925

32 items

Copies of captured correspondence between Republican envoys L H Kerney, Paris, Donald Hales, Genoa, and S T O’Kelly and Mary MacSwiney, New York, and A O, USFA [Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs], Dublin, concerning the conduct of the Republican Government’s external affairs. Letters acknowledge receipt of despatches; forward press reports and correspondence received; review general policy and political developments; and discuss international trade links, the employment of Republicans abroad, the closure of the Genoa and Paris consulates, and the redeployment of Kerney as Honorary Consul. Includes a report by Eamon Brugha, Pretoria, on the political situation in South Africa; a letter from M P Colivet, Minister for Finance, detailing the extent of the Government’s financial problems; and a letter from Sean McBride requesting Kerney’s assistance in securing temporary employment in Paris with reply from Kerney suggesting a teaching position in the Berlitz schools.

**P80/868** 10 July 1925

3pp

Directive from the Acting Quartermaster General to the Quartermasters of all units, ordering them to complete and return the enclosed arms return form with precise details of the types and quantities of arms in their possession.

**P80/869** 30 September 1925

2pp

Deciphered copy of a document found in Killakee Dump consisting of a letter from [Sean Lemass], Minister for Defence, to [Frank Aiken], Chief of Staff, enclosing a report from the Quartermaster General concerning meetings between himself, the Officer Commanding Britain and Mr X, a representative of the Berlin government, with a view to establishing communications between M[oscow] and London via Berlin. ‘It is quite possible that Mr X is using O C Britain as one of his agents ... and although he is willing to pay us for our services it may not come under the notice of the people in Moscow that we as an organisation are rendering any assistance ... if we continue to assist these people it should be made clear that our assistance is coming to them officially’.

- P80/870** 24 November 1925  
20pp  
Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Department of the President, to [P Hughes], Minister for Defence, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mary MacSwiney, New York, to the President and Comhairle na dTeachai, 'which has fallen into our hands'. The letter consists of a memorandum warning of continued electoral failure for the Republican party unless progressive policies were adopted, and enclosing an outline political programme for consideration.
- P80/871** November 1925  
13pp  
Copies of the report of the General Army Convention, 14–15 November 1925, and of the IRA Constitution as amended by the Convention and circulated to all units.
- P80/872** [1925]  
2pp  
Circular issued by the Sinn Féin Reorganising Committee outlining a programme of immediate work for local cumainn.
- P80/873** 22 April 1926  
6pp  
[P Hughes], Minister for Defence's copy of a captured memorandum, circulated to each member of the Executive Council, from Austin Stack and Davy O'Donoghue, joint secretaries, Sinn Féin, to the honorary secretaries of comhairle ceanntair and cumainn, enclosing reports dealing with the republican position in the aftermath of the resignation of de Valera and his supporters from Sinn Féin.
- P80/874** 1 May 1926  
1p  
Handwritten extracts from a letter from IRA HQ, New York, found on Patrick Garland, arrested at Cobh, concerning threats from a Dundalk Volunteer to kill the man who had claimed he was an

- P80/874** enemy agent.
- P80/875** 1926–7  
3 items  
Typescript copies of proceedings of meetings of Dáil Éireann and Comhairle na dTeachai, December 1926 and December 1927; printed text of these proceedings presented to the Oireachtas by the Executive Council; originals captured during a search of 27 Dawson Street, Dublin, 10 April 1928.
- P80/876** 10 July 1928  
1p  
Copy of a Republican Soldiers Casualty Committee Certificate recording the death of Squadron Leader Bernard Curtis, 4 Battalion F Company, 18 November 1922, killed by an accidental explosion while preparing an ambush.
- P80/877** 29 October 1928  
2pp  
Copy of a letter from Annie McSwiney, Cork, to Sighle Humphreys in jail, referring to the general political situation including a recent meeting in Cork for the reorganisation of the Gaelic League.
- P80/878** 24 December 1928  
1p  
Extract from a letter from Cornelius Healy [the one-eyed gunner], Portlaoise Prison, to 'my darling Bridie', confiding his intention to learn a useful trade and looking forward to a remission of his sentence. 'The whole thing is to be a good and well conducted prisoner and I am ready to be so for I must bow to the inevitable ...'.

**P80/879** February, August 1929

12pp

[D FitzGerald], Minister for Defence's copies of documents sent at the request of the Minister for Justice to each member of the Executive Council, concerning searches of the house of Sighle Humphreys, 36 Ailesbury Road, Dublin. Includes police reports and copies of confiscated documents concerning future activities of Cumann na mBan.

**P80/880** 11 March 1929

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a minute from the Secretary of the Department of Justice, circulated to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing a copy of a letter from Peadar O'Donnell to subscribers to *An Phoblacht*, concerning seizures of the paper.

**P80/881** May 1929

26pp

Minister for Defence's copies of seized documents, circulated to each member of the Executive Council at the request of the Department of Justice. Includes typescript copies of *An tOglach*, February, April 1929; and leaflets and pamphlets of Republican origin.

**P80/882** November 1929

5pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council at the request of the Minister for Justice, consisting of directives from the Adjutant General, IRA, to William Lane, O/C North East Cork Battalion, found at Lane's home.

**P80/883** November 1931–January 1932

13pp

Minister for Defence's copies of captured documents circulated to each member of the Executive Council at the request of the

**P80/883** Minister of Justice. Includes directives from the Adjutant General, IRA, to each independent unit outlining aspects of army policy on matters such as recruitment and organisation.

### **9.5.1.3. Propaganda**

**P80/884** [1920s]  
8pp  
Copy of the *Sinn Fein Constitution*.

**P80/885** [1925]  
4pp  
Leaflet entitled *Sinn Fein Economic Programme*, issued by the Re-organising Committee, Sinn Fein, 15 College Green, Dublin.

**P80/886** 25 August 1928  
32pp  
Pamphlet entitled *The Claim of the Irish Republic*, containing a statement of Ireland's claim to self-determination, submitted by the Government of the Irish Republic to Frank B Kellogg, US Secretary of State.

**P80/887** January 1929  
2pp  
Typescript copy of a [handbill?] entitled 'To all Republican Citizens', celebrating the tenth anniversary of the ratification of the Proclamation of the Republic, 21 January 1919, issued by the Sinn Féin Standing Committee.

- P80/888** 2 September 1929
- 8pp
- Standard letter from the Publicity Department, Dáil Éireann, enclosing a printed statement of Ireland's inalienable right to self-determination, addressed to the Rt Hon Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister, from Sean T Ó Ceallaigh, Ceann Comhairle.
- P80/889** November 1929
- 1p
- Cutting from *An Phoblacht* deriding the 'Free State travelling troop', the Government delegation led by FitzGerald on tour in America.
- P80/890** [1920s]
- 55x45 cms
- Two posters issued by the IRA Army Council calling for the mobilisation of the nation in support of the Republic.
- P80/891** November 1930–May 1931
- 6 items
- Handbills, leaflets and circulars issued by the Republican Prisoners' Committee, drawing attention to the excesses of the security forces with particular reference to the ill-treatment of Republican prisoners and a brutal assault on George Gilmore. Includes a list of Republican prisoners and an open letter from Maud Gonne McBride, Secretary of the Women Prisoners' Defence League, to James FitzGerald-Kenney, Minister for Justice, condemning the inhuman treatment of three young Republicans in Mountjoy.
- P80/892** 1930
- 2 items
- Leaflets issued by Cumann na mBan and 'Ghosts' entitled *Prosperity! Moryah!* and *Christianity Moryah!*

- P80/893** 20 April 1931  
1p  
Leaflet issued by 'Ghosts' calling on members of the Jury panel for Dublin City not to convict Sean McGuinness.
- P80/894** 17 October 1931  
5pp  
Copy of a letter from the IRA Army Council to the editor of the *Irish Times*, requesting publication of the enclosed policy statement concerning IRA activities in general.
- P80/895** 7 November 1931  
8pp  
*An Phoblacht* vol VII no 2
- P80/896** 19 May 1932  
2pp  
Letter from the Adjutant-General, IRA, to the *Daily Mail* stating, in response to the anticipated legislation by the Fianna Fáil Government introducing pensions and compensation for ex-IRA members, that the Army council favoured such payments; dismissing as unauthorised and unnecessary meetings of former IRA men to discuss the issue; and expressing the hope that the Government would meet out of public funds 'the legitimate debts contracted by the Irish Republican Army in the prosecution of the war in defence of the Republic since the Treaty'.

#### **9.5.1.4 Advisory Committee on arrested or interned public employees**

- P80/897** December 1924–November 1927  
13 items  
Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, concerning the cases of a number of national school teachers dismissed from their

**P80/897** positions for anti-Treaty complicity, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on arrested or interned public employees. Includes copies of letters and memoranda from Tomas Ó Conaill TD, General Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, stating his organisation's position on the cases and repeatedly urging reconsideration by the Government; correspondence between President Cosgrave and M J Beary, Secretary to the Advisory Committee, concerning review of the cases; and copy memorandum by Michael McDunphy, Department of the President, summarising the Advisory Committee's reports and the Executive Council's decisions in the cases of nineteen individual teachers.

**P80/898** December 1924–April 1926

10 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council. Includes copies of the third and fourth interim reports and final report of the Advisory Committee on arrested or interned public employees; copies of recommendations of the cabinet sub-committee appointed to consider the cases of arrested or interned public employees referred to it by the Executive Council; copy of a memorandum by Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, recommending that the Advisory Committee's terms of reference be extended to include candidates successful at recent Civil Service examinations or at Selection Boards; copy of a supplementary report from the Committee on fourteen such candidates.

**P80/899** February 1925–August 1926

4 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, concerning the case of Dr Con Murphy dismissed as a civil servant in October 1922 for behaviour inconsistent with his position in writing to members of the Dáil concerning military raids on his home; includes a statement by Murphy of the circumstances of his case and letters appealing against his dismissal and the forfeiture of his pension rights.

**P80/900** March 1925–December 1926

4 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, concerning the cases of postal workers dismissed due to connections with anti-Treaty activities. Includes material relating to the dismissal and appeal for reinstatement of James Hynes, sorting clerk and telegraphist, Mullingar Post Office; and reports and correspondence relating to the provisional reinstatement of four employees, including Hynes.

**P80/901** June 1925–March 1926

3 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, concerning the case of Patrick Mullaney, national school teacher, Leixlip, who had attended an IRA courtmartial six months after his reinstatement subject to an undertaking that he would have no further contact with anti-Treaty forces. Includes a copy of the courtmartial proceedings; a statement by Mullaney contending that he had not contravened his undertaking; and Department of Education material relating to the withdrawal of Mullaney's salary.

**P80/902** June 1928

15pp

Minister for Defence's copies of two Finance memoranda, circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the recommendations of the committee of enquiry appointed by the Minister for Finance to consider applications for reinstatement from former civil servants dismissed for complicity with anti-Treaty forces; includes a schedule of cases investigated.

### **9.5.2 Other revolutionary organisations**

**P80/903** November 1925

5pp

Minister for Defence's copies of two documents circulated to members of the Executive Council, captured during a raid on Communist Party Headquarters, London; consists of a letter and

**P80/903** report from K H Brown, British representative on the Comintern, concerning James Larkin's sabotage of arrangements for the formation of a Workers' Party in Ireland. Brown contends that Larkin frustrated their plans in the hope of pressurising the Comintern into providing a loan for the virtually bankrupt Irish Workers' Union, appointing a Comintern representative in Dublin, and allowing him direct contact with the Comintern.

**P80/904** February–December 1929

9 items

Minister for Defence's copies of police reports and Department of Justice memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning meetings held by subversive organisations. Included are reports of a speech given by Eamonn Gilmore at a Sinn Fein meeting exhorting those present to assist Republicans in resisting arrest; a meeting of the Women Prisoners' Defence League chaired by Maud Gonne McBride; a protest meeting against the frequent and repeated arrests of Republicans, addressed by de Valera; a conference held under the auspices of Comhairle na Poblachta and attended by representatives of all the Republican groupings; land annuity protest meetings addressed by Peadar O'Donnell; a student meeting in UCD protesting against the formation of a National Army Officer Training Corps in the college; and a Fianna Fáil gathering with deputies Aiken, Briscoe, Derrig and Cooney on the platform.

**P80/905** March–November 1930

8 items

Minister for Defence's copies of police reports and Department of Justice memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council, relating to the Irish section of the Friends of Soviet Russia. Includes a copy of the organisation's draft constitution; a report on the appointment of its National Executive Committee; profiles of Kathleen Price and Sheila Bowen, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and of the delegation who visited the USSR in August 1930 at the invitation of the International Committee of the FOSR.

**P80/906** May–December 1929

3pp

Minister for Defence's copies of two Department of Justice memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council,

**P80/906** concerning the employment, activities and associates of Roddy Connolly.

**P80/907** 17 July 1929

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Department of Justice memorandum circulated to members of the Executive Council, reporting the formation of a Workers' Defence Corps under the auspices of the Irish Labour Defence League.

**P80/908** February 1930

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a letter circulated to members of the Executive Council at the request of the Minister for Justice; the letter is from W E B of the Communist International 'to a person in Dublin who is well known to the Police as a Communist Agitator', and contains instructions for the preparation of International Unemployed Day on 6 March 1930.

**P80/909** March 1930

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Justice memorandum circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning a meeting in Galway of the Irish section of the Peasant Farmers' Organisation.

**P80/910** April 1930

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Justice memorandum circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning a meeting of the Irish Workers' Press Groups held under the auspices of the Revolutionary Workers' Party, which resolved to assist the publication and distribution of the *Workers' Voice*.

**P80/911** June–August 1930

9pp

Minister for Defence's copies of confidential memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council at the instance of the Minister for Justice, concerning the activities of the Workers' Revolutionary Party. Includes a list of party members, many of them actively anti-Treaty; and a copy of an announcement in the *Workers' Voice* concerning the refusal of Longford Publishing Company to print any more editions of the paper as a result of pressure from the Catholic Truth Society.

**P80/912** 9 August 1930

6pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Justice memorandum concerning Communist activities in Ireland together with a copy of a draft letter brought from Russia by James Larkin Junior, containing instructions from the Executive Committee of the Communist International for the formation of a Communist Party of Ireland.

**P80/913** 13 August 1930

6pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Justice memorandum circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning the screening of two Russian films, 'The End of St Petersburg' and 'Snapshots of Russia', in the Sackville Cinema, O'Connell Street, with an accompanying copy of an article from the *Morning Post* warning of a Communist propaganda campaign in Britain using Russian films.

**P80/914** [1930s]

1p

Circular letter inviting attendance at the inaugural meeting of Student Vanguard, an Irish anti-fascist student organisation.

**P80/915** September–November 1930

7pp

Minister for Defence's copies of reports and correspondence circulated to members of the Executive Council at the instance of the Minister for Justice; includes a copy of a report of a meeting in the Mansion House held under the auspices of the Anti-Imperialist League, and a copy of a letter from Sean Lemass and Gearoid Ó Beolain, Honorary Secretaries, Fianna Fáil, to Sean McBride, Secretary, League against Imperialism, advising him of the National Executive decision to circulate all party cumainn in Dublin to have their members present at a forthcoming demonstration organised by the League and to do everything possible to ensure its success.

**P80/916** April–October 1931

3 items

Copies of confidential reports by police and military intelligence and by the Department of Justice on revolutionary organisations. The reports list the executive committee of each organisation, the principal members, headquarters and objectives. Groups profiled include the Irish Communist Party; Friends of Soviet Russia; Irish Labour Defence League; Women Prisoners' Defence League; Anti-Imperialist League; Workers Union of Ireland; Cumann na mBan; Clann na nGaedheal; Comharile na Poblachta; Sinn Féin; Irish Working Farmers' Committee; Workers' Revolutionary Party; Clann na Saoirse; and the Irish Tribute League.

**P80/917** 3 February 1932

4pp

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Department of the President, to FitzGerald describing Charlotte Despard as 'one of the prime movers in practically all the organisations in the State which have for their objective the overthrow of the State'; listing some of the revolutionary groups to which she belonged including the Women Prisoners' Defence League, the Irish Labour Defence League and the Friends of Soviet Russia; and taking issue with Despard's declaration that she did not belong to any Communist party by quoting extensively from a report in *Die Welt am Abend* that she had attended and addressed the International Communist Congress in Berlin in October 1931.

**9.5.3 Juries Protection Act 1929**

**P80/918** 26 March–29 May 1929

5 items

Minister for Defence's copies of Justice memoranda relating to the Juries [Protection] Act, 1929, circulated to each member of the Executive Council. Includes analysis of the existing jury system with detailed proposals for legislation to protect jurors threatened by revolutionary organisations' commentary on the Juries [Protection] Bill; supplementary memoranda on the generally negative reaction from jurors and witnesses receiving protection, to the suggestion by the Minister for Finance that they be guarded by relatives, armed and paid by the Government; on the alleged loss of business suffered by two former jurors arising from their jury service and consequent police protection; and on the emigration of Vincent Corcoran, a former juror and recipient of police protection.

**P80/919** 4 December 1929

9pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council at the instance of the Minister for Justice concerning the indictment and subsequent acquittal of Maud Gonne McBride on a charge of sedition for public speeches concerning the Juries Protection Bill; together with a copy of the judge's charges to the jury in the case.

**P80/920** [1929/30]

1 item

Republican handbill entitled *Defence of the Jury Act, 1929. Act for the better Preservation of Ireland for the British Empire.*

**P80/921** 13 November 1933

2pp

Circular letter issued by the Director of Publicity, Cumann na mBan calling on each juror listed, to attend the forthcoming sittings of the Central Criminal Court to acquit Patrick Fleming, Michael O'Leary, Patrick Kissane, Cornelius and Joseph McCarthy and Edward Myers, Republican political prisoners.

**9.6 Northern Ireland, 1923–31**

**9.6.1 North–Eastern Boundary Bureau**

**9.6.1.1 Reports**

**P80/922** 8 August 1924

3pp

Copy of a report from E M Stephens, Secretary to the North–Eastern Boundary Bureau, circulated to the Executive Council, detailing attempts by the Bureau to influence British opinion through the distribution of literature to influential bodies; liaison with the press through Hugh MacCartan, London representative of the Bureau; and the constant dissemination of information.

**P80/923** 16 October 1924

5pp

E M Stephens to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing copies of letters to him from Hugh MCCartan. McCartan details steps taken in London to promote the Irish view on the Boundary question.

**P80/924** December 1924–July 1925

14 items

Copies of secret and confidential reports from E M Stephens to the Minister for Justice, detailing visits to Northern Ireland to assist in the preparation of cases for presentation to the Boundary Commission, and to attend meetings of the Commission. Includes copies of a report from Hugh MacCartan on meetings in Belfast with Joseph Devlin; and a memorandum by J Johnston, economic advisor to the North–Eastern Boundary Bureau, concerning contributions from Northern Ireland to the Imperial Exchequer.

**9.6.1.2 Publications**

- P80/925** September–October 1923  
4 items  
*The Weekly Bulletin* issued by the North–Eastern Boundary Bureau; nos 38, 40, 41, 42.
- P80/926** November 1923–July 1924  
20 items  
*The Weekly Digest*, a review of press opinion on the Boundary question, issued by the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau.
- P80/927** 1924  
6pp  
*Reaction in North-Eastern Ulster. How the Belfast Government treats its Free State Minority.* Pamphlet D issued by the Bureau.
- P80/928** 1924  
4pp  
*Fair play for minorities? As understood by the Belfast Parliament.* Pamphlet G issued by the Bureau.
- P80/929** 1924  
2pp  
*The Treaty of Peace.* Pamphlet H issued by the Bureau.
- P80/930** 1924  
3pp  
*The Irish Boundary Problem. The essential facts.* Leaflet 5 issued by the Bureau.

- P80/931** 1924  
2pp  
*Some points on the Irish Boundary Question. Why Article 12 of the Treaty must be enforced.* Leaflet 6 issued by the Bureau.
- P80/932** 1924  
15pp  
Some facts about the Ulster Boundary. Nationalist pamphlet published in Omagh.
- P80/933** [c 1924]  
1p  
Leaflet entitled *Irish Dominion League: Homogenous Ulster* containing a diagram showing the approximate percentage of Protestants and Roman Catholics in the Ulster Counties and County Boroughs according to the 1911 Census.

### **9.6.2 Boundary Commission**

- P80/934** 29 November 1924–7 January 1926  
31 items  
Minister for External Affairs' and Minister for Defence's copies of correspondence circulated to each member of the Executive Council, between the Irish Government, F B Bourdillon, Secretary of the Irish Boundary Commission, and L S Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, concerning the proceedings of the Commission, and implementation of its findings, and the date upon which such findings would take effect. Included are proceedings of an inter-governmental conference on the administrative steps to be taken to give effect to the determinations of the Commission; requests from Bourdillon for the Irish Government's views on the existing boundaries in relation to Lough Foyle, and on the general workings of the border Customs service and the rights and powers of Fishery Boards, Port Sanitary Authorities and Drainage Boards whose area of jurisdiction had hitherto extended to both sides of the border; request from the Irish for copies of representations received from the Commission; draft memorandum from [John O'Byrne],

**P80/934** Attorney General, dealing with points raised in some of the representations submitted to the Commission; and resolutions from Northern nationalists voicing concern about the workings of the Commission and its possible findings.

### **9.6.3 Treaty of Territory, services and records**

**P80/935** 29 August–9 November 1925

24 items

Minister for Defence's copies of departmental memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning aspects of the administration of territory to be transferred pursuant to the findings of the Boundary Commission. Includes a draft of the North-East Boundary (Administration of Transferred Areas) Bill, 1925.

**P80/936** 8 December 1924–5 June 1925

6 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents sent to members of the Executive Council, for the agenda of meetings or for their information, mainly concerning the proposed transfer of postal services to the N I Government. Includes copies of letters from J J Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to the Secretary of the Executive Council concerning the rumoured transfer of postal services in Northern Ireland to the N I Government. Walsh objects on the grounds that such a move would prejudice national unity, and he encloses a copy of a report by the Post Office Solicitor stating that under the Government of Ireland Act 1920, the postal service was reserved until the date of Irish union for transfer to an Irish Parliament. Also includes a copy of a minute by S Ua Brinn, Attorney General, on the transfer to Northern Ireland of any services which were potentially services of the Council of Ireland.

**P80/937** June 1925–April 1931

6 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council concerning the transfer of records to Northern Ireland. Includes a copy of a Colonial Office despatch requesting that the Government expedite the transfer of files relating to the Northern foreshore to the Land Purchase Commission in Belfast; a copy reply suggesting that the transfer

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be postponed pending the delineation of the Boundary; a copy of a memorandum from the Department of the President summarising the facts surrounding the transfer controversy and requesting a ruling from the Executive Council; copies of letters from the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and Home Affairs, objecting to the transfer of records under their control; letter from C H Blackmore, Secretary to the Northern Ireland Government, undertaking to bear the cost of transfer; letter from D A Chart, Deputy Keeper, Public Record office of Northern Ireland, to James Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Keeper, Public Record Office of Ireland, detailing the records, files and indexes required by his department; and a letter from Morrissey to the Secretary, Executive Council, commenting on the practical difficulties of transfer and the general inadvisability of destroying the integrity of a record series. Also includes a copy of a memorandum by John A Costello, Attorney General, advising that the Government had no statutory authority to transfer the N I Government documents in PROI, copy registers of births and deaths, and testamentary records; and copy of a minute from Sean Murphy, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, conveying to the Executive Council a suggestion by Sir Harry Batterbee, Dominions Office, that the Government reopen with the N I Government the question of record transfer.

#### **9.6.4 Lough Foyle**

**P80/938** July 1926–August 1931

33 items

Minister for Defence's copies of correspondence and memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council for the agenda of meetings and for their information, concerning the regulation of fisheries in Lough Foyle and the conflicting claims of the Free State and Northern Ireland Governments to territorial jurisdiction over the waters of Lough Foyle. Includes correspondence between W T Cosgrave, President, Executive Council, Stanley Baldwin and Ramsay McDonald, successive British Prime Ministers, and Vincent Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, concerning complaints by the N I Government about encroachments by salmon fishermen from Donegal on fisheries in Lough Foyle, issued by the Foyle, Bann and Portrush Fishery Company from the Honourable Irish Society; and the protracted negotiations between the three governments to secure a settlement that would leave undetermined the question of governmental jurisdiction; copies of memoranda by John A Costello, Attorney General, and other departments, detailing the Free State claim to full and exclusive jurisdiction over Lough Foyle; copies of reports on inter-governmental conferences in London aimed at resolving the dispute; copies of draft letters from Cosgrave to McDonald and

**P80/938** Craigavon, protesting against the injunction obtained by the Foyle, Bann and Portrush Fishery Company, restraining fishermen from the Free State from fishing in the Lough Foyle fisheries; and copies of Garda reports on subsequent clashes on Lough Foyle between employers of the company and Donegal fishermen.

### **9.6.5 Intelligence**

**P80/939** October–November 1924

11pp

Copies of two bi-monthly intelligence reports by the N I authorities on conditions prevailing in Northern Ireland. Included are lists of outrages committed between 16 October and 11 November 1924 and an analysis of conditions in the Free State.

**P80/940** 24 April–4 May 1925

2 items

Secret letter from Lieutenant General Peadar MacSuibhne, Chief of Staff, to [P Hughes], Minister for Defence, informing him of the receipt by the N I Government of six consignments of ammunition from England; and copy of a confidential memorandum to this effect, circulated by Defence to members of the Executive Council.

## **9.7 Dominions Office**

### **9.7.1 Anglo–Irish relations**

**P80/941** May 1924–January 1925

7 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information, concerning the transmission each year of certified copies of Acts of the Oireachtas to the Colonial Office. Includes copies of correspondence between the Governor General and the Colonial Office; and a copy of a Colonial Office memorandum outlining the procedures adopted in other self governing dominions.

**P80/942** December 1924–October 1925

12 items

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches from L S Amery, Secretary for State for the Colonies, to T M Healy, Governor General, requesting preliminary discussions with Irish Ministers concerning the liability of the Irish Free State, under article 5 of the Treaty, for the service of the UK public debt and the payment of war pensions. Includes a copy of a Colonial Office memorandum detailing the extent of the Free State liabilities; and a letter from Seosamh Ua Braonan, Secretary, Department of Finance, to C B O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence, seeking information to rebut likely British claims.

**P80/943** December 1924–January 1925

3 items

Copy of a letter from T M Healy to President Cosgrave, enclosing a letter from Count de la Paor concerning his efforts to have his title, Earl of Baltinglass, revived and a seventeenth century bill of attainder, by which the title was forfeited, annulled. Minister for Defence's copy of a memorandum by Diarmuid Ó hEigearthaigh, Secretary, Executive Council, reviewing the action taken by the Council as a result of de la Paor's representations and adding that the matter would be placed on the agenda for a decision once Burke's Extinct Peerages had been consulted as to the history of the attainder.

**P80/944** 3 February 1925

4pp

Minute from Paul Banim, Secretary, Department of the President, to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing a copy of a letter from Stanley Baldwin, Primer Minister, to Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, concerning his proposals to confer titles on Mr T J Moloney and Mr James O'Connor in the New Year Honours List. States that according to the minutes of a conversation between his predecessor Ramsay McDonald, and President Cosgrave, McDonald had agreed to postpone until the New Year the conferring of honours on Irish citizens to avoid embarrassing the Free State Government. Copy of a minute from Cosgrave denying that there had been any such undertaking between himself and McDonald as to any subsequent agreement about honours. The point I made and emphasised was that we could not agree to any honour being given to a citizen of the Irish Free State. If Mr Moloney became a citizen of another state or surrendered his citizenship of ours I did not see what affair of

- P80/944** ours it was, but while a citizen of the Irish Free State we would not consent’.
- P80/945** 5 February 1925  
5pp  
Minister for Defence’s copy of a memorandum by John O’Byrne, Attorney-General, circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, relating to the power of disallowance by the Crown of Acts of the Oireachtas.
- P80/946** March 1925  
9 items  
Minister for Defence’s copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information. Includes copies of despatches from L S Amery, Colonial Office, to Healy, and of a letter from Count Gerard O’Kelly, Irish Commercial Attaché in Belgium, concerning a rumoured lecture tour by Eamon de Valera under the auspices of the Association of Former Flemish Catholic Students.
- P80/947** 6 March 1925  
4pp  
Copy of an explanatory memorandum by Kevin O’Higgins, Minister for Justice, circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, outlining the implications of British proposals to extend the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.
- P80/948** 16 April 1925  
4pp  
Minister for Defence’s copy of a Finance memorandum circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning clearing office transactions under the Treaty of Versailles, hitherto dealt with by the British Clearing Office.

**P80/949** 20 May 1925

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a report forwarded by the Colonial Office, from R M Hodgson, British Mission, Moscow, concerning the prominent coverage in the Soviet press of the alleged famine in Ireland; circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information.

**P80/950** 11 June–12 July

4 items

Copies of telegrams from L S Amery to T M Healy concerning the reorganisation of the Colonial Office; the establishment of a new Secretaryship of State for the Dominions; and his appointment to the new office. Expresses the hope 'that the effect of the new departure will be so to promote mutual understanding of our common problems that the sphere of intercommunication and consultation will be enlarged with resulting good to the Empire as a whole'.

**P80/951** 23 June–4 August 1925

10 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council; includes copies of letters from G G Whiskard, Colonial Office concerning an application from the Royal Cork Yacht Club for an Admiralty authorisation for the Red Ensign, defaced (sic) by the badge of the club, to be worn on the yacht belonging to the club's Admiral, Mr A F Sherman Crawford. Includes a copy of a memorandum from the Department of External Affairs stating that all such applications should be made in the first instance to the Saorstát Government.

**P80/952** 25 July–19 August 1925

7 items

Copy of a telegram from [John Dulanty], High Commissioner, London, to FitzGerald, concerning a request from the Irish Government that a visiting American flagship, the USS Pittsburgh, be permitted to salute the Tricolour, and L S Amery's recommendation that the Union flag be dipped simultaneously as the Admiral commanding the vessel had no authority to recognise

**P80/952** the Irish flag. Copy reply from FitzGerald suggesting that Dulanty discuss the matter again with the British or the American Naval Attaché. Includes programme of the Pittsburgh's visit to Dun Laoghaire, roster of its officers, dinner invitations to FitzGerald and a handwritten letter from Lieutenant Harold O'D Hunter thanking FitzGerald for their hospitable reception.

**P80/953** 14 September 1925–20 July 1926

11 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents relating to the Lane bequest, circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information and for the agenda of meetings. Included are a copy of the report of the Wilson Committee appointed by the British Government to consider the disposition of the Lane pictures, advising against the validation by legislation of the unwitnessed codicil to Sir Hugh Lane's will bequeathing to the city of Dublin thirty nine paintings that had previously been willed to the National Gallery in London; copy of a letter from Sam Browne KC, to the Secretary, Department of Education, enclosing a memorandum rebutting the Committee's conclusion that Sir Joseph Duveen's funding of an extension to the Tate Gallery had been based on the faith of a promise that the Lane pictures would be housed there. Copies of two letters from L S Amery, Dominion Secretary, to W T Cosgrave, informing him of the Cabinet decision to accept the findings of the Wilson report, enclosing a draft copy of the Parliamentary question and answer indicating the form of the proposed announcement, and advising of his Government's willingness to allow the National Gallery to lend Dublin the pictures. Copy of a Dáil statement [by Patrick McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce] outlining the measures taken by the Government to secure the return of the Lane Pictures. See also: P80/441.

**P80/954** 13 October 1925

2pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a minute from the Department of the President to each member of the Executive Council enclosing a copy of a letter from L S Amery to W T Cosgrave, concerning British proposals to establish a Committee to consider whether they might not, out of their own funds, supplement in certain cases the compensation awarded in Ireland for post-Truce damage to property.

**P80/955** 12 December 1925

2pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a letter from T J Kiernan, Secretary to the High Commissioner, London, to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, concerning proposals by Dr Hector Munro of Harley Street and two Glengariffe hoteliers to develop Glengariffe as a seaside resort and sanatorium, and to hold an international medical conference in the town on the use of natural mineral springs in curing disease.

**P80/956** 3 May 1926–2 April 1928

34 items

Minister for Defence's copies of correspondence and memoranda circulated to members of the Executive Council, concerning the appointment of a new Board of Governors to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, and the general future of the Hospital. Included are despatches from L S Amery to T M Healy suggesting that each Government appoint four governors and requesting nominees; memorandum from External Affairs to the Executive Council listing nominees suggested by members of the Executive Council and enclosing a copy of a minute from the Minister for Finance raising the question as to whether nominations should be made, in the light of steps taken with a view to purchasing the Hospital; copy of a despatch from FitzGerald to Amery requesting British views on the Irish intention of using the main building at Kilmainham as the Headquarters of the Saorstát Army and Department of Defence; reply from Amery vetoing such action until the appointment of a properly constituted governing body; and memorandum from External Affairs to the Executive Council requesting that the question of the appointment of governors be considered again.

**P80/957** May 1926

59 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information. Consists of copies of despatches from L S Amery to T M Healy dealing with the background to, progress and collapse of the general strike of 1926. Included are copy transcripts of daily bulletins from the British Official Wireless Press and the Daventry New Service concerning the strike.

**P80/958** December 1926–September 1928

47 items

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches from L S Amery to T M Healy mainly concerning the appointment of Frederick Augustine Sterling as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Irish Free State. Included are despatches informing Healy of the appointments of a British Liaison Officer in New Zealand, a British High Commissioner in Canada, and the proposed appointment of a Canadian Minister to Paris.

**P80/959** 25 February–11 April 1927

7 items

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches, circulated to members of the Executive Council, from L S Amery to T M Healy, advising him of the British Government decision to issue revised credentials to Professor T A Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Irish Free State to Washington, to add Envoy Extraordinary to his title; and enclosing a copy of a letter from George V to the American President, accrediting Professor Smiddy in his revised capacity. Copy acknowledgement by Healy.

**P80/960** March–May 1927

12 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for information to each member of the Executive Council, consisting of despatches from L S Amery to T M Healy, concerning the alteration of King George V's title under the Royal and Parliamentary Titles Act, 1927, from that of King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Dominions, to King of Great Britain, Ireland and the Dominions. Included are copies of the Royal and Parliamentary Titles Bill, and despatches to the Dominions announcing the alteration.

**P80/961** May–June 1927

6 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information or for the agenda of meetings, relating to Dominion membership of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Includes copies of despatches

- P80/961** from L S Amery concerning proposals for legislation to abolish existing limitations on the number of Dominion judges on the Committee; and copy of an External Affairs memorandum with draft reply to Amery calling for a more radical reconsideration of the relationship of the Judicial Committee to the Saorstát.
- P80/962** 13 October 1927
- 3pp
- Minister for Defence's copy of a despatch from J P Walshe, Secretary, External Affairs, to L S Amery, informing him of the membership of the Executive Council in the wake of the 1927 general election.
- P80/963** October 1927–June 1928
- 11 items
- Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information or for the agenda of meetings; includes a copy of a Finance memorandum concerning a ruling of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of *Wigg and Cochrane v Attorney General*, that officers who had transferred from the British to the Irish Civil Service were entitled to compensation under Article 10 of the Treaty; with a draft despatch to Amery expressing disapproval of the judgement. Copy of despatch from Amery to McGilligan proposing a joint conference on the subject.
- P80/964** [c. 1927]
- 2pp
- Copy memorandum on procedures for appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from the courts of Dominion countries including the Irish Free State.
- P80/965** 25 February 1928
- 2pp
- Minister for Defence's copy of a letter from [J P Walshe], Secretary, External Affairs, to [Diarmuid O'Hegarty], Secretary, Executive Council, circulated to members for the agenda of a meeting of the Council. External Affairs requests that the

**P80/965** Executive Council consider the general question of the granting of foreign honours to Irish citizens in light of proposals by French and Spanish Governments to confer honours on Dr Walter Starkie and Dr Frank Morrin.

**P80/966** May 1928–October 1929

5 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents relating to the Office of Ulster King of Arms, circulated to members of the Executive Council for information and the agenda of meetings. Includes copies of two memoranda by [John A Costello], Attorney General, on the history, present position and probable future of the Order of Knights of Saint Patrick, and the office and function of the Ulster King of Arms; copy of a Finance memorandum reviewing negotiations with the British Government for the transfer of the Office of Ulster King of Arms to Saorstát control.

**P80/967** October 1928

2pp

Letter from Sean Lester, Department of External Affairs, to [Risteard OhEigceartiagh], Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, enclosing a revised reminder from Patrick McGilligan, Minister for External Affairs, on the subject of semi-official correspondence between Saorstát and British officials [missing]. Copy reply from Ó hEigceartaigh.

**P80/968** November 1928

2 items

Copy of parliamentary question by Deputy Osmonde Grattan Esmonde asking [James FitzGerald–Kenney], Minister for Justice, whether the recent action of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in granting special leave to appeal in the case of the Performing Right Society v the Bray District Council was taken in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Council. Typescript case histories of earlier petitions from the Free State to the Judicial Committee for leave to appeal.

**P80/969** 5 December 1928

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a telegram from L S Amery to Patrick McGilligan, informing him of the appointment by King George V of Counsellors of State to act for him for the duration of his illness; copy circulated to members of the Executive Council for their information.

**P80/970** 17 April 1930

7pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a draft despatch from External Affairs to the British Government, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of the Performing Rights Society v the Bray Urban District Council. The decision had raised once again the anomalous constitutional position created by the continued existence of the Committee; the Irish Government intended to detail at the next Imperial Conference the considerations which rendered the abolition of the process imperative. Includes a copy of a memorandum outlining Irish objections, constitutional and practical, to the Judicial Committee

**P80/971** January 1931

9 items

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated to members of the Executive Council relating to the sealing of instruments of ratification. Includes a copy of a memorandum by External Affairs recommending that the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the Free State and Portugal be sealed with the Great Seal of the Irish Free State and passed on to King George V for signature; a copy of the draft instrument of ratification; a copy of a despatch from External Affairs to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, advising him that all documents formerly sealed with the Great Seal of the United Kingdom would henceforth be sealed with the Great Seal of the Irish Free State; a copy of a despatch in reply expressing surprise at the development in light of agreement by the Heads of Delegations at the 1930 Imperial Conference to postpone a decision on the Great Seal pending further discussion; a copy response from External Affairs stating that the Government's attitude was 'completely in accord with the constitutional position of the Irish Free State as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations and with the conclusions reached at the Heads of Delegations meetings'.

**P80/972** [not dated]

10pp

Copy of a secret memorandum from J P W[alshe, Secretary, Foreign Affairs] to his Minister [Patrick McGilligan], detailing negotiations with the Dominions Office concerning the Irish demand for the creation of a separate Seal used only for confirming the King's signature on documents. Walshe endorses the compromise proposal for a Seal containing a representation of the Monarch on one side and the Irish harp on the other. 'The British have thrown up the sponge ... I think they have made up their minds not to class us any more with the other Dominions ... It would be of great advantage to be able to intimate to foreign countries that the Seals on our external documents are now purely Irish Seals ... We have broken the unity which they attached to the physical oneness of the Seal ...'.

**P80/973** 6 March 1931

6pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum concerning submarine cable landings on the shores of the Saorstát, in the context of Clause 2 of the Annex to the Treaty stipulating that cables could only be landed with the agreement of the British. Includes a copy of a Post and Telegraphs letter to the Secretary, General Post Office, London, soliciting the British Government's opinion of an application by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to land a trans-Atlantic submarine cable on the west coast, and a copy of a reply from London approving the application.

**P80/974** 28 August 1931

10pp

Minister for Defence's copies of documents circulated for the information of Ministers, at the request of External Affairs. Includes copies of despatches between Patrick McGilligan, Minister for External Affairs, and J H Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions, concerning British endorsement of President Hoover's proposal for the suspension for one year of all payments of inter-governmental debts and reparations. Includes a request from McGilligan for the inclusion in the proposed moratorium of the £250,000 annuity payable under a 1925 Agreement in respect of damage to property.

**P80/975** 21 September 1931

6pp

Minister for Defence's copies of telegrams, circulated for information, informing the Irish Government of the British Government's decision to suspend the gold standard.

### **9.7.2 Commonwealth Affairs**

**P80/976** March 1924–March 1925

6pp

Copies of documents relating to the ratification by the Irish Free State of a protocol embodying an amendment to Article 393 of the Treaty of Versailles, and corresponding articles in other peace treaties. Includes copies of a despatch from T M Healy to J H Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies; memorandum by John O'Byrne, Attorney General; and correspondence between External Affairs and the Secretary to the Executive Council.

**P80/977** May 1925

16pp

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches from the Dominion Office for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the status of Belgium; the proposed abrogation of the Treaty of 1839 establishing such status; and the recognition by France and the British Empire of a new Treaty between Belgium and the Netherlands.

**P80/978** March 1926

11pp

Minister for Defence's copies of despatches from the Dominions Office, concerning the request by the Canadian Government to the British, that correspondence between the two Governments concerning the Treaty of Locarno, the preceding negotiations and subsequent developments, be published.

**P80/979** March–July 1926

12pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning the proposal by the USA to adhere with reservations to the protocol establishing the permanent Court of International Justice; also includes a copy of an External Affairs minute from a later date (March 1930), for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the Minister's intention to seek approval for the presentation to the Dáil for ratification, of various treaties and conventions including a protocol for the revision of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

**P80/980** March 1926

3pp

Minister for Defence's copies of a Dominions Office despatch and External Affairs memorandum, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the Saorstát concurrence in the ratification of an arbitration convention between Britain and Siam. External Affairs recommends a refusal to concur, 'The Minister considers it a good opportunity of showing our disapproval of the British policy of group ratification, especially in cases such as the present where the Saorstát takes no part in the negotiations and has no interest in the subject matter of the Convention'.

**P80/981** 26 May 1926

3pp

Copy of a report from the *Manchester Guardian* concerning the withdrawal of the South African Flag Bill from the Union Parliament in response to widespread protests against the failure to incorporate the Union flag in the national flag.

**P80/982** August 1926

3 items

Minister for Defence's copy of a Dominions Office despatch enclosing a copy of a report by the Imperial Shipping Committee on the Prai River Railway Wharves (Penang Harbour).

**P80/983** December 1926–January 1927

9pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning the procedure concerning the issue of exequaturs to foreign consuls in Dominion Countries.

**P80/984** January 1927

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs memorandum, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the general question of the negotiation of and concurrence in treaties to the whole Commonwealth. The memo notes the changes in procedure laid down at the Imperial Conference and requests that the Saorstát now concur in the ratification of an arbitration treaty with Siam and a treaty of friendship with the Hedjaz.

**P80/985** January–December 1927

29pp

Minister for Defence's copies of External Affairs memoranda, and despatches between the Governor General and the Dominions Office, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, concerning the proposed alteration in the channel of communication with the British Government from the Governor General to the Minister for External Affairs. Proposals arise from the Report of the International Relations Committee of the Imperial Conference. Includes material relating to corresponding changes in the channel of communication between the British and Canadian Governments.

**P80/986** May–June 1927

31pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning police raids on premises in London shared by the Soviet Trade Delegation; allegations that the premises were being used to direct military espionage and subversive activities; statements to this effect by the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons; the termination of the Anglo–Soviet Agreement, 1921, and the suspension of diplomatic relations between Britain and the USSR.

**P80/987** November 1927

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs minute, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the period of Office of the Governor General. Notes that the customary tenure is five years, attaches a list of Canadian Governors General since 1867, and points out that the Imperial Conference reversed the roles of the Dominion and British Governments in the appointment of Governors General.

**P80/988** November 1927–May 1928

74pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Dominion Office despatches and telegrams concerning the progress of negotiations on a proposed Treaty of Alliance between Britain and Egypt. Includes the text of the draft treaty and material relating to the effect upon Anglo-Egyptian relations of the passage by the Egyptian Parliament of an Assemblies Bill, restricting police powers to control public meetings.

**P80/989** December 1927

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a Dominions Office despatch consisting of the text of Parliamentary questions and answers concerning expenditure on and progress work on the new naval base at Singapore.

**P80/990** April 1928

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs memorandum, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the Imperial Cable and Wireless Conference, London; seeks provisional approval for the participation by the Saorstát in a proposed Imperial Wireless Authority.

- P80/991** November 1928–March 1929  
8pp  
Minister for Defence's copies of despatches between External Affairs and the Dominions Office concerning dates for meetings of the Expert Committee on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and Sub-Conference on Merchant Shipping Legislation.
- P80/992** April 1929–March 1931  
165pp  
Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches, telegrams and related material concerning the London Conference on Naval Disarmament. Includes material relating to preliminary Anglo-American discussions; terms of reference and agenda of the Conference; the nature and status of the Dominion delegation and Irish representation.
- P80/993** April 1930  
6pp  
Minister for Defence's copy of an External Affairs memorandum, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, recommending opposition to the inclusion of a general accession clause in the draft Anglo-Soviet Commercial Modus Vivendi. Suggests that the British be requested to inform the Soviet Ambassador in London of Irish willingness to establish most favoured nation status pending the conclusion of a commercial treaty between the Saorstát and the USSR.
- P80/994** [1931]  
14pp  
Copies of two memoranda analysing the implications of the proposed clarification by the British, of a controversial statement in the Report of the Inter-Imperial Relations Committee of the Imperial Conference, 1926, concerning the *inter se* applicability of international conventions.

### **9.7.3 International events**

**P80/995** 21 May 1923

7pp

Copy handwritten telegram and typescript extracts, from the Duke of Devonshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Governor General, informing him of arrangements made by the French for the official representatives at the centenary celebrations of the birth of Louis Pasteur in Paris and Strasbourg.

**P80/996** September 1923–July 1925

4 items

L S Amery, Dominion Secretary, to the Governor General, enclosing copies of the Report of the Financial Mission appointed to enquire into the Financial Position and Prospects of the Government of Iraq [missing]; copy of a letter from General Agha Petros, President of the Assyrian National Executive Committee, to Lancelot Oliphant, Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, outlining the Assyrian case with reference to the negotiations of the Mosul frontier settlement; copy of a memorandum by Petros containing his proposals for the establishment of an autonomous Assyrian state in Iraq; and an article, in French, on Petros entitled 'Histoire de la Vie d'un Ancien Forcat..

**P80/997** June 1925–January 1927

7 items

Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning widespread riots, student demonstrations, and strikes in China arising from anti-foreign and particularly anti-British agitation; the proposed joint declaration by the nine world powers that the forthcoming Peking Tariff Conference would be the first step in a comprehensive revision of treaties which currently curtailed China's independence; and the despatch of military reinforcements from Britain and the Mediterranean to defend the International Settlement in Shanghai.

- P80/998** November 1925–May 1926  
5 items  
Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning wireless telegraphy in the Soviet Union and the conclusion of a German-Soviet Treaty.
- P80/999** May–June 1926  
2 items  
Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning the coup d'état in Poland by Marshal Pilsudski.
- P80/1000** 8 June 1927  
4pp  
Minister for Defence's copy of a Dominions Office despatch enclosing a report from Odo Russell, British Legation to the Holy See, examining the Vatican policy of withdrawing the Church as far as possible from the political arena, and curtailing the political activities of the clergy.
- P80/1001** August 1927  
2 items  
Minister for Defence's copies of Dominions Office despatches concerning negotiations for the reduction of Allied forces in the Rhineland.
- P80/1002** 17 August 1931  
3pp  
Minister for Defence's copy of a confidential despatch from the British Ambassador in Berlin to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, detailing the measures taken by the German Government to assist agriculture.

**9.7.4 Speeches**

- P80/1003** December 1926  
8pp  
Text of FitzGerald's reply to questions from Deputy Thomas Johnson on the Imperial Conference Report Adjournment Debate.
- P80/1004** 20 March 1930  
7pp  
Handwritten note by FitzGerald for his Dáil statement on the Dominions Export Report.
- P80/1005** [c.1930]  
3pp  
Handwritten notes tracing the evolution of the Dominions towards complete statehood.
- P80/1006** [c. 1930]  
3pp  
Typescript notes for a lecture on the international position of the Irish Free State and its relationship with the Commonwealth.

**9.7.5 Printed matter**

**P80/1007** 1921

67pp

*Summary of Proceedings of a Conference of Prime Ministers and Representatives of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India, June–August 1921* (HMSO London, 1921).

**P80/1008** 1922

92pp

*The Three Dominion Constitutions* (Dublin 1922). Contains the texts of the constitutions of Canada, Australia and South Africa, published with the authority of the Provisional Government.

**P80/1009** 1924

51pp

*Reports from His Majesty's Representatives Abroad on the methods adopted in the Parliaments of Foreign Countries for dealing with International questions* (HMSO London, 1924).

**P80/1010** 1924

54pp

*Irish Boundary. Extracts from Parliamentary Debates, Command Papers etc, relevant to Questions arising out of Article 12 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland* (HMSO London, 1924).

**P80/1011** 1924

4pp

*Correspondence between the Registrar of the Privy Council and the Governor General of the Irish Free State on matters arising out of Article 12 of the Treaty* (Dublin, 1924). Presented to the Oireachtas by order of the Executive Council.

- P80/1012** 1926  
24pp  
*Canada, House of Commons debates, official report. Speech of Henri Bourassa on Canada's Imperial relations (1926).*
- P80/1013** 1930  
44pp  
*Report on the Conference on the Operation of Dominion and Merchant Shipping Legislation, 1929 (SO Dublin, 1930). Presented to both Houses of the Oireachtas by the Minister for External Affairs.*
- P80/1014** 1931  
6pp  
*Statute of Westminster, 1931 (HMSO London).*
- P80/1015** 1932  
21pp  
*Papers relating to a conference between representatives of the Irish Free State and of the United Kingdom held in London, 14–15 October 1932 (SO Dublin).*
- P80/1016** 1937  
8pp  
*Canada, House of Commons debates, official report. Speech of C H Cahan on decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (1937).*

## **9.8 Government Departments**

### **9.8.1 President**

**P80/1017** 11 May 1923

5 items

Grattan Esmonde, National Bank, Dublin, to W T Cosgrave, enclosing sketches of the bank's coat of arms, a specimen cheque with an imprint of the arms, and an impression of the bank's seal.

**P80/1018** 13,16 June 1923

12pp

Two letters from Edmon J Frewen, Lincoln House, High Holburn, London, to R J Kelly KC, 7 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, outlining his proposals for settling substantial numbers of Irish emigrants on fertile lands in the province of Parana in Brazil; and conveying his willingness to meet with Government Ministers to discuss the matter.

**P80/1019** May 1923

6 items

Promotional material issued by the Greater Dublin Reconstruction Movement. Includes an outline of a Dublin development plan and a petition urging the Government to appoint a Greater Dublin Commission.

**P80/1020** 12 August 1924

15pp

Typescript text of a Dáil statement by W T Cosgrave, moving for permission to introduce the Treaty (Confirmation of Supplemental Agreement) Bill, 1924.

**P80/1021** 10 June 1925

1p

Oliver St John Gogarty, 15 Ely Place, Dublin, to W T Cosgrave, concerning the imminent arrival in Dublin of Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne, accompanied by three hundred Australian pilgrims. Passes on a message from Fr O'Farrell that the Archbishop would attend an official reception for the pilgrims. 'It seems to me that Fr O'F. is anxious that Archbishop Mannix be anticipated from falling into the wrong hands ... of course the change in Archbishop Mannix may have a connection to his chances of being made a Cardinal'.

**P80/1022** 8 March 1926

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a letter from J E O'Neill, Magherafelt, to the President, for mention at a meeting of the Executive Council. O'Neill appeals for Government assistance in discharging debts incurred by nationalists in South Derry in attempting to maintain the registration of Catholics in order to regain the majority on the Magherafelt Rural District Council, lost as a result of complying with a request from Dublin in 1919 to refuse to recognise the N I Parliament.

**P80/1023** 16 September 1926

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy, from the Department of the President for information, of an extract from the *Catholic Herald* proposing that Thomas Moore's ashes be removed from Bromham Churchyard, Wiltshire, for reinterment in Ireland; together with a copy of a letter from the editor to Kevin O'Higgins, Vice-President of the Executive Council, offering to publicise the matter further if the Government so wished.

**P80/1024** June 1927–September 1928

5pp

Minister for Defence's copy from the Department of the President for information, of extracts from the *Irish Independent* and the *Catholic Who's Who*, recording the consecration of a Dublin priest, Paschal Robinson, as the Archbishop of Tiana and Visitor Apostolic of the Greek and Latin Churches in the Orient; and his

**P80/1024** subsequent visit to his Franciscan brethren in Merchant's Quay, Dublin.

**P80/1025** 19 January 1929

7pp

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Department of the President, to FitzGerald, enclosing copies of a letter and memorandum from Henry J Moloney KC, proposing a five year moratorium on the payment of land annuities to the British Government.

**P80/1026** 9 May 1930

31pp

Minister for Defence's copy, from the Department of the President, of a list of Acts passed to amend the Constitution, together with summarised texts of the amended Articles.

**P80/1027** 21 January 1931

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy of a report from the Department of the President, concerning the failure of Albert G Power RHA to complete bronze life size busts of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, commissioned by the Government in 1922.

**P80/1028** 5 March 1931

7pp

Minister for Defence's copy, from the Department of the President for information, of extracts from the *Catholic Bulletin* attacking the stained glass window illustrating modern Irish Literary figures, which the Government had commissioned for presentation to the International Labour Office in Geneva.

### **9.8.2 Industry and Commerce**

**P80/1029** December 1922–February 1923

5 items

Copy of a letter from Gordon Campbell, Secretary, Industry and Commerce, to William FitzGerald, director of a private syndicate, MacGerald Limited. Campbell refers to previous correspondence and discussions with the syndicate concerning the flotation of shares in schemes to develop Ireland's natural resources; while the Government approved of any efforts made to secure the necessary financial facilities for such schemes, it could not commit itself to any private company or sanction their use of the title 'Free State Corporation'. Copy letter from FitzGerald to another director, P J McAndrew, advising prudence with regard to any mention of Government support and cooperation. Copy letter from W T Sadler, Assistant Secretary, Vickers Limited, returning the syndicate's prospectus and shares application form and suggesting a meeting in London to discuss the development plan.

**P80/1030** 27 November 1924

15pp

Copy of a memorandum on industrial banking by J[ohn] Ch[artres], Commerce and Technical Branch, Industry and Commerce].

**P80/1031** 8 December 1924

7pp

Copy of an agreement between the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company and Great Southern Railways concerning the amalgamation of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway.

**P80/1032** [c. 1926]

2 items

Memorandum by J A Kenny, de Selby Quarries, 44 Kildare Street, Dublin, outlining the facts surrounding the closure of the company's quarries at Jobstown, County Dublin, as a result of court action taken by a local farmer who had complained that stones were thrown on his land during blasting operations.

**P80/1032** Printed copy of a paper by J P Tierney, read before the Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland, March 1916, entitled 'The Equipment of the de Selby Quarries, Jobstown'.

**P80/1033** 31 August 1925

4pp

Copy of a letter from James C Douglas, Deputy Chairman of the Senate, to Patrick McGilligan, Ministry for Industry and Commerce, concerning a proposed visit by members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference on Commerce to Dublin. He estimates the probable cost of entertaining delegates; suggests that an informal committee of interested members of the Oireachtas be convened to arrange the Conference programme; and encloses two draft programmes prepared by him, together with a copy of a letter from John Good, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, stating that the proposed visit would be discussed at the Chamber's next meeting.

**P80/1034** 8 July 1926

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a legal opinion received by the Minister for Industry and Commerce from the Attorney General's Office, relating to the provisions of Article 11 of the Constitution as they affect the natural resources of the Saorstát.

**P80/1035** November 1928

74pp

Copy of a secret Industry and Commerce memorandum relating to insurance services in the Saorstát; surveys existing services and problems, outlines possible solutions, and recommends the establishment of an insurance monopoly.

**9.8.3 Defence**

**P80/1036** 18 January 1923

2pp

Copy memorandum for the President, commenting upon proposals for an injury compensation scheme drawn up by the Army Pay Commission.

**P80/1037** 25 July 1923

17pp

Minister for External Affairs copy of a report from [Richard Mulcahy], Minister for Defence, sent to each member of the Executive Council for their information, concerning the general position of outstanding accounts in the Cork Command Area.

**P80/1038** 24 November 1923

8pp

Minister for External Affairs' copy of a Defence memorandum, seeking the approval of the Executive Council for proposals from the Chief of Staff for the organisation and establishment of the Army for 1924-5.

**P80/1039** January-July 1924

40pp

Correspondence between the Offices of the Minister for Defence and Adjutant General, the Officer Commanding, Arbour Hill Barracks, and the Military Governor, Mountjoy Prison, concerning arrangements for visits to Eamon de Valera, Austin Stack and Stephen O'Mara by John Finnerty and Ernest Proud, their counsel in the Dáil Funds case. Included are letters of complaint from counsel concerning the facilities made available for interviews with their clients; instructions from the Minister concerning the conditions under which the interviews should take place; and reports by the prison authorities.

**P80/1040** December 1924–August 1925

23pp

Minister for Defence's copies of material from the office of the Secretary to the Executive Council, for the agenda of meetings of the Council, relating to the case of Denis Sheehan, a former member of the Royal Irish Constabulary whose pension the British Government had withdrawn on receiving from disgruntled anti-Treaty sources copies of testimonials given Sheehan by officers of the 3 Northern Division IRA, for whom he had acted as an Intelligence agent while stationed in Smithfield Barracks, Belfast, from 1919 to 1922. Includes a copy of a letter from Fionan Lynch, Minister for Fisheries, to the Secretary, Executive Council, asking the Government to take up the matter with the British; a copy of a letter from the Home Office to Sheehan, informing him of the suspension of his pension and enclosing copies of the testimonials forwarded to them; a copy of a British Government announcement January 1922, granting amnesty in respect of all political offences committed in Ireland prior to the truce of July 1921; and copies of memoranda by S P Breathnach, Secretary, External Affairs, pointing out that Sheehan's case did not fall within the terms of the amnesty and advising that he had no grounds for appeal, that the British were clearly not going to reconsider, and concluding that Sheehan had a strong claim for Government assistance, his loss of pension being directly attributable to services rendered to the national cause.

**P80/1041** 26,28 March 1927

3pp

Two memoranda by [Risteard Ó hEigceartaigh], Private Secretary [to the Minister for Defence], for Mr [C B] O'Connor [Principal Officer, Defence] concerning pre-Truce orders referring to the billeting of troops [in the context of a claim for compensation?].

**P80/1042** 26 August 1929

8pp

Risteard Ó hEigceartaigh, Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence, to Diarmuid Ó hEigceartaigh, Secretary to the Executive Council, enclosing copies of correspondence between Defence and Justice concerning Defence's request that Justice assume responsibility for the custody and disposal of arms surrendered by civilians to the British authorities prior to the Truce. Includes a copy of a minute from S A Roche, Assistant Secretary, Justice, stating that the Minister for Justice did not wish to assume responsibility for the arms, unless the Government deemed their

**P80/1042** transfer essential.

**P80/1043** March–April 1930

34 items

Copy extracts from British newspapers forwarded to the Secretary, Department of Defence, by the Second Bureau. Reports mainly deal with the British economy; political developments in Europe and America; and Mahatma Gandhi's campaign of passive resistance in India. Included are articles by the late Georges Clemenceau [Prime Minister of France, 1917–20], on the First World War, and reviews of the findings of the Commission on Palestine.

**P80/1044** 26 November 1930

2pp

Minister for Defence's copy for information of a letter from M Crotty, Secretary, Department of Defence, to the Secretary, Executive Council, recommending that the Council approve the payment of a special allowance to Donagh McDonagh, student son of the late Thomas McDonagh.

#### **9.8.4 Home Affairs**

**P80/1045** March–July 1923

4 items

Copy of the final report to Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, of the Committee of Enquiry into Resignations and Dismissals from the Royal Irish Constabulary, January 1919–July 1921. Circular letter from the Executive Committee, Resigned and Dismissed RIC, enclosing a statement of their claims and appealing for support for compensatory legislation.

**P80/1046** 5 October 1923

6pp

Einri Ó Frighil, Secretary, Home Affairs, circulating to each member of the Executive Council a copy of a memorandum outlining proposals for the disbandment of the Criminal Investigation Department and the formation of a new detective unit within the Dublin Metropolitan Police.

**P80/1047** 12 October 1923

3pp

Thomas Coyne, Private Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs, circulating to each member of the Executive Council, a copy of a memorandum by Captain A S Ó Muireadhaigh, in response to allegations of unfair treatment by certain demobilised Protective Officers. Memorandum states that every effort had been made to help the officers when they were demobilised and to place them in suitable employment.

**P80/1048** 15 October 1923

4pp

Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, circulating to each member of the Executive Council a copy of a report by Patrick Walsh, Assistant Garda Commissioner, containing his views on the labour unrest in Cork, formed during a brief tour of inspection. 'The place is strike mad ... the Union rules the situation. To what extent this has been brought about by the action or inaction of the employers is not easy to determine but situation in the city is most unsatisfactory. Labour in Cork uses its strength like a tyrant'.

### **9.8.5 Education**

**P80/1049** [1921]

4pp

Commission on Secondary Education draft programme for secondary schools, circulated for comment to headmasters and teachers.

**P80/1050** March 1923

3pp

James S Haslam, Secretary, North Dublin Rural District School Attendance Committee, to FitzGerald, requesting support for recommendations in an enclosed memorandum, relating to provisions on compulsory school attendance in the proposed Education Bill.

**P80/1051** 20 April 1923

5pp

Prionnsias Ó Dubhthaigh, Secretary, Ministry of Education, to the Ministry of External Affairs, enclosing a copy of a memorandum proposing to replace existing Education Boards with Commissioners of Education under Section 7 of the Adaptation of Enactments Act, 1922; memorandum is being circulated with a view to discussion at an early meeting of the Executive Council.

### **9.8.6 Posts and Telegraphs**

**P80/1052** 31 January 1924

5pp

Second Interim Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the White Paper on Wireless Broadcasting in Ireland.

**P80/1053** [not dated]

4 items

Four maps of Ireland showing the estimated ranges and quality of reception of proposed high power radio stations, and the ranges of a greater number of low powered stations.

**P80/1054** 1929

6pp

Posts and Telegraphs memorandum concerning a request from the Western Union Telegraph Company for permission to alter the landing places of six of its submarine cables in County Kerry, and to run an underground land line from the new landings to the Cable Station at Knightstown. Includes a copy of the company's application, together with a blue print indicating the nature of the desired alteration; and copies of correspondence between Posts and Telegraphs and the Transport and Marine Section of Industry and Commerce.

### **9.8.7 Finance**

**P80/1055** November 1924–November 1925

8pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Finance documents, circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council. Includes a copy of a memorandum by J J McElligott, Secretary, Finance, recommending Government support for the formation of an Industrial Trust Company of Ireland which would finance industrial and commercial undertakings and make loans, the service of which the Government would guarantee under the Trade Loans (Guarantee) Act; copy of a draft Bill to provide for the acquisition by the Minister for Finance of share capital of the Industrial Trust Company of Ireland, and explanatory memorandum.

**P80/1056** March–May 1925

9pp

Minister for Defence's copies of Finance documents, circulated for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council. Includes a copy of the draft Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1925, restricting certain examinations and appointments to Civil Service posts to specified categories, together with explanatory memoranda from Finance.

**P80/1057** 5 November 1925

6pp

Minister for Defence's copy for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a Finance memorandum recommending the appointment to permanent posts of temporary civil servants who had passed the Permanent Clerical Officers Examination, and the discharge of those who had failed.

**P80/1058** December 1925

13pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a Finance memorandum reviewing the dealing of the National Land Bank with the defunct Wolfhill Collieries Ltd. Requests Executive Council approval for the introduction of a supplementary estimate to cover the Government guaranteed loan given by the Bank to the Company. Includes copy of the receiver's report on the collieries.

**P80/1059** August 1926, April 1927

3pp

Memorandum by J J McElligott, Secretary, Finance, concerning a misleading report in the *Irish Independent* referring to the Dáil External Loans. McElligott to [Joseph Walshe], Secretary, External Affairs, stating that it had been decided not to adhere to the date provisionally fixed for the redemption of the loans, as it had been impossible to make adequate and proper arrangements in the comparatively short time at the disposal of the Department.

**P80/1060** August–November 1929

21pp

Minister for Defence's copies of notes from the Department of the President detailing individual cases of temporary civil servants with special claims to establishment on the grounds of their national service.

**P80/1061** February 1931

8pp

Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, circulating to each member of the Executive Council a copy of a memorandum prepared 'five or six years ago', proposing a new system of electoral representation. The memo proposes single member constituencies with candidates chosen from national party lists – 'a halfway house, something not as good as the British system but better than what we have had since 1921'.

**P80/1062** 8 July 1931

6pp

Copy of a Finance memorandum seeking Executive Council authority for the drafting of a bill to provide a new basis for the valuation of railways for rating purposes.

**P80/1063** September 1931

3 items

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, of three Finance memoranda concerning the national finances and the prospect of a serious budget deficit. Expresses disappointment at the unsatisfactory response to the appeal of the Minister for Finance for the cooperation of Departments in securing economies in estimated expenditure; outlines the supplementary and revised estimates for 1931–2; compares the diminishing tax revenues with the fixed or expanding expenditures; warns of a prospective deficit in 1921 of some two and a half million; stresses the need for balanced budgets and recommends tax increases, public spending cuts, and adjustments in public service pay and pensions.

### **9.8.8 Justice**

**P80/1064** December 1924–June 1925

10pp

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, of Justice memoranda relating to an application from the relatives of thirteen men executed by the

**P80/1064** British and buried in Cork Prison, for permission to have the bodies exhumed and reinterred in consecrated ground. Copy list of thirty nine persons executed by the British between 1916 and 1921 indicating whether the remains were identifiable and exhumation practicable.

**P80/1065** 9 January 1925

3pp

Thomas F Coyne, Secretary to the Minister for Justice, to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing a draft of a letter from Kevin O'Higgins, Vice President and Minister for Justice, to Rev M Brennan, in reply to a memorandum from Roscommon Cumann na nGaedhael. The draft letter outlines the views of the Executive Council on party unity and old age pensions; and rejects the suggestion that the Government was pursuing a business policy in disregard of Irish ideals. 'I can only state that the Government will endeavour to place the country in a sound position economically, and that it does not believe that this involves any sacrifice of National ideals'. Annotated by FitzGerald indicating approval by the Executive Council.

**P80/1066** 21 June 1926

1p

Letter from Einri Ó Frighil, Secretary, Justice, informing the Minister for Defence 'that the Irregulars in County Galway are collecting large sums for the purchase of 400 or 500 rifles from a party or parties at Oranmore Barracks at £1 per rifle'.

**P80/1067** December 1926–March 1927

3 items

Copy of the Report of the Committee on Evil Literature appointed by the Minister for Justice on 12 February 1926 to consider and report on the need to extend censorship in the interests of public morality. Copy of a letter from Dr Daniel Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, to the Rev Dean Sexton, expressing approval of his decision to preside at a forthcoming protest meeting against the importation and circulation of unclean literature together with a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting.

**P80/1068** October 1928–July 1929

105pp

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, of Justice documents relating to eight individuals under sentence of death or serving life sentences for murder. Included are memoranda summarising the facts of each case, indicating whether the courts had refused leave on appeal, and in two cases of maternal infanticide recommending that the death sentence be commuted to penal servitude for life; transcripts of the trial judges' charges to the juries; and petitions for the remittal of the remainder of two commuted sentences.

**P80/1069** December 1928

21 pp

*Annual report of the General Prisons Board for the year 1927–1928* (SO Dublin, 1928). Annotated that the Board was abolished in December 1928, the Minister for Justice assuming direct responsibility for the prison service.

### **9.8.9 External Affairs**

**P80/1070** 11 June 1925

8pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a memorandum by S P Breathnach, Secretary, External Affairs, recommending the provision of a grant for the forthcoming Dublin Pan Celtic Congress despite the 'apparent incompetency' of the organising committee. Encloses a copy of a letter from Douglas Hyde, a member of the committee, outlining the congress provisional programme.

**P80/1071** [c. 1925]

8pp

Typescript letter with handwritten annotations from George H Berkeley, submitting a short sketch of his proposed scheme of historical research on Ireland in the national archives and libraries of Europe. He bemoans the lack of awareness of Ireland abroad and suggests that trained personnel be sent to continental

**P80/1071** research centres to copy for publication documents pertaining to Ireland, under the auspices of a Government-funded Commission for Historical Research. Mentions the Marquis MacSweeney of Mashonaglass as being eminently qualified to conduct the research.

**P80/1072** November 1926–April 1928

17pp

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, of External Affairs memoranda concerning the proposed alteration in the description of holders of Saorstát passports from 'a citizen of the Irish Free State and the British Commonwealth of Nations' to 'one of his Majesty's subjects of the Irish Free State'. Includes a copy of a letter from an Irish expatriate in Chile describing the difficulties encountered by Saorstát passport holders as a result of a directive from the British Government forbidding Consuls to sign Irish passports unless they bore the words 'British subject'.

**P80/1073** 3 April 1928

4pp

Sean Lester, Administrative officer, External Affairs, circulating a copy of a despatch from T A Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, reporting a conversation with F D Rand, a State Department official, concerning the American naval programme and her policy towards the League of Nations.

**P80/1074** May–July 1928

35 items

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of meetings of the Executive Council, of External Affairs documents relating to the proposed Multilateral Treaty for the Renunciation of War. Included are copies of explanatory memoranda from External Affairs; a copy of a letter from Patrick McGilligan, Minister to Frederick Sterling, US Minister in Dublin, accepting his Government's invitation to become one of the original parties to the Treaty; a copy of a letter from Sterling to McGilligan enclosing a revised draft of the Treaty, modified to meet the objections of some participating governments; a copy of a draft note in reply, accepting both the original and revised draft without reservation; a copy of a decoded cablegram from the Canadian Ministry of External Affairs expressing no objection to signing the Treaty; and

**P80/1074** a copy of the Treaty present by McGilligan to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

**P80/1075** 21 May 1929

3pp

Copy letter from [J P Walshe], Secretary, External Affairs, to [Diarmuid Ó hEigceartaigh], Secretary, Executive Council, describing successful negotiations in Rome between Patrick McGilligan, Minister for External Affairs, and Cardinal Gasparri, Vatican Secretary of State, with a view to establishing diplomatic relations between the Saorstát and the Holy See.

**P80/1076** 1 October 1929

11pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a draft Commercial Agreement between the Free State and Portugal, circulated at the request of External Affairs, with an accompanying explanatory memorandum from Industry and Commerce.

**P80/1077** 10 February 1930

3pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of an External Affairs memorandum concerning the expenditure incurred by the British Vice-Consul at Suez when arranging the embalming and return to Ireland of the body of Mary J Plunkett. Recommends that the Government reimburse the Vice-Consul out of the Contingency Fund.

**P80/1078** 17 February 1930

4pp

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of a memorandum from J P Walshe, outlining Irish interest in the subjects to be discussed at the First Conference for the Codification of International Law, including nationality, territorial waters and the responsibility of states for damage in their territory to the persons and property of foreigners. Recommends that an active and well-informed Irish

**P80/1078** delegation attend the Conference.

**P80/1079** 10 June 1930

7 items

Minister for Defence's copy, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of the *International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications*, 1923, together with an explanatory memorandum from External Affairs.

### **9.8.10 Local Government and Public Health**

**P80/1080** 20 November 1925–1 January 1926

6pp

Minister for Defence's copies, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, of two reports by S McGraith, a Local Government Inspector, dealing with conditions on Achill Island. McGraith concludes that Achill could support no more than half its population and recommends that the remainder be removed by operation of the Land Act, 1923. 'I consider that as much has been done to better Achill for the Islanders as can be done. The appeals of the Islanders ... have been too generously met in the past and I am keenly alive to the spirit of depravity that exists among them'.

**P80/1081** 12 April 1927

5pp

Minister for Defence's copies, for information, of a minute from W J Gilligan, Secretary, Local Government and Public Health, circulating to members of the Executive Council, documents relating to the death from influenza and starvation of the Sullivan family of Adrigole, County Cork. Includes a copy of a *Cork Examiner* report on the incident; a copy of a letter from D R Kelly, Bantry, to N P McCarron, Secretary, Local Government Board, criticising efforts to blame the Government for the tragedy; and a copy of a report by J D McCormack, Medical Inspector.

**P80/1082** [c.1931]

5pp

Typescript extract from a British Treasury memorandum detailing the Irish hospitals and charities; with an appendix showing the receipts and expenditure for the Cork Street House of Industry, and the Meath and Coombe Hospitals, 1923–30.

### **9.8.11 Attorney General**

**P80/1082a** 25 June 1928

8pp

Copy of counsel's opinion from A Alfred Dickie KC, FitzWilliam Square, Dublin, as to whether the land purchase annuities form part of the public debt of Great Britain.

**P80/1083** [1932]

85pp, 65pp

Typescript copy and printed text of a memorandum by the Attorney General, examining the payment, and legality of the method of application when paid, of the annuities in respect of lands purchased under the pre-Treaty Land Purchase Acts. Refutes the contention that the annuities, instead of being applicable in discharge of interest and sinking fund payments on the stock by means of which the various Land Purchase Acts were financed, should be appropriated by the State as revenue. Establishes that the Free State Government had, in the collection and application of annuities, acted in strict accordance with their obligations and with the law.

**P80/1084** February 1932

18pp

Minister for Defence's copies of two memoranda from the Attorney General, circulated to members of the Executive Council, containing an outline and a summary of the main points from the recent white paper on Land Purchase Annuities.

**9.8.12. Printed Matter**

**P80/1085** 1923

5pp

*Financial Agreements between the Irish Free State Government and the British Government* (SO Dublin, 1923).

**P80/1086** 1923

7pp

Sir John Purser Griffith and John W Griffith, *Western Harbours of Ireland. Comparative Estimates of the Cost of Running Mail and Passenger Steamers on the Southampton-New York and Galway-Halifax Routes* (Dublin, 1923).

**P80/1087** 1924

16pp

*Three Years Hard Labour.* An address delivered to the Irish Society of Oxford University, 31 October 1924, by Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, with a foreward by Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education (Dublin, 1924).

**P80/1088** 3 December 1925

2pp

*Text of Agreement Amending and Supplementing the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland.* Presented to both Houses of the Oireachtas by the Executive Council.

**P80/1089** 1925

22pp

Kevin O'Higgins, *L'Irlande d'aujourd'hui* (Brussels, 1925). Reprinted from the Belgian review, *Le Flambeau*.

**P80/1090** 19 March 1926

3pp

*Heads of the Ultimate Financial Settlement between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State.* Presented to both Houses of the Oireachtas.

**P80/1091** 1926

3pp

*Memorandum Explanatory of the Agreement of 14 April 1926 between the British Government and the Government of Saorstát Éireann in respect of Double Income Tax.*

**P80/1092** 1926–31

23 items

American press cuttings relating to the Irish literary revival, Irish industrial development, the Irish Army and Irish affairs in general.

**P80/1093** 25 April 1928

6pp

*Agreement between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of Dublin Income Tax.*

**P80/1094** 1929

17pp

A E [George Russell], *Twenty-Five Years of Irish Nationality* (N Y, 1929). Reprinted from the quarterly review, *Foreign Affairs*.

**P80/1095** 1932

12pp

John W Davis, *The World Court Settles The Question* (N Y, 1932). Reprinted from the *Atlantic Monthly*.

**10 CUMANN NA nGAEDHEAL AND FINE GAEL, 1923–46**

**10.1 Policy**

**10.1.1 General**

**P80/1097** [1923]

2pp

Typescript draft rules of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party.

**P80/1098** [1923]

4pp

'Modern Ireland. A brief sketch of recent events'. [Article for foreign publication?] tracing events leading to the War of Independence and Civil War; and highlighting the achievements of the Cumann na nGaedheal Government and the remaining tasks confronting it.

**P80/1099** 19 July 1923

2pp

Charles O'Sullivan, Bishop of Kerry, to Dr Brian MacMahon Coffey, President, Tralee Cumann na nGaedheal, regretfully declining an invitation to attend a public meeting addressed by President Cosgrave and expressing confidence in the Cosgrave administration.

**P80/1100** June–July 1924

3pp

Copies of correspondence between Seamus O'hAodha, Secretary, Cumann na nGaedheal Coiste Gnotha [Standing Committee] and Joseph McGrath of the National Group, ex-Minister for Industry and Commerce, concerning the refusal of the National Group to discuss with the Coiste Gnotha their defection from Cumann na nGaedheal as a result of the Government's handling of Army affairs.

**P80/1101** 10 October 1924

4pp

Statement of views of the Coiste Gnotha concerning the contemporary political situation. Examines the reasons for apathy among Government supporters under various policy headings, including economic policy, land and appointments.

**P80/1102** 11 October 1924

1p

Circular letter from Seamus N O'Dolain, Cumann na nGaedheal Whip, summoning deputies to attend the second stage of the Treaty (Confirmation of Supplemental Agreement) Bill, 1924, and requesting notice of any questions for the agenda of the forthcoming party meeting concerning the programme for the next Dáil Session.

**P80/1103** [1924]

5pp

Typescript copy of a Cumann na nGaedheal appeal for funds and members.

**P80/1104** [1925]

2pp

Preliminary statement on policy by the Cumann na nGaedheal Committee on Policy. Emphasises the need for a clearer and more detailed statement of Government policy which would have the dual effect of preventing further secessions and of showing the country some immediate benefits from the Treaty. Suggests that Ministers consult constituency organisations prior to introducing measures; notes the widespread dissatisfaction with the current policy and organisation of the Ministry of Finance, and the general perception that it tended to perpetuate the traditions of the British Treasury rather than facilitate the development of a systematic fiscal and financial policy. Recommends that the Government consider the creation of some instrument which would allow the adoption of a liberal financial policy, would be more directly responsible to Parliament and less amenable to a foreign bureaucratic tradition.

**P80/1105** 18 December 1926

16pp

Letter from Liam Burke, General Secretary, Cumann na nGaedheal, to FitzGerald requesting a short New Year's message for publication in the Dublin and provincial press. Successive handwritten drafts and typescript copy of FitzGerald's statement emphasising the achievements of the previous five years with particular reference to the advances in the international position of the Saorstát.

**P80/1106** 25 January 1928

13pp

Complimentary copy of the published text of an address by Patrick Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, to the Annual Congress of Cow-Testing Associations, 1927, in which he reviews developments in the agricultural industry and emphasises the importance of quality products, increased production, and improved marketing.

**P80/1107** 26 March 1930

8pp

Handwritten and typescript draft of a Cumann na nGaedheal address by FitzGerald in reply to a statement by Sean Lemass that a future Fianna Fáil Government would not abrogate the Treaty or alter the Constitution unless directed to do so by the people.

**P80/1108** July 1935

12pp

Circulars requesting brief notes in general replies to Fianna Fáil statements on the economy.

**P80/1109** January 1943

4pp

Typescript statement of Fine Gael's main heads of policy.

**P80/1110** January 1943

10pp

Typescript points for Fine Gael speakers at meetings and conventions.

### **10.1.2 Economic War**

**P80/1111** 21 September 1932

3pp

W T Cosgrave to Michael Hayes expressing grave doubts about the wisdom of FitzGerald's stressing the British right to refuse lifting tariffs, pending negotiations, unless the Land Annuities were paid. 'There may be a case for the British contention. It's not for us to make it ... Why does he [de Valera] want the tariffs off. If they are hurting us, negotiate them off. Every day away from negotiations is an extra day for tariffs'.

**P80/1112** 1933-5

110pp

Successive typescript drafts of articles and addresses by FitzGerald criticising de Valera's handling of the land annuities and the economic war.

**P80/1113** [1932]

7pp

Cumann na nGaedheal policy memorandum concerning tariffs.

**P80/1114** [1933]

2pp

Copy letter [from FitzGerald to the press], taking issue with a statement by James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, that the Fianna Fáil Government had offered to abide by arbitration on the land annuities provided the British agreed not to pack the court.

**P80/1115** [1933]  
2pp  
Account of a speech by W T Cosgrave outlining Fine Gael policy with regard to the land Annuities.

**P80/1116** June 1934  
13pp  
Copies of two memoranda containing proposals for a settlement of the land annuities dispute.

### **10.1.3 The Emergency**

**P80/1117** September 1939  
4pp  
Heads of policy and notes relating mainly to wartime economic policy with particular reference to the cost implications of Army mobilisation.

**P80/1118** 14 September 1939  
4pp  
Memorandum by Richard Mulcahy concerning discussions with de Valera and Sean T O'Kelly mainly relating to public expenditure on Army mobilisation in the context of national security and the risk of attack from Northern Ireland, Britain or Germany.

**P80/1119** 15 November 1940  
5pp  
Memorandum by W T Cosgrave discussing the Fine Gael strategy of accepting responsibility in the national interest for defence policies about which there had been no prior consultation or agreement, in the light of the Government's failure to provide information on their national defence plans, and a recent statement by de Valera that Irish ports were under threat of seizure by the British.

**P80/1120** 24 May 1941

5pp

Minute of a meeting, arranged at the Taoiseach's request, between Patrick McGilligan, Richard Mulcahy and T F O'Higgins of Fine Gael, and de Valera, Sean T O'Kelly and Gerald Boland of Fianna Fáil, to discuss an all-party response to the reported imminent imposition of conscription in Northern Ireland. Outlines responses including representations by de Valera to Churchill and the convening of a special meeting of the Dáil. Notes de Valera's analysis of conscription as a prelude to British re-absorption of Ireland and his seeming reluctance to raise the matter with Churchill. 'He said there were dangers in it. That his personal relations with Churchill were very different from those with Chamberlain ... That if he stopped conscription the Germans might think there was some secret arrangement and might attack us ...'.

## **10.2 General Elections**

### **10.2.1 Policy**

**P80/1121** November 1932

5pp

Points from Cumann na nGaedheal speakers. Compares Fianna Fáil's election promises and performance. Deplores their mishandling of the land annuities and their precipitation of economic war. Warns that a continuation of Fianna Fáil policy would lead to communism and anarchy.

**P80/1122** [1933]

4pp

List of Fine Gael polling station directors in Dublin.

**P80/1123** 1937

23pp

Printed notes for Fine Gael speakers at the 1937 general election.

**P80/1124** March 1938

2pp

Typescript list of possible Fine Gael general election candidates.

### **10.2.2 Addresses**

**P80/1125** 5 August 1923

5pp

Addresses of welcome from Castlebar Urban District Council and the people of Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, to Desmond FitzGerald, on the occasion of his visits there on August 1923, the eve of the general election.

**P80/1126** [1931]

11pp

Outline of an address predicting defeat for Fianna Fáil at the next general election. Traces the achievements of successive Cumann na nGaedheal governments; berates the actions since 1922 and the recent public statements of Fianna Fáil leaders.

**P80/1127** 1933

3pp

Copy of a Cumann na nGaedheal general election address criticising Fianna Fáil transport policy; rejecting a claim by Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, that the railway companies were not in financial difficulties; and pledging to restore lost rail traffic by ending the economic war.

**P80/1128** May 1944

13pp

Handwritten and typescript drafts of general election addresses by FitzGerald at Howth, Glasthule, and Balbriggan. Deal with neutrality, the ports, and proportional representation.

### **10.2.3 Correspondence**

**P80/1129** 14 June 1927

1p

John Joseph Barratt, Spanish Presbytery, George Street, Manchester Square, London, congratulating FitzGerald on his success in the recent election and expressing the hope that he would get a portfolio.

**P80/1130** 13 December 1932

1p

W T Cosgrave to FitzGerald, discussing how Cumann na nGaedheal should react if Frank McDermott's National Centre Party nominated candidates for the forthcoming by-election. Encloses his comments on the subject at recent meetings [missing], requests his views on the IRA and the Centre Party, and expresses his opposition to making any reference to either of the two.

**P80/1131** 21 June 1937

1p

James Dillon [Vice President, Fine Gael], Ballaghadereen, County Mayo, encouraging FitzGerald to write an account of events from 1916 to 1937 once the general election was over.

**P80/1132** 12 July 1937–21 July 1938

5 items

Five letters from W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, and Dáil Éireann, concerning the general election, 1937, and the Seanad election, 1938. Commiserates with FitzGerald on the loss of his seat in the general election, pays tribute to his services to the Government and the State, and discusses his Seanad candidature.

**P80/1133** 9 August 1944

16pp

Liam Burke, General Secretary, Fine Gael, to FitzGerald enclosing a complete copy of the results of the Seanad Election Count.

#### **10.2.4 Printed**

**P80/1134** [c. 1928]

21pp

*Making history. The story of a remarkable campaign.* Brochure issued by the O’Kennedy-Brindley Advertising Agency to commemorate the Government’s advertising campaign in the 1927 general election, ‘a campaign which in its size, intensity and effectiveness of presentation surpassed anything that has hitherto been done in these countries’. Brochure consists of reproductions of advertisements.

**P80/1135** 1932–44

13 items

Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil electoral literature. Includes handbills, posters and leaflets for Cosgrave, Dockrell and FitzGerald, Fine Gael candidates in County Dublin in the general election, 1944.

**P80/1136** February–March 1932

19 items

Press cuttings, mainly from the *Irish Times* and *Irish Independent* reporting the results of the 1932 general election. Includes articles by Joseph Kessel from the Belgian newspaper *Neptune*, entitled ‘Hommes et passions irlandaises’.

### **10.3 Biography of Arthur Griffith, 1942–44**

**P80/1137** 26 February 1942–14 November 1944

75pp

Correspondence, mainly between FitzGerald, Senator Michael Hayes, 20 Brighton Square, Rathgar, and Sean Milroy, FitzWilliam Square, Dublin, concerning the writing by Milroy of a biography of Arthur Griffith. Includes a letter from W T Cosgrave suggesting that FitzGerald and Hayes conclude arrangements for paying Milroy and checking his work; copy of an agreement between FitzGerald, Hayes and Milroy covering the preparation, writing and publication of the book; outline structure of the projected biography; joint report by FitzGerald and Hayes on draft chapters of the book covering the period 1872–98; critical handwritten analysis by FitzGerald of part of the life; and typescript carbon copies of chapters ten, twelve, thirteen and fourteen.

### **10.4 Correspondence, 1929–44**

#### **10.4.1 *The Star***

**P80/1138** 11 January 1929–2 December 1931

11 items

Letters from M J Sweeney and Miss M MacNeill, successive editors of the Cumann na nGaedheal weekly review, *The Star*, discussing interviews with and requesting articles from FitzGerald. Included are letters from Liam Burke, General Secretary, Fine Gael, requesting a piece for the Easter Week commemoration issue, and informing FitzGerald of Sweeney's resignation and replacement by MacNeill.

#### **10.4.2 W T Cosgrave**

**P80/1139** 7 July 1934

1p

W T Cosgrave, Fine Gael, Merrion Square, Dublin, to FitzGerald enclosing a letter from Mrs Mannix Robertson [missing] concerning the C[riminal] L[aw] Amendment Bill.

**P80/1140** 29 July 1934

4pp

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, to FitzGerald, enclosing a copy of a letter from Frank Pakenham, Stairways, Stone, Aylesbury, together with a proof copy [missing] of his study of the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations, *Peace by Ordeal*. Pakenham asks Cosgrave to inform him if he comes across 'anything incorrect or unfair or personally distasteful', and expresses the hope that he would not object to the inclusion in the book of hitherto unpublished confidential documents that had come into his hands from a private source. Cosgrave also encloses a copy of a letter from Sean Moynihan, Secretary, Department of the President, advising him of the Executive Council decision to raise no objection to Pakenham's use of such unpublished material and requesting his views on a proposal by President de Valera to recommend to the Executive Council official publication of documents relating to the Treaty. 'This book is a propaganda work for de V. My information is that he is now nervous of the effect of giving P[akenham] access to documents. Apparently the book has been written in collaboration with De V or Moynihan ... It is a mean trick to have selective extracts put into a book and then seek to escape by publication of the "Treaty Documents" .

**P80/1141** 22 October 1937

2pp

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, enclosing a copy of a letter from Fr M B Gallagher, Parochial House, Kiltimagh, County Mayo, requesting information on Desmond Ryan as background for a review of *The Phoenix Flame*.

**P80/1142** 22 January 1938

2pp

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, requesting FitzGerald's assistance in compiling a statement on the achievements of the 1922-32 Irish Governments. He encloses a draft list of the accomplishments and notes that 'there would be available in concise form a correct, fair but descriptive narrative of the period ... I must admit a strong prejudice against the present regime ... Reading MacEntee in the *Sunday Independent*, the evil thought came to my mind of Philip sober and Philip drunk - the main trouble - when was Philip sober and when was he drunk'.

**P80/1143** August 1939–June 1940

6 items

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, asking FitzGerald's assistance in securing employment in the Guinness Brewery for the daughter of a friend.

**P80/1144** 24 September 1939

1p

W T Cosgrave, Dáil Éireann, asking FitzGerald if he felt that the Royal Dublin Society could organise a book fair promoted by the *Sunday Times*.

**P80/1145** December 1940

3pp

Two letters from W T Cosgrave, Dáil Éireann, requesting FitzGerald's assistance in securing an entry visa and export permit from the British authorities.

**P80/1146** 29 December 1942

5pp

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, enclosing a copy of a letter from Lord Granard together with a copy of a memorandum containing extracts from a letter to Granard from Lord Southborough concerning a unanimous report of the committee of nine of the Irish Convention, 1917, which aroused the hostility of Edward Carson and Horace Plunkett, was never formally placed before the Convention, and was later destroyed by Carson. Granard confides that he could not find any record of the report in the Proceedings of the Convention and requests Cosgrave's help in securing a copy. Cosgrave notes that he had never heard of the report's existence, and asks if FitzGerald had, and remarks that 'it's just possible S[outhborough] may be interested in trying out a solution'.

**P80/1147** 9 February 1944

2pp

W T Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, to FitzGerald on the occasion of his retirement as Fine Gael leader. Acknowledges their long and fruitful association and pays tribute to FitzGerald's courage and integrity. 'The break with public life is painful. It was my privilege and it is my consolation to have been associated with men of blameless lives, of outstanding ability and selflessness without precedent. They gave me the praise and they took the blame'.

### **10.4.3. Routine**

**P80/1148** [1935]

8pp

Incomplete handwritten letter from James Hogan [Professor of History, University College Cork], concerning Frank Pakenham's study of the Treaty and its aftermath, *Peace by Ordeal*. 'It struck me as a very onesided and juvenile production ... The only way to counter it is to write the true history of the period. Nothing is more extraordinary than the way in which leading Treatyites have let one vital point after another go by default out of sheer sloth ... in a little while a false legend will have been created around 1921-23 ... Would Cosgrave do nothing to put the project in motion. I have my doubts. To Mr Cosgrave's omissions, ineptitudes and utter want of vision and initiative I attribute most of Fine Gael's misfortune. He was so sure O'Duffy was a great man that he sat still and let him run amok for a whole year, while I was a crank and a lot worse because even in council I dared to oppose the mad mullah in some of his most outlandish suggestions'.

**P80/1149** [1937]

3pp

FitzGerald, Montpelier Manor, Monkstown, County Dublin, to James [Hogan?] describing the new Constitution as unnecessary. 'The Constitution as it is is capable of unlimited amendment'. Disapproves of the abolition of the oath of allegiance and the disassociation from England, and argues that Pearse and Plunkett recognised the need for association with a powerful state.

**P80/1150** 31 July–12 August 1946

2pp

Two letters from J H Macdonnell, solicitor, London, urging FitzGerald to contact Herbert Morrison [Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Commons] during his forthcoming trip to Ireland. '... he is the power behind the throne at the present minute, and may eventually get on the throne, and the impression he gets of Ireland now may make all the difference in our relationship at a later date'.

### **10.5 Printed Matter**

**P80/1151** [1920s]

1 item

Ticket to a Cumann na nGaedheal Carnival Dance in the Mansion House.

**P80/1152** 7 January 1933

8pp

*United Irishman*, vol 1, no 34.

**P80/1153** 17 February 1934

2pp

*United Ireland*, vol 1, no 23.

**P80/1154** February 1944

12pp

Pamphlet containing the text of Cosgrave's Ard Fheis speech on the occasion of his retirement as Fine Gael leader; a policy statement by his successor, Richard Mulcahy; and extracts from press leading articles paying tribute to Cosgrave and welcoming Murphy.

**P80/1155** December 1946

32pp

*Forum*. Treaty commemoration number.

## **11 LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL**

### **11.1 Literary Works**

#### **11.1.1 Poetry**

**P80/1156** [not dated]

185 items

Handwritten drafts, annotated and revised typescript drafts, and typescript copies of poems by FitzGerald. Poems are undated but on some he has noted the London and Breton addresses where he lived up to 1913. Includes a title index to a set of forty eight [published?] poems, with copies of the text of these poems.

**P80/1157** December 1917–June 1919

9 items

Copies of and cuttings from *The New Age* and *Ar nEire/ New Ireland*, two weekly reviews containing poems by FitzGerald including 'Spring'; 'The Balcony'; 'Night'; 'Memory'; 'FitzGerald to Maeve, the daughter of McConnell'; 'A Labourer'; and 'Avicenna'.

#### **11.1.2 Fairy tales**

**P80/1158** [not dated]

17pp

Original handwritten text and two typescript copies of 'Selim and the Saint'.

- P80/1159** [not dated]  
9pp  
Typescript copy of 'Dermot's sin'.
- P80/1160** [not dated]  
26pp  
Two annotated typescript copies of 'The Story of Prince Coonla'.
- P80/1161** [not dated]  
43pp  
Typescript copy of 'Mongana's Quest'.
- P80/1162** [not dated]  
36pp  
Typescript copy of 'Khosroes Castle'.
- P80/1163** [not dated]  
32pp  
Original handwritten text and typescript copy of 'Oona and the Princess'.
- P80/1164** [not dated]  
47pp  
Original handwritten text and typescript copy of 'The Princess Stephanie', written under the pseudonym D M Garrett.

**P80/1165** [not dated]  
34pp  
Typescript copy of 'The Prince with the Scarred Face', written under the pseudonym D M Garrett.

**P80/1166** 16–30 June 1918  
5 items  
Copies of the *Boys and Girls' Paper*, an American children's magazine containing a serialisation of 'The Prince with the Scarred Face'.

### **11.1.3 Short stories**

**P80/1167** [not dated]  
14pp  
Three handwritten copies of 'The Divil's Coachman', a Breton folk-tale.

**P80/1168** 1913  
3 items  
Two handwritten copies, with slight variations, of 'The Ankou', a Breton folk-tale. Copy of *The Franciscan Monthly*, September 1913, containing the tale.

**P80/1169** [not dated]  
7pp  
Handwritten text of 'Broceliande'. The narrator recalls an imaginary encounter with a young maiden in the Breton forest of Broceliande.

**P80/1170** [not dated]

7pp

Handwritten account of the breakup of the relationship between two schoolboys, entitled 'A Friendship'.

**P80/1171** [not dated]

14pp

One handwritten and two typescript copies of 'Patches', a Breton based story.

**P80/1172** [not dated]

38pp

Two typescript copies of 'Flight', a story describing a doomed affair between a young wife and her husband's nephew.

**P80/1173** [not dated]

20pp

Three typescript copies of 'The Neglected Garden', the story of an accidental encounter between former lovers.

**P80/1174** [not dated]

38pp

Two typescript copies of 'No Choice', the story of a man's involvement with two women.

**P80/1175** [not dated]

56pp

Three annotated typescript drafts of 'A Lost Letter', the story of an ill-fated relationship.

**P80/1176** [not dated]

6pp

Typescript copy of 'A Breton Village in Wartime', dealing with the suffering of a Breton hamlet during World War I.

**P80/1177** [not dated]

6pp

Typescript copy of 'Balachenko', the tragic tale of a Ukrainian folk musician written under the pseudonym J Lespinasse.

**P80/1178** [not dated]

46pp

Two amended typescript copies of 'The Makeshift', an account of an illicit relationship.

**P80/1179** [not dated]

11pp

Two typescript copies of 'In Maidstone Prison', a narrative dealing with prison life.

**P80/1180** [not dated]

50pp

Two handwritten drafts and two typescript copies of 'Abbot's Great Adventure', a tale of tragic love.

**P80/1181** [not dated]

17pp

'The Little Girl by the Stream'. Typescript narrative of a triangular relationship in Brittany, written under the pseudonym D M Garrett.

**P80/1182** [not dated]

30pp

Three annotated typescript copies of 'The Confusion of Distinctions'. Reflections on the blurred line between the visible and invisible, good and evil, past and present.

**P80/1183** [not dated]

32pp

Three typescript copies of 'The Genius D'Arcy Discovered', an account of one man's tragic involvement with a confidence trickster, written under the pseudonym D M Garrett.

**P80/1184** [not dated]

33pp

Corrected typescript and carbon copy of 'The Initials', dealing with a couple's relationship and marriage, written under the pseudonym D M Garrett.

**P80/1185** [not dated]

22pp

Two typescript copies of 'Guilt', describing the remorse of an IRA member who killed a man on his way to Mass.

**P80/1186** [not dated]

3pp

Typescript text of 'The Green Veil'.

**P80/1187** [not dated]

6pp

Typescript soliloquy entitled 'The Lover of Oneissa'.

**P80/1188** [not dated]

115pp

Eleven untitled pencil and typescript texts of stories, mainly dealing with ill-fated relationships and chance encounters between former lovers. Included are two stories recounting one man's discovery of his Catholic past and another's loss of vocation

**P80/1189** [not dated]

14pp

Handwritten and typescript fragments and drafts of untitled and incomplete short stories.

#### 11.1.4 Plays

**P80/1190** [1919]

97pp

One handwritten and three typescript copies of *The Saint*, a two act medieval miracle play.

**P80/1191** September 1919

13 items

Press reviews of the Abbey Theatre production of *The Saint*. Included are cuttings from the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, *Dublin Daily Express*, *Express Mail*, *Freeman's Journal*, and *Evening Mail*; and review copies of *An Phoblacht* and *Ar n-Éire*.

**P80/1192** [not dated]

41pp

Three corrected typescript copies of *The Falling of the Blooms*, a one act play.

**P80/1193** [not dated]

321pp

Five typescript drafts of *De Profundis*, a three act play.

**P80/1194** [not dated]

321pp

One incomplete handwritten draft, two annotated typescript drafts, and two typescript copies of *Remembered Grace*, a three act morality play written under the pseudonym F Garrett.

**P80/1195** [not dated]

183pp

One annotated typescript draft and two typescript copies of *The Man From the Boat*, a three act drama set in the weeks after 1916 and written under the pseudonym F Garrett.

**P80/1196** [not dated]

4pp

Annotated typescript text of *En Route*, a short drama concerning the deaths and awakening of the souls of two women.

**P80/1197** [not dated]

82pp

Handwritten and typescript drafts of six short untitled drama pieces.

**P80/1198** [not dated]

6pp

Two typescript copies of *Deirdre*, a verse drama.

**P80/1199** [not dated]

8pp

Two annotated typescript copies of *Within the Sanctum*, a verse drama.

**P80/1200** [not dated]

6pp

Two typescript copies of *The Zeppelin Guide*, a three scene original film drama tracing the escape and subsequent death of an RAF prisoner of war in Germany.

#### **11.1.5 Novel**

**P80/1201** [not dated]

306pp

Typescript text of *Chinadek*, an unpublished novel dealing with the relationships between three women and Vincent Collins, an English artist of Irish parentage living in Paris.

#### **11.1.6. Notebooks**

**P80/1202** 1906–47

9 items: average size 30 x 20 x 1cms

Nine notebooks containing drafts of FitzGerald's poetry, plays, short stories, fairy tales, parts of his novel *Chinadek*; and drafts of letters, reviews and articles.

## **11.2 Correspondence, 1912–48**

### **11.2.1 Editors and publishers**

**P80/1203** March 1912–November 1934

32 items

Letters from publishers and literary journals to Mabel and Desmond FitzGerald, accepting or rejecting for publication FitzGerald's fairy tales, short stories and poetry. Included is a letter from his American literary agent informing FitzGerald that the companies approached by him had rejected his volume of fairy stories, *Queens and Princesses*, citing the limited market; letter from the London Film Company rejecting his original film drama, *The Zeppelin Guide*; and letters from Maunsel and Co, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin to Mabel FitzGerald agreeing to publish a small volume of her husband's poetry.

**P80/1204** June–August 1918

5 items

Letters from the *North American*, Philadelphia, publishers of *The Boys' and Girls' Paper*, enclosing bank drafts in payment for the serialisation of 'The Prince With the Scarred Face' and copies of the published instalments. Includes a copy letter from Mabel FitzGerald acknowledging receipt of the papers, explaining that her husband was imprisoned in England but would continue to write as circumstances permitted, and requesting names of other publications to which his fairy tales might be forwarded.

**P80/1205** May 1919–February 1941

14 items

Letters to FitzGerald concerning his plays, 'The Saint', 'Remembered Grace' and 'The Falling of the Blooms'. Included are letters from the Abbey Theatre enclosing a production agreement and royalties for 'The Saint'; rejection slips for the 'Man in the Boat' and 'Remembered Grace', with a reader's opinion on the latter; letters from Rev A Sheridan, St Patrick's College, requesting a copy of 'The Saint' for a school production, and from Malcolm W Davis praising the play but questioning its suitability for production in the US.

**P80/1206** February–April 1941

4 items

Three letters from Eithne Lennox, Farmborough, Hants, requesting permission to produce 'The Saint', also known as 'The Wounded Heart', at a Surrey drama festival. She requests advice on dress and stage management and reports the second prize won by the play. Includes a copy of the festival programme.

### **11.2.2 Ezra Pound**

**P80/1207** April 1918–December 1928

15 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Ezra Pound, Rapallo, Italy, largely concerning literary matters and the Censorship Bill, 1928. Pound attacks the Bill as 'a worse piece of garbage than the US thing it is modelled on ... an idiotic and tyrannic measure'. FitzGerald defends the proposed legislation. 'Ireland is a Catholic country. Censorship in some form exists in every country. Here there is a proposal to put the matter in the hands of a Committee who will be enlightened and who will carry authority among the less enlightened'. Included are rejections by Pound of writings submitted by FitzGerald to him as foreign editor of the *Little Review*; an invitation to contribute to his proposed review [*Exile*]; a regretful refusal by FitzGerald, citing his heavy workload; references to Pound's musical compositions; programme for his operetta *Paroles de Villon* at the Salle Pleyel, Paris, 29 June 1926; and an invitation to attend a private audition of his *Musique Americaine* at the same venue.

### **11.2.3 W B and George Yeats**

**P80/1208** 17 January 1922

1p

Typescript letter from George Yeats [wife of W B Yeats], informing FitzGerald that her husband would be unable to meet him since he had crossed to London to discuss the return of the Lane Pictures with Lord Beaverbrook, Bibbesdale and others. 'He had a letter yesterday suggesting that an agreed bill was possible and even probable and therefore thought it better to go over before the matter was brought up in the Dáil and Seanad'. Asks whether he

**P80/1208** wished to await her husband's return or discuss the matter with her instead.

**P80/1209** 11 December 1922

1p

Typescript letter from George Yeats inviting FitzGerald to supper the following evening. 'You might send a note through to Willy tomorrow to wherever the Senate is sitting, telling him if you can, and what hour will suit you'.

**P80/1210** 23 January 1924

1p

Typescript letter from W B Yeats regretting that FitzGerald had been unable to get in on Monday evening. 'As practically nobody turns up on Mondays except Russell I thought myself free to abandon the evening for once'. Invites him to dinner the following Tuesday.

**P80/1121** 4 December 1931

2pp

Handwritten letter from Yeats at Coole Park, Gort, Galway, discussing FitzGerald's translation of a work [unidentified] by the Russian philosopher, Nikolai Berdyaev (1874–1948). 'I have read Berdyaev ... He and I have gone to the same source for our thought, whatever that source is, but I have not his impassioned faith. I accept all he says except perhaps that I think what he calls the barbarism, the mechanical unification, with its subjection of man to extreme force will last longer than he seems to think ... All he has written I have written, though not yet published. Let his thoughts be first, as mine do not have general currency. ... About six weeks ago I got Lady Gregory to ask Russell down here that we might draw out a statement under certain headings, what he called 'natural ethics'. We made no progress and parted with the idea that I should draw up something. But now I read this, Berdyaev says all that need be said'.

**P80/1212** 19 December 1932

2pp

Typescript letter from Yeats at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, written while completing an American lecture tour, asking FitzGerald if he had taken any steps as previously discussed 'to get together a few persons who would join us in considering the Marxian revolutionary theory in relation to St Thomas and modern philosophy ... to think out something among us which would give a foundation for advanced thought in Ireland'. Admits to feeling homesick and adds 'I hear upon all hands that the old Irish-American political organisations are evaporating but that the interest in our history and in our books and plays is everywhere on the increase'.

**P80/1213** 30 March 1933

3pp

Typescript letter from Yeats, Rathfarnham, to FitzGerald enclosing a typewritten copy of his suggestions for a discussion on communist and fascist philosophies. 'What I think most important is to preserve the dynamic element of Fascism, the clear picture of something to be worked for. We have to take everything we legitimately can from our opponents'.

**P80/1214** 10 April 1939

2pp

George Yeats, Rathfarnham, thanking FitzGerald for his letter of condolence on the death of her husband. 'When he returns to Sligo I hope you may find it possible to be among the people (not 'representing the Seanad') who will come to his 'planting' in Drumcliffe. He will come by boat to Sligo ... I do not care whether Dublin, as I am continually told, regrets that he is not to be buried at St Patrick's. I am convinced that his wishes were conveyed in that poem 'under Ben Bulben' which I sent to the newspapers on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may not agree but I rather wish you would'.

**P80/1215** 26 June 1939

1p

Typescript letter from George Yeats, asking FitzGerald if a collection of typescripts uncovered when sorting papers prior to

**P80/1215** moving house were summaries of writings by Berdyaev, annotated by FitzGerald.

**P80/1216** 16 February 1944

1p

George Yeats, 46 Palmerstown Road, Dublin, concerning difficulties in the settlement of her late mother's estate. She requests FitzGerald's assistance in obtaining a travel permit to go to England to try to expedite matters.

#### **11.2.4 Paul Henry**

**P80/1217** February 1922–August 1925

5 items

Four photocopied and one handwritten letter from Paul Henry and his wife Grace, requesting tickets for the Dáil, inviting him to chair a lecture to be given by James Stephens, and enquiring as to whether a Mrs Brophy would be interested in his paintings.

#### **11.2.5 Lennox Robinson**

**P80/1218** July 1922–[c. 1940]

8 items

Handwritten and typescript letters from Lennox Robinson, mainly inviting FitzGerald to afternoon tea and dinner. Includes a copy letter from FitzGerald congratulating him on his splendid Henry IV at the Abbey and letter from Robinson agreeing that the 'little dining club' should be revived. Suggests P S O'Hegarty, James Dillon and Myles na gCopaleen as possible members.

### **11.2.6 Francis Hackett**

**P80/1219** October 1922–July 1929

37 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Francis Hackett, writer and critic, and his wife, Signe Toksvig, the Danish playwright, mainly with reference to personal, literary, and political matters. Included are requests for assistance in securing and renewing their Irish passports; exchanges concerning Hackett's eventually successful plans to settle in Ireland; his abortive attempt to interview President Cosgrave for an American press syndicate; the civil war; the Army mutiny; the divorce debate; the absence of liberal humanism in Irish life; the danger posed by de Valera; and the inability of the Irish to face the reality of self-government. Also includes correspondence concerning their writings; Hackett's biography of Henry VIII; his lecture tours of America; positive critique of FitzGerald's novel *Chinadek*; discussions on Yeats, Ireland's peasant ideology, and provincialism; and three letters from Signe Toksvig concerning the possible publication of FitzGerald's fairy tales.

### **11.2.7 Oliver St John Gogarty**

**P80/1220** December 1922–November 1926

3 items

Three handwritten letters from Oliver St John Gogarty inviting FitzGerald to Monasterevin for Christmas; discussing a proposed visit to Lady Talbot de Malahide; and acknowledging receipt of and congratulating FitzGerald on his recently published volume of poetry.

### **11.2.8. Edward Storer**

**P80/1221** 14 December 1923–18 January 1924

5 items

One handwritten and two typescript letters from Edward Storer [Imagist poet], Rome, describing his life in Italy, his experiences as an Italian conscript, and his work as a press correspondent; he asks FitzGerald to secure him a position as Italian correspondent

**P80/1211** on any Dublin paper; encloses a copy [missing] of his volume of poetry, *Terra Italica*; and regrets that he hadn't written seriously for years. He offers to publish FitzGerald in his literary review *Atys*; invites him to become its Dublin correspondent; and passes on news of fellow Imagists, F S Flint and Richard Aldington. Copy replies from FitzGerald promising to contact the Dublin papers and admitting that he had written nothing since entering Government in 1919. 'My brain sometimes moves, so that I am still hoping that as soon as this life permits of a certain amount of leisure I shall revert to normal. I envy you in Rome'.

### **11.2.9 T S Eliot**

**P80/1222** 6 March 1931–26 February 1945

12 items

Typescript letters from T S Eliot in his capacity as editor with Faber and Faber, and of the quarterly review, *The Criterion*, concerning matters of a personal and literary nature. He requests FitzGerald's advice on the structure of a projected book on Ireland; rejects his proposed volume on the mutiny on the *Bounty*; introduces him to visiting Americans; discusses the plight of mutual French friends stranded in occupied Paris; confesses that he hadn't yet read FitzGerald's three plays; consults him about the disposition of some valuable Joyce manuscripts held by an unnamed friend; wonders if official Dublin was ready to accept them; and discusses Joyce's family. Included are two Christmas cards and a copy of his poem *East Coker*, reprinted from the *New English Weekly*.

### **11.2.10 Stella Miles Franklin**

**P80/1223** February 1940–June 1948

4 items

Typescript letters from the Australian writer, Stella Miles Franklin, Carlton, New South Wales, reminiscing about her visits to Dublin in 1919 and 1926, and her meetings with Irish literary and political figures; discussing the Yeats' autobiography *Dramatis Personae* (1936); enquiring if a literary society in Dublin was still awarding prizes for works of fiction by people of Irish extraction; and enclosing press cuttings and one of her books [both missing]. Includes a letter from one of her friends, Frank Clune, discussing his uncle, the late Archbishop of Perth, who

**P80/1223** FitzGerald had mentioned in one of his letters.

### **11.2.11 General literary correspondence**

**P80/1224** 27 February 1914

4pp

Typescript copy letter from FitzGerald, Ventry, Kerry to F S Flint, a founder of the Imagist movement, concerning literary matters. He thanks Flint for a copy of [Ezra Pound's] review *The Egoist*, compliments him on his poems in the review; dismisses T E Hulme as a 'charlatan'; asks Flint's opinion on his own short stories. 'I always desire to write happy romantic things but there is some jaundiced element hidden in me and the moment I begin to write it manifests itself and makes my work appear cynical and I do not admire cynicism'. Confides his desire to achieve success as a dramatist.

**P80/1225** February 1924–July 1931

72 items

Correspondence with Parisian booksellers, mainly La Maison des Amis des Livres, Rue de l'Odeon, ordering and paying for French literary and philosophical texts. Includes a letter from R I Best, National Library of Ireland, to FitzGerald, Minister for Defence, thanking him for transmitting to the Library a copy of the French edition of Joyce's *Ulysees* on behalf of the editor (30 May 1929).

**P80/1226** 25 January 1927

2pp

Letter from A S Herbert, Hotel de Bretagne, Paris, enclosing a volume of his poetry [missing] and drawing FitzGerald's attention to a tribute therein to Michael Collins, inspired by a conversation with FitzGerald.

**P80/1227** [c. 1927]

2pp

Letter from Helen Valarney, 5 Rue Washington, Paris, thanking FitzGerald for the books of Irish legends and fairy tales he had forwarded. 'Of course being yourself a poet you have chosen exactly those legends which suit me the best and will prove such a success when presented by me to the French public'.

**P80/1228** 4 March 1927

2pp

Walter Starkie, Common Room, Trinity College Dublin, inviting FitzGerald to a talk he is giving on Machiavelli and afterwards to tea.

**P80/1229** 4 December 1928

1p

Typescript letter from Padraic Colum, New York, informing FitzGerald that the first report from Longmans Green on his fairy tales had been very favourable. Promises to take them to MacMillan if Longmans reject them.

**P80/1230** 14 December 1932

3pp

William C Stewart, St Andrews University, Edinburgh, requesting FitzGerald's opinion of his enclosed [missing] translation of Paul Valery, French poet and essayist.

**P80/1231** 14 December 1938

3pp

Handwritten letter from Shane Leslie congratulating FitzGerald on his contribution to the Philosophical Congress in New York; informing him of the deaths of James MacNeill and Mrs G K Chesterton; and discussing his own activities. 'I am very busy and up to the neck writing my life of Mrs Fitzherbert and salving her historical reputation'. Includes printed copy of one of his poems 'West Country Carol'.

**P80/1232** 1 February 1939

2pp

Moya Llewelyn Davies, Brookville House, Raheny, County Dublin, praising an appreciation of WB Yeats by FitzGerald. 'It is lonely to think we shall never see his grand figure stalking among us again; that I shall never again sit with him in his room in Rathfarnham, sit by the two tall candles which had stood beside a bier, and hear his marvellous voice'.

**P80/1233** September–October 1945

3 items

O H Mavor [a Scottish playwright under the pseudonym James Bridie], Bearsden, Dumbaronshire, enquiring about possible opportunities in Dublin for Count Belina-Prazmouski, a member of the Polish Air Force and lecturer at the Polish Staff College, who could not return to Poland. Subsequent letter from Belina-Prazmouski thanking FitzGerald for his offer of help and enclosing a *curriculum vitae*.

**P80/1234** November 1946–February 1947

3 items

Three letters from Terence de Vere White, The Cottage, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin, inviting FitzGerald to dinner and offering to call on him to discuss his projected biography of Kevin O'Higgins.

**P80/1235** 3 December 1946

2pp

Bridie O'Higgins, Baily, County Dublin, expressing appreciation of FitzGerald's tribute to her husband, Kevin O'Higgins, in the Treaty Commemoration issue of *Forum*; informing him that O'Higgins' biographer, Terence de Vere White, wished to meet him; and urging him to write his reminiscences of 'those vital, flaming years'.

**11.2.12 Printed**

- P80/1236** 1919–40  
9 items  
Programmes from the Abbey and Gate Theatres, Dublin, the Dublin Drama League, and the Queen Street and Kingsway Theatres, London.
- P80/1237** 8 December 1923  
2pp  
Cutting from *The Literary Digest* containing an article by an unidentified writer entitled 'Why Yeats is a Nobel Prize Man'.
- P80/1238** [c.1929]  
2 items  
Postcard containing a photograph of James Joyce, advertising the French translation of *Ulysees*; handwritten address and telephone number for Joyce at 192 Rue de Grenelle, Square Robiac.
- P80/1239** 1935  
1 item  
Menu and programme for the Irish PEN W B Yeats Birthday Dinner at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, 27 June 1935.
- P80/1240** [1938]  
8pp  
Pages from *The Atlantic Monthly* containing a profile of W B yeats by Louise Bogan.

### **11.3 Philosophical Works**

#### **11.3.1 Preface to Statecraft**

**P80/1241** 1938

c 200pp

Two corrected typescript drafts of *Preface to Statecraft* (London, 1939), FitzGerald's treatise on political philosophy.

**P80/1242** February 1933–January 1939

14 items

Letters from Sheed and Ward, publishers, Paternoster Row, London, concerning the publication of *Preface to Statecraft*. Included are letters acknowledging receipt of the manuscript, provisionally entitled *Man and Society*; apologising for the delay in printing as a result of the Czechoslovak crisis; and forwarding galley proofs and a draft contract. Also includes material relating to reviews and sales of the book.

#### **11.3.2 Articles and Treatises**

**P80/1243** [not dated]

33pp, 52pp

Draft and text of a treatise on the post-war crisis in European civilisation; the end of the Renaissance and of the humanism that served as its spiritual base.

**P80/1244** [not dated]

3pp

Article on the end of the humanistic age.

- P80/1245** [not dated]  
19pp  
Analysis of the life and works of Soren Kierkegard, Danish philosopher (1813–55).
- P80/1246** [not dated]  
18pp  
Incomplete critique of the doctrine of individual man as having no being except as a fraction of the greater whole of human collectivity.
- P80/1247** [not dated]  
6pp  
Thomistic analysis of the opposition of nature and liberty as a tenet of modern philosophy.
- P80/1248** [not dated]  
73pp  
Sections of an incomplete treatise on the nature of civil society.
- P80/1249** [not dated]  
8pp  
Exploration of Papal philosophy with regard to the origins of power and the nature of popular sovereignty and democracy.
- P80/1250** [not dated]  
3pp  
Incomplete draft handwritten treatise on the need for the Christian world to determine anew its relations with social necessity.

- P80/1251** [not dated]  
3pp, 2pp  
Handwritten draft and typescript text of a short treatise on the nature of the response of the Christian intelligentsia to the problem of world order.
- P80/1252** [not dated]  
3pp  
Commentary on the self as an 'external concretisation of a relationship with God'.
- P80/1253** [not dated]  
7pp  
Treatise on the nature of Sanctifying Grace.
- P80/1254** [not dated]  
3pp  
Analysis of the 'dignity of the believer'.
- P80/1255** [not dated]  
5pp  
Pencil commentary on the modern heretical concern with the nature of man and the denial of the soul.
- P80/1256** [not dated]  
19pp  
Typescript notes on the nature of civil authority as derived from God.

**P80/1257** [not dated]

7pp

Analysis of the appeal of the Marxist doctrine of equality.

**P80/1258** [not dated]

4pp

Discourse on the violation by capitalism and socialism of the hierarchical subordination of the material to the spiritual. Predicts the self-destruction of both systems and the emergence of a new Middle Ages.

**P80/1259** [not dated]

5pp

Pencil text of an essay on the nature of capitalism.

**P80/1260** [not dated]

4pp

Analysis of the exclusive particularism and atheism of modern nationalism.

**P80/1261** [not dated]

9pp, 7pp

Amended draft and text of an analysis of the motives that stir men to revolution; and the contrast between the current revolutionary fervour and previous upheavals.

**P80/1262** [not dated]

10pp

Draft critique of the doctrine of evolution that 'presented a certain development in which each stage makes possible the next, and higher, stage'.

- P80/1263** [not dated]  
8pp  
Notes on natural justice.
- P80/1264** [not dated]  
13pp  
Pencil draft of an analysis of the concept of liberty.
- P80/1265** [not dated]  
8pp  
Handwritten notes on the alienation of permanent truths in a world of total contingency.
- P80/1266** [not dated]  
4pp  
Incomplete handwritten notes on the psychoanalytic theories propounded by Freud and others.
- P80/1267** [not dated]  
23pp  
Handwritten notes on the spread of false doctrines, man and society, and the nature of genius.
- P80/1268** [not dated]  
7pp  
Abridged translation of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letters of February and May 1892 in response to the anti-religious legislation enacted by the French government.

**P80/1269** [not dated]

8pp

Extracts from Papal Encyclicals.

**P80/1270** [not dated]

21pp

Handwritten and typescript chronology of the schism between the Greek and Roman churches, 485–1450.

**P80/1271** [not dated]

33 items

Handwritten and typescript extracts from the texts of and commentaries on biblical, papal and philosophical edicts concerning church/state relations, the rights and claims of temporal and secular authorities, and the subordination of the latter to the former.

**P80/1272** [not dated]

c 200pp

Typescript notes on the Aristotelian concept of mimesis; on morality; natural justice; religious ignorance; and private property.

**P80/1273** [not dated]

93 items

File of incomplete notes and fragments on philosophical and theological matters.

**P80/1274** [not dated]

3 items

Three notebooks containing fragments on the nature of life; spiritual and temporal authority; natural law; the rights and

**P80/1274** functions of property, pacifism, communism and Christianity. Includes incomplete copy letter from FitzGerald, Paris, to Mabel, his wife, written while attending a philosophical conference. 'I have the name of being a great Thomist for the reason that I only have argued on the points that have interested me ... I might try to see Joyce' (P80/1274 (1)).

**P80/1275** 3 October 1933

10pp

Text with handwritten amendments of an address by Sean T O'Kelly to the Circle Catholique of Geneva, outlining the extent to which his Government's social and economic policies had been modelled on the 1931 Papal Encyclical on the Restoration of Order.

**P80/1276** [not dated]

12pp

Copy of an incomplete summary of chapters 4-7 of an untitled work on the origins and constitution of government.

### **11.3.3. Correspondence, 1929-44**

**P80/1277** June 1929-March 1930

17 items

Material relating to two public lectures by Jacques Maritain, Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic Institute, Paris, on the philosophy of Saint Thomas and the mysticism of Saint John of the Cross. Includes copy English translation of the letter of invitation from Denis Coffey, President of UCD, to Professor Maritain; copy of a profile of Maritain by Desmond FitzGerald, used to publicise the lectures; programme and press cuttings; and material relating to Maritain's travelling arrangements.

**P80/1278** 29 April 1931

5pp

Letter from Louise C Morgan, American Legation, Phoenix Park,

**P80/1278** outlining her plans to study the works of Thomas Aquinas and Jacques Maritain.

**P80/1279** 3 February 1932

2pp

Letter from Raymond O'Donoghue OP, Saint Mary's, Tallaght, drawing FitzGerald's attention to a number of conflicting articles in *Studies* and the *Irish Theological Quarterly* on Suarez's theory on the origins of political power.

**P80/1280** [1933]

18pp

Draft handwritten letter in English and draft typescript French translation, from FitzGerald to Jacques Maritain, mainly with reference to political developments in Ireland in the previous two years. 'At this moment I am full of anxiety for Ireland. The position here is very hard to explain. [The members of the Government are Catholic] As you know, the faith lives here as nowhere else. And yet I fear that the country may go Bolshevist ...'.

**P80/1281** 6 September 1934

1p

Handwritten letter in French from Maritain; he is pleased that FitzGerald is considering attending a retreat in Paris at the end of September.

**P80/1282** [September 1934]

1p

Invitation from Jacques Maritain to attend a private recital of one of Arthur Lourie's recent works at the composer's Parisian residence.

**P80/1283** 27 March 1936

2 items

Letter from Professor W K Hancock, Birmingham University, thanking FitzGerald for his comments on his manuscript and enclosing an offprint of an article by him entitled 'Machiavelli in modern dress: an enquiry into historical method' from *History*. 'It may perhaps interest you because to some extent its theme touches the return of ideas out of a backwater into the mainstream, about which you talked to me'.

**P80/1284** 21 May 1936

7pp

Letter from Patrick O'Farrell, Kilkenny, discussing Thomism, the origins of civil authority, and the principle of common welfare.

**P80/1285** 7 December 1936

1 item

Note from Dr Theobald Dillon, Thorncroft, Killiney, thanking FitzGerald for a stimulating lunch and requesting the titles of Jacques Maritain's works on epistemology.

**P80/1286** 1937, [1938]

2 items

Two copy letters from FitzGerald to Rev E Coyne SJ, discussing the new constitution, civil authority, and the common good.

**P80/1287** 1 December [1937]

Letter from Bernard S Wall, 54 Rue Jacob, Paris, having recently returned from Spain. 'I saw Tommy Gunning for an hour or two in Salamanca, and he asked me to send his wishes and respects to you. He is surrounded by henchmen who seem to be survivors from the Irish brigade, and he seems to reign over them like a gangster chieftain'. He comments on the progress of his translation of Maritain's *Science et Sagesse* and refers to articles of FitzGerald's he intends publishing in *Colosseum*. References to personal matters are included. 'I saw Sylvia Beach today and she gave me Joyce's telephone number so I'll ring him up and write to

**P80/1287** you if I can fix Maritain'.

**P80/1288** [1938]

4pp

Draft handwritten letter from FitzGerald to Joe [?] who had requested references in Saint Thomas justifying Franco. Considers whether an overwhelming victory for either side or a negotiated armistice would be the most desirable outcome.

**P80/1289** 7 March 1939

4pp

Copy letter from FitzGerald to Bernard and Barbara Wall, Paris, mainly containing news of his colleagues at Notre Dame University, Indiana; his meetings there and in New York with Jacques Maritain; and the delayed publication of *Preface to Statecraft*. 'The death of Yeats came as quite a blow to me. I had noted with grief for some years past that each time I saw him there was a deterioration of health. But when I came back from America and found that he was in the South of France I just took it for granted that I should see him on his return. I had a number of points that I wanted to talk to him about. You know I discovered his work when I was about fourteen, and I don't suppose it would be possible to have anything like that experience twice in a life-time'.

**P80/1290** [1940]

3 items

Handwritten circular in French [from Jacques Maritain?] appealing for signatures to an enclosed manifesto protesting against the Italian invasion of Egypt.

**P80/1291** 21 January 1942

2pp

Letter from Edith F Booth, Argyle Road, Ballsbridge, requesting that the date of the next meeting of the newly formed society for the improvement of relations between the Catholic and Protestant Churches, and enquiring if women with no theological training could attend.

**P80/1292** 13 November 1944

2pp

Copy letter from FitzGerald to J[ames] H[ogan, Professor of History, University College, Cork?], discussing the works of the French philosopher and conservative polemicist Joseph de Maistre (1753–1821), with particular reference to *Considerations Sur La France* (1796), *Du Pape* (1819), and his unfinished work *Les Soirees de St Petersburg*.

**P80/1293** 2 June [1946?]

2pp

Letter from Arland Ussher, Strand Road, Merrion, thanking FitzGerald for agreeing to lend him Durkheim's *System du Monde*.

#### **11.3.4 Printed matter**

**P80/1294** January 1931

1 item

The Mentor, xxxvi, 1 (1931), published by the Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn, New York. Contains a letter from Peter MacSwiney, brother of Terence, with reference to a description in an earlier issue of Terene as a suicide, and the general question of the morality of hunger strikes.

**P80/1295** August 1937–May 1940

3 items

Pamphlets issued by the Catholic Association for International Relations and the Irish Committee of the International Catholic Conference: *Catholics and Peace. A Charter of Christian Peace*, and *What Can We Do For Peace*.

**P80/1296** [not dated]

1 item

Handbill publicising a lecture by Jacques Maritain at Lady

**P80/1296** Margaret Hall, Oxford on 'La Personne Humaine et la Societe'.

**P80/1297** 18 May–15 June 1934

5 items

Cuttings of a series of articles from the *Catholic Times* on 'The Church and the Dictators' with contributions from Christopher Dawson and John Eppstein on Catholicism, Fascism and the totalitarian state.

**P80/1298** March–September 1965

25 items

Cuttings from *The Standard* containing articles dealing with Church/ State relations, Catholic education, the moral obligations of property, and contemporary Catholic thought. Included are reviews of Catholic publications, reports on papal addresses, and a series of Lenten lectures by Rev E J Coyne SJ on 'The Peace of Christ in the Reign of Christ'.

## **11.4 University of Notre Dame, Indiana, 1935–41**

### **11.4.1 Correspondence**

**P80/1299** March 1935–August 1941

22 items

Correspondence and related matter concerning FitzGerald's courses of lectures at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Correspondence is mainly with Rev Hugh O'Donnell, President, Notre Dame, concerning the general content and timing of the courses on political philosophy and Christian literature.

**P80/1300** April 1935–October 1939

7 items

Seven letters from Thomas Barry, Publicity Director, Notre Dame, concerning arrangements for FitzGerald's lecture series and enclosing personal and college news. Includes enclosed letter from

John P Lally, *Chicago Daily News*, requesting a short article by FitzGerald on 'How the South of Ireland can peacefully absorb the North of Ireland'.

**P80/1301** February 1931–November 1941

11 items

Seven letters from Frank O'Malley, Professor of English, Notre Dame, mainly of a personal and philosophical nature. O'Malley describes his own courses on Catholic literature and cosmology, refers to writing on Thomism, and reflects on Irish affairs, the war in Europe, and Fascism. Enclosed are an autographed poem by O'Malley and press cuttings, one containing an article by him on the problems for writers created by the war.

**P80/1302** June 1937–July 1938

6 items

Four letters from Rev Leo R Ward, Head of the English Department, Notre Dame, requesting information on a prospective lecturer, and inviting FitzGerald to participate in a symposium on political and social philosophy at the university. Encloses a draft and final programme for the symposium.

**P80/1303** [c 1941]

2pp

Draft letter from FitzGerald to [Arnold] Lunn [a fellow visiting lecturer at Notre Dame] referring to disagreements between them with particular regard to Chamberlain's policy and refusing to engage in any further correspondence. He accuses Lunn of listening to college gossip. 'If I gave the impression of attacking the personal honour of Mr Chamberlain I am very sorry. But I think that by a firm stand during the last crisis Chamberlain would not only have avoided war but would also have created a foundation for a juster and more stable peace'.

**P80/1304** 8 February 1939

2pp

Shane [Leslie, a former lecturer in Notre Dame], Grove End Road, London, thanking FitzGerald 'for your charming letter which

**P80/1304** brings back all of the Notre Dame Campus to me ... Yeats' death rang a knell and a chapter of life and history seemed at a close ... Poor Yeats how he felt and hated the slow decay of the body and longed no doubt to slough it away in some astral fire. He remained young by his symbolism which had made of the old Hag of Beare a young and glittering Queen -'.

**P80/1305** October 1935–July 1946

16 items

Letters from members of Notre Dame staff mainly of a personal nature, discussing college courses, colleagues, publications on Thomism, and events in Europe. F W Kenrick, Department of Architecture, encloses a ticket to a public meeting addressed by de Valera in South Bend High School in October 1919.

**P80/1306** April 1935–January 1939

18 items

Correspondence concerning invitations to speak on social and academic occasions. Invitations are mainly from other universities, graduates' clubs, and learned societies in Chicago, New York and Indiana.

**P80/1307** October 1935–February 1941

45 items

Letters from American colleagues and acquaintances mainly of a personal nature; welcoming him to the US and wishing him success; offering sympathy on an illness; expressing regret at his departure; and sending news after his return to Ireland.

#### **11.4.2. Lectures and articles**

**P80/1308** [not dated]

40pp

Annotated typescript drafts of lectures on the life and works of Paul Claudel (1868–1955), a Christocentric French poet and playwright.

**P80/1309** [not dated]

8pp

Typescript lecture on *The Unknown Eros* by Coventry Patmore (1823–96), and English Catholic poet and essayist.

**P80/1310** [not dated]

12pp

Incomplete typescript lecture on the nature of religious poetry with particular reference to the works of Richard Crashaw, a seventeenth century English Catholic poet.

**P80/1311** [not dated]

65pp

Drafts of a lecture on Joseph de Maistre (1753–1821), French polemicist, with particular reference to his unfinished work, *Les Soirees de St Petersburg* (1821).

**P80/1312** [not dated]

166pp

Handwritten and typescript notes, and typescript text of a lecture on the philosophy of politics.

**P80/1313** [not dated]

18pp

Annotated typescript text of a lecture on man's rights and his relations with the state.

**P80/1314** [not dated]

22pp

Typescript drafts of a lecture on the relationship of individual to individual, and of the individual to the state.

- P80/1315** [not dated]  
36pp  
Untitled typescript text of a lecture concerning the meaning and purpose of ordered society and man's nature and destiny.
- P80/1316** [not dated]  
25pp  
Handwritten notes on the functions of the state.
- P80/1317** [not dated]  
2pp  
Handwritten note on Aristotelian ethics.
- P80/1318** [not dated]  
2 items  
Copies of two articles on 'PR in Ireland and PR in Northern Ireland'. Pencil notation by Mabel FitzGerald records their discovery inside F A Hermens *Democracy or anarchy, a study in proportional representation* (Notre Dame, 1942), presented by the author to Desmond FitzGerald.

#### **11.4.3 Printed matter**

- P80/1319** 1935-6  
3 items  
Programme for series of evening lectures by visiting lecturers at Notre Dame. Includes the programme for FitzGerald's series of six literary lectures.

- P80/1320** December 1935  
1 item  
Commemorative menu for dinner aboard the MV Britannic, 21 December 1935.
- P80/1321** 1936  
3pp  
Analysis of students registered for the Notre Dame Summer Session, 1936. Analysis is by religious community, faculty, department and graduate status.
- P80/1322** 1935-8  
13 items  
Press cuttings from Irish and American newspapers reporting on FitzGerald's appointments as visiting lecturer at Notre Dame and his public lectures.

## **11.5 Essays, lectures and reviews**

### **11.5.1 Literary subjects**

- P80/1323** [1912]  
22pp  
Handwritten article by FitzGerald, for publication in the US, entitled 'Some Irish Poets'. Deals with the works of Lionel Johnson, George Russell, Padraic Colum, Alice Milligan, Joseph Campbell, Seamus O'Sullivan and Thomas Keohler.
- P80/1324** [not dated]  
6pp  
Two typescript reviews of the works of Nicholas Berdyaev [Berliaeff], Russian philosopher.

**P80/1325** [1931]

3pp

Review of an anthology of Catholic thought published by Sheed and Ward. FitzGerald hopes that the book 'will find its way into the hands of every educated Catholic in the country and ... help to dissipate that mental lethargy that is one of our most disturbing national symptoms'.

**P80/1326** 1932

4 items

Drafts and copy of a review of Fr Cahill SJ *The Framework of a Christian State*; draft of a reply by FitzGerald to criticisms by Cahill of the review.

**P80/1327** [not dated]

3pp

Typescript review of the English edition of a French study of the English religious poet Francis Thompson (1859–1907).

**P80/1328** [not dated]

15pp

Review entitled 'The fear of God and the love of Humanity' concerning a story by Tolstoi 'What men live by' in *The Citizen* (1883).

**P80/1329** [not dated]

4pp

Review of an anthology of Yeats' early writings. 'Love of Ireland saved him from vulgarity ... is it a mere coincidence that Mr Yeats produced, if not his greatest, certainly his most characteristic work, at the time when he was most associated with the advanced movement in Irish nationalism'.

**P80/1330** [not dated]

6pp

Sections of a review of works by Nicholas Berdyaev, Carl Schmidt and M de La Redoyere, in the series *Essays in Order*.

**P80/1331** [not dated]

15pp

Pencil critique of an unnamed mythical romance by William Morris (1834–96), English writer and poet.

**P80/1332** 14 December 1939

30pp

Amended text of a conversation between FitzGerald and Hugh McCarton on the Radio Éireann programme Book Chat, reviewing *God in an Irish Kitchen* by Leo Richard Ward, *Earth out of Earth* by Daniel Corkery, *Orchard Bay* by Alfred Noyes, *Ladies and Gentlemen* by Hillaire Belloc and *Over the Bent World*, an anthology of Catholic writing.

**P80/1333** [not dated]

18pp

Typescript polemic on the prejudices and limitations of literary criticism *vis-à-vis* Catholic writers. FitzGerald argues that Catholic writers had been unfairly dismissed as a result of the pervasive belief that their work was vitiated by its Catholicism. 'As lovers of what is beautiful in literature we should endeavour to obtain a just appraisal of the work of men who have not been justly valued. We do not say he is great because he is a Catholic but we do say that if he is great that fact should not be denied because he participated in our faith'.

**P80/1334** [not dated]

38pp

Two typescript drafts of an address on the nature of drama.

- P80/1335** [not dated]  
6pp  
Typescript analysis of the Aristotelian concept of tragedy.
- P80/1336** [not dated]  
17pp  
Typescript text of a talk on the nature of poetry.
- P80/1337** [not dated]  
2pp  
Incomplete typescript article entitled 'The Destiny of Culture'.
- P80/1338** [not dated]  
5pp  
Outline structure and notes for a talk on tendencies in modern literature.
- P80/1339** [1939]  
4pp  
Obituary by FitzGerald of W B Yeats.

### **11.5.2 Philosophical and political subjects**

- P80/1340** [not dated]  
2pp  
Part of a handwritten article or speech on the transition of the historian as journalist to the historian as philosopher, manifest in the writings of Christopher Dawson.

- P80/1341** [not dated]  
8pp  
Draft text of a lecture on the life of Thomas Aquinas.
- P80/1342** [not dated]  
8pp  
Incomplete typescript notes for a contribution to [a symposium or debate] on the ideas of Edmund Burke.
- P80/1343** February 1941  
40pp  
Annotated typescript draft of an address in French on the life and works of Joseph de Maistre (1753–1821), philosopher and diplomat.
- P80/1344** [not dated]  
7pp  
Annotated typescript draft of an address in French on Blaise Pascal (1623–62), scientist and theologian, with particular reference to his major works *Les Lettres Provinciales* and *Apologies de la Religion Chretienne*.
- P80/1345** [not dated]  
6pp  
Pencil critique of three medieval sculptures; the tomb of Philip the Bold, Duke of Burgundy; the well of Moses; and the portal of the ducal chapel at the Chartreuse de Champmol, Dijon; executed by the Duke's chief sculptors, Jean de Marville, Claus Sluter and Claus de Werve, and housed in the museum in Dijon.

- P80/1346** [1932]  
4pp  
Incomplete annotated typescript analysis of the nature and significance of Bolshevism.
- P80/1347** [not dated]  
4pp  
Handwritten drafts of remarks in support of the Catholic Library, Merrion Square, 'one of the most vitally important institutions and movements in our country'.
- P80/1348** [not dated]  
68pp  
Handwritten and typescript drafts of sections of an address to a conference on Christian education, on the subject of unity and purpose within Christian education.
- P80/1349** [not dated]  
61pp  
Handwritten and typescript drafts of an address on Church/State relations. Deals with the origin and nature of the temporal and spiritual authority claimed by the State and Church respectively, and the latter's interpretation of that claim.
- P80/1350** [not dated]  
20pp  
Two typescript drafts of an address dealing with the problem of minorities as an issue of justice.

**P80/1351** [not dated]

13pp

Three typescript drafts of parts of an untitled paper on the individual 'as a centre of liberty ... at the same time the most dependent of creatures ... subsisting in something, total, accomplished in being'.

**P80/1352** [not dated]

16pp

Incomplete typescript drafts of a paper to an audience of young people, concerning the materialistic world they were to inherit and the forces shaping the new order they were expected to create.

**P80/1353** [not dated]

12pp

Typescript draft sections of a vote of thanks proposed by FitzGerald on behalf of the Catholic Young Men's Society to its auditor, Mr Walsh, for his paper, outlining the dangers posed by communism. FitzGerald echoes Walsh's sentiments and endorses his proposal that CYMS study circles should be directed not solely at the acquisition of knowledge but also at the practical application of that knowledge to concrete problems.

**P80/1354** [1943]

28pp

Annotated typescript drafts in French and English of an address by FitzGerald to the [Historical Society, Trinity College] replying to a paper by [F S L] Lyons concerning the apparent incompatibility between the rights and claims of the individual and those of the state; and the state's increasing arrogance and consequent violation of individual rights.

**P80/1355** [not dated]

2pp

Incomplete typescript response to an [unidentified] auditor's paper dealing with the foundations of international peace. The

**P80/1355** action of nations should be governed by a morality that is in substance identical with the morality that should govern the acts of the human person’.

**P80/1356** [not dated]

7pp

Incomplete handwritten article tracing the background to the political strife in the Republic of Andorra.

**P80/1357** [not dated]

10pp

Galley proofs and corrected copy of an article entitled ‘Proportional Representation – dissected by dialogue’.

### **11.5.3 Irish subjects**

**P80/1358** 1931

10pp

Annotated typescript draft and typescript copy of a tribute to the men of 1916 for the Easter Week Commemoration issue of the *Star*.

**P80/1359** [not dated]

10pp

Article setting out a system of central and local government appropriate to the Gaelic character and traditions.

**P80/1360** [1935]

76pp

Typescript drafts of review of Frank Pakenham, *Peace by Ordeal* (London, 1935). He criticises Pakenham’s reliance on republican sources and rejects his central premise that Collins and Griffith

- P80/1360** were emissaries rather than plenipotentiaries; and that they precipitated the Civil War by accepting Dominion status contrary to their instructions to secure an externally associated republic or break off negotiations.
- P80/1361** 1935  
7pp  
Incomplete review of a pamphlet by James Hogan, Professor of History, University College Cork [*Could Ireland Become Communist?*]
- P80/1362** [1937]  
5pp  
Typescript critique with handwritten amendments of the Fianna Fáil Government's draft Constitution.
- P80/1363** [not dated]  
3pp  
Statement of the dangers inherent in the Government's promotion of the idea of Ireland as a 'Christian state'.
- P80/1364** [1937]  
102pp  
Handwritten and typescript drafts of an untitled speech or article dealing with Ireland's ability to resist communism and its readiness to participate in the struggle between Catholicism and communism.
- P80/1365** [1937]  
6pp  
Pencil notes on Ireland's unwillingness to accept the past and recognise historical realities.

**P80/1366** [not dated]

7pp

Pencil notes on the modern segregation of the religious and the secular which had boosted Irish nationalism by fostering the argument that Irish history had been subjected to human rather than divine guidance.

**P80/1367** [not dated]

3pp

Pencil notes on the 'national narcissism' that evolved during the struggle for Irish independence.

**P80/1368** [1938]

5pp

Typescript critique of an article dealing with the constitutional development of the Irish Free State, published in an unidentified ecclesiastical journal.

**P80/1369** [1938]

3pp

Incomplete draft review of Sean O'Faolain's biography of Daniel O'Connell [*King of the Beggars*]. FitzGerald commends O'Faolain's insight but criticises as misleading his depiction of O'Connell as a peasant and his 'singular lack of understanding of the whole religious side of his subject'.

**P80/1370** [1939]

4pp

Review of Desmond Ryan [*The Sword of Light – the Irish language movement* (1939)].

**P80/1371** [1940]

11pp

Two typescript drafts of a review of Donal O'Sullivan, *The Irish Free State and its Senate* (1940). FitzGerald commends it as 'a standard work necessary to anyone who wishes to understand the developments in Ireland during the last eighteen years ... The one thing we have learned from the various experiments is that, of all systems of forming a Senate, the one at present in force is the worst'.

**P80/1372** [1940]

11pp

Draft typescript response to an unidentified auditor's paper on Irish nationalism.

**P80/1373** [1940]

6pp

Annotated typescript draft of a vote of thanks to the auditor of an unidentified society, speaking on the crisis in Europe. 'But tonight we meet almost within hearing distance of war that may bring ruin to that order and culture and it may be that more than ever we are poignantly conscious that we are of Europe, that her heritage is ours also, and that its ruin would mean the loss of those things that are most dearly cherished by us'.

**P80/1374** [1941]

3pp

Incomplete typescript draft proposing a vote of thanks in response to an unidentified auditor's paper on censorship in Ireland.

**P80/1375** 1943

4pp

Draft appreciation of Sarah Purser (1849–1943), stained glass artist and portrait painter.

**P80/1376** 1943

2 items

Two drafts of articles on Michael Collins, one published in the *Sunday Independent*, August 1943.

**P80/1377** [not dated]

2pp

Incomplete typescript tribute to the founders of the Irish state. 'They found their country a lifeless corpse. They poured their lives even to the last drop of their blood into her that she might live. And before their eyes closed in death they saw a stirring in her limbs ... They wanted no honour but the honour of serving the people to whom they had given their love'.

**P80/1378** [not dated]

7pp

Typescript copy article dealing with the events which led to the Civil War.

**P80/1379** [not dated]

6pp

Incomplete typescript anecdotal account of the rise of the Irish Volunteers and the realisation by FitzGerald and his fellow Volunteers, Ernest Blythe and the O'Rahilly, of the inevitability of armed insurrection.

**P80/1380** [not dated]

43pp

Typescript drafts of a personal account and analysis by FitzGerald of the period leading up to and surrounding the Treaty, underlining and attempting to counteract the variations on historical fact in the available accounts of the period [written in response to *Peace by Ordeal?*]

- P80/1381** [not dated]  
15pp  
Successive typescript drafts of an article or address on the politics of the next Irish generation.
- P80/1382** [not dated]  
5pp  
Introductory section of an account by FitzGerald of his youthful interest in philosophy and poetry and his political awakening.
- P80/1383** [not dated]  
1p  
Galley proofs of an article on Dublin for *The Holiday Book*.

#### **11.5.4 Correspondence**

- P80/1384** October–November 1932  
4 items  
Terence de Vere White, Trinity College Historical Society, thanking FitzGerald for agreeing to participate in a debate on ‘Leninism and laissez-faire’ and enclosing a copy of one of the papers; draft and copy final text of FitzGerald’s paper.
- P80/1385** August 1933–July 1946  
19 items  
Letters from newspapers, publishers and journals mainly seeking articles and reviews. Included are requests from *The Spectator* and *Current History Review* for pieces on the Irish political situation; from the *Observer*, *New Catholic Herald* and *London Mercury* for reviews of Frank Pakenham *Peace by Ordeal*, Frank O’Connor *The Big Fellow* and Sean O’Faolain *King of the Beggars* respectively; a copy of FitzGerald’s review of Rosamund Jacobs *The Rise of the United Irishmen* for *Arena*; and repeated offers from William Heinemann and Methuen to publish his memoirs.

**P80/1386** 29 August 1935

2pp

Copy letter from FitzGerald to Rev Connolly SJ, 30 Lower Leeson St, Dublin, enclosing proofs of an article [missing] on the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations and aftermath as a riposte to Pakenham's *Peace by Ordeal*.

**P80/1387** April 1936–November 1937

10 items

Letters from Thomas Burns, a director of *The Tablet*, requesting a series of 'Dublin Letters' from FitzGerald; calling on him to respond to a leader in the *Irish Press*; and corresponding with him concerning the nature of occasional contributions to the journal. Included are congratulatory letters from *Tablet* readers and a note from a Fianna Fáil supporter condemning as narrow and malicious the response of the *Irish Press* to FitzGerald's article on the need for a Catholic intelligentsia.

**P80/1388** 25 October 1939

1p

J D Hughes, editor, Trinity College Historical Society, enclosing a copy of his address, 'History and the war', offering to delete anything objectionable and inviting FitzGerald to propose a motion of support for the Society after the address.

**P80/1389** 15 October 1940

1p

Incomplete typescript copy letter from FitzGerald to Count Michael de La Bedoyere, editor of the *Catholic Herald*, enclosing his review of Donal O'Sullivan *The Irish Free State and its Senate*, and congratulating him on his continual wartime production of the *Herald*. Criticises the paper's Irish coverage but compliments Bedoyere on his article on Chamberlain. 'I think he has been treated with gross injustice ... About the time of Munich, I was in America ... I came back to Europe and found all the left wingites denouncing Chamberlain for not having given Hitler a punch in the jaw. When he tried to prepare for war they objected to conscription. When war came they would not share in Government ... They used the peril of their country as a means of jettisoning him'.

**11.5.5 Printed matter**

**P80/1390** February–March 1944

2 items

Two copies of *Everybody's Weekly* containing articles by Beverly Baxter MP on Ireland during the war.

**P80/1391** 22 November 1946

12pp

*The Central European Observer* containing a review by Henry Baerlein of Kees van Hoek *An Irish Panorama*.

**P80/1392** February 1939–August 1943

10 items

Press cuttings containing FitzGerald's appreciations of Sarah Purser and W B Yeats; reports of his address to the Catholic Association for International Relations on 'The Person and the State'; and his public lecture on 'The Problem of Communism' under the auspices of the Fine Gael Clubs.

**12 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1922–47**

**P80/1393** December 1922–February 1947

73 items

File of letters of a routine and personal nature received by FitzGerald. Included are letters of thanks for his kindness and hospitality during visits to Ireland; invitations to social and cultural functions; and representations concerning employments, pensions and wartime travel permits. Includes Peter C Larkin, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, London, praising in the highest terms an after dinner speech by [Eoin?] MacNeill at the Canada Club on the previous evening. 'I might add that during my conversation with [Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme] the President of the Board of Trade he expressed the greatest admiration for the capacity and resource shown by Mr Cosgrave and in this he was only re-echoing what we hear on all

**P80/1393** sides' (25 April 1923). Also includes J Kiernan, Rome, informing FitzGerald of Jacques Maritain's arrival in the city, the presentation of his credentials to the Pope, and the way in which he might be contacted. 'I said that in Ireland his works had been made know especially by you. He lit up and asked me was I a friend of your and said that he knew no foreigner who has a wider knowledge of French literature than you' (26 May 1945). Also includes Maire Comerford, St Nessan, Sandyford, County Dublin, requesting assistance in collecting evidence to support her application for a military service pension. Recalls her activities gathering statements of Black and Tan outrages for the *Irish Bulletin*. 'If you remember that you sometimes emptied your pockets of sedition and gave the precious material to me to keep in my dump overnight, off and on' (15 July 1945).

**P80/1394** February 1923–October 1946

23 items

Letters of introduction to FitzGerald. Included are introductions to casual visitors, journalists and broadcasters, academics, businessmen, diplomats and politicians, from John Betjeman, Padraic Colum, Philip Graves and William MacKenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, among others.

**P80/1395** 1923–36

64 items

Christmas, greeting and post cards from colleagues, friends and acquaintances including J Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister, Sir John and Lady Lavery, Sean Lester, and the Maharaja Dhiraj Patiala.

**P80/1396** June 1923–January 1927

6 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and Hans Christian Deichmann, Hovgaard, Hobro, Denmark, a former German prisoner-of-war who had served six months with FitzGerald in Mountjoy Gaol in 1915 for attempting to escape from Oldcastle Internment Camp. Letters mainly contain details of their subsequent careers and requests from Deichmann for assistance in obtaining work.

## **13 FAMILY AND PERSONAL**

### **13.1 Letters to his Wife**

#### **13.1.1 Internal exile, imprisonment, and the London peace conference, 1915-21**

**P80/1397** [July 1915]

4pp

Desmond FitzGerald, Kilmolin House, County Wicklow, confined to Wicklow after his expulsion from Kerry under the Defence of the Realm Act, to his wife Mabel, attending the Gaelic League Ard Fheis in Dundalk, mainly containing family news and details of his brother Francis' visit to Kilmolin. Included are references to Laurence Ginnell's parliamentary agitation against the use of expulsion orders, and the recently launched paper *New Ireland*.

**P80/1398** February-March 1916

21pp, 22pp

Two typescript letters from Mabel FitzGerald, 3 Loreto Villas, Bray, to Desmond serving a six month sentence in Mountjoy Gaol for contravening the Defence of the Realm Act. Letters contain details of her daily activities; anecdotes about their sons; family news; descriptions of lunches with The O'Rahilly; visits from Bulmer Hobson, Sean McDermott and the poet Edward Storer; news of Ernest Blythe's activities; the fine imposed on Terence MacSwiney; the arrests of Claud Chevasse in Macroom and Volunteer activists in Glasgow; the engagement of Joseph Mary Plunkett and Grace Gifford; and the imposition of censorship in Cork and Kerry. She reports the launching and renewal of nationalist journals; outlines her activities at Volunteer Headquarters; and describes numerous political meetings, and propaganda and fund-raising events, with particular reference to an inaugural Cumann na mBan meeting and an anti-tax gathering in Bray. 'As a matter of fact his year will see a rather riotous Lent in Dublin. Concerts, Card Drives and Ceilidhs galore, two a night often. Money must be raised and people think our causes justify raising it at Lent'.

**P80/1399** 14 March 1917

4pp

Mabel FitzGerald, 27 Effra Road, Rathgar, to her husband in Lewes Prison, wishing him a happy St Patrick's Day, informing him that she and their son Pierce would visit him on the 24 March and looking forward to seeing him again.

**P80/1400** [c.1918]

2pp

Pencil letter from FitzGerald in London to Mabel, reporting on his successful search for a Mrs Hopkins, and his other personal and official contacts and activities.

**P80/1401** [c. 1921]

2pp

Pencil letter from FitzGerald, visiting the Publicity Department London Office, to Mabel concerning their son Fergus' illness, his worries about his personal health, and his anxieties about work. 'I am haunted by worries and shall be glad to get back to face the trouble instead of having it hang over me ... Also have been let in for another job by A[rt] O'B[rien] – nothing to do with me, and am up to my eyes ... I do feel that I wish we could retire somewhere into the desert'.

**P80/1402** 19 July 1921

2pp

Letter from FitzGerald on release from the Curragh Internment Camp to attend the peace negotiations in London, to Mabel, mainly concerning the progress of the talks. 'I have been trying to pick up the threads. Poor Erskine [Childers] does seem very worn out, A[rthur] G[riffith] quite gay, the President charming as usual. Our official statement is that we are 'not unhopeful' which is an exact description'.

**P80/1403** [c. 1921]

2pp

Note from FitzGerald to Mabel informing her that he would be unlikely to get out for the weekend, wouldn't return until the following week, and that his brother Francis' courtcase had been adjourned.

### **13.1.2 League of Nations, 1924–8**

**P80/1404** September 1923

3 items

Two letters from FitzGerald, in Geneva to attend the Fourth Assembly of the League of Nations on the occasion of Ireland's accession, to Mabel describing the journey to Geneva, stopovers in Paris and Genoa, and the exhausting social round of dinners and receptions. 'Dinner last night with Finns. Afternoon to see President of League [Cuban]. Morning at Commission where I made speech of two sentences' (P80/1404 (2)). 'We have a continual series of meals – meals that last anything from two to four hours. You can imagine how I enjoy it, everyone is very charming. But the strain of politeness, good behaviour and over-eating tell on one' (P80/1404 (3)).

**P80/1405** August–September 1924

6 items

Handwritten letters from FitzGerald in Geneva attending the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations, to Mabel mainly concerning his efforts to find a suitable school in Switzerland or France for their eldest son Desmond; describing various dinners and receptions; commenting on the progress of the Assembly; and bemoaning a painful neck ailment which curtailed his activities.

**P80/1406** September 1925

9 items

Nine handwritten letters from FitzGerald, in Geneva to attend the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations, to Mabel, mainly concerning his stay with his family in England prior to his departure for Geneva; his short stopover in Paris en route; his

**P80/1406** daily attendance at the Assembly and the Commission; and the bustling social scene.

**P80/1407** September 1926

6 items

Six letters from FitzGerald in Geneva for the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations, mainly concerning his election and functions as Chairman of the Second Commission; the Free State's hastily prepared and unsuccessful attempt to win a non-permanent seat on the League Council; his satisfaction with the strategies and achievements of the Irish delegation; the unsatisfactory nature of Irish press coverage of the Assembly; the probable admission of Germany to the League; and the incessant round of diplomatic and social engagements. 'I am to be, I am told, the Chairman of 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm[issio]n. I don't know anything about it except that it deals with everything that I am least interested in' (P80/1407 (1)). 'One unceasing rush for me ... My worst day was Wed[nesday] ... Confab with others before Assembly - due there 10 o'clock. Wrote speech there. Made speech. Off to lunch ... everyone coming up to me - we were the big event. After assembly 3 hours with Chamberlain and Dominions. MacNeill went with me - spoke highly of the way I conducted the diplomatic business' (P80/1407 (3)). 'The Irish newspapers that I have seen have been worthy of themselves - they seem to get the wrong end of everything with perfect genius. If we had a proper press we should have had good publicity - but though the Irish Times quotes their 'own correspondent' no such person exists ... We have been one of the most prominent countries here and those damn fools haven't sense enough to make anything out of it' (P80/1407 (4)).

**P80/1408** 22 September 1928

9 items

Nine handwritten letters from FitzGerald, in Geneva for the Ninth Assembly of the League, to Mabel, mainly concerning his diplomatic and social engagements; his discussions with M B Massigli of the French League of Nations Secretariat concerning a Franco-Irish trade treaty; his proposed visit to the French Foreign Minister in Paris; with references to Assembly proceedings, the presence of G B Shaw, and family matters.

**13.1.3 Imperial Conferences, 1923–30**

**P80/1409** October–November 1923

4 items

Four letters from FitzGerald attending the Imperial Conference 1923 in London, to Mabel, mainly concerning the uncertainty surrounding the length of his stay.

**P80/1410** November 1926

3 items

Three letters from FitzGerald attending the Imperial Conference 1926 in London, to Mabel mainly concerning family affairs, the progress of the Conference, and related social occasions. Refers to the completion of the Inter-se Relations report. 'We of course were the people who did the fighting in it. K[evin] O'H[iggins] was at dinner with the Simons last night and he is quite indignant about MacK[enzie] K[ing, Canadian Prime Minister] who spoke of the way he and we worked together when as a matter of fact we did the fighting and got damned little support' (P80/1410 (2)).

**P80/1411** September–November 1930

30 items

Twenty nine letters from FitzGerald attending the Imperial Conference 1930, to Mabel. Letters dwell at length on the proceedings of the General Economic Committee and the Sankey Committee on Inter-Imperial Relations and describe the conflict between R B Bennett, Canadian Prime Minister, and Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, arising from the Labour Government's declared policy of doctrinaire free trade. FitzGerald sympathises with the inexperienced British ministers but deplores with increasing exasperation their lack of preparation and their procrastination. He records an atmosphere of increasing acrimony and details the support offered by the other delegations to the Irish in their struggle for complete constitutional autonomy. Included are references to the punishing workload; innumerable social commitments; interviews; dinners and official functions; and meetings with literary figures including G B Shaw, T S Eliot, Philip Graves and F S Flint. The letters have been dated by Mabel FitzGerald on their receipt and this date is given in the descriptions. Includes a list of dates [on which the letters were sent?]. 'This morning Conference. It is irritating to be dealing with men who are badly briefed. They were discussing matters and had

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[or pretended to have] the wrong end of the stick. I told them that I had dealt with the matter in '26 and what the circumstances were. [Ramsay MacD[onald]] said I was wrong and proceeded to prove it by reading from the Report and landed on a sentence that just proved what I said. That sort of thing happened constantly and makes them irritable' (4 October 1930, P80/1411 (4)).

Describes a formal dinner at Buckingham Palace. 'Had a couple of words with King afterwards, dodged Queen but Duke of Connaught asked for me – his dearest friend is Lady Leslie and he knew about me from her. Had long talk with Lord Shaftsbury ... All went off well. [J H] Thomas [Secretary of State for the Dominions] talked a lot to us. Consequently I heard more blasphemy and general bad language than for a long time' (6 October 1930, P80/1411 (5)).

'I suppose I told you yesterday that I am invited by the Webbs for the weekend after next. If they had given me shorter notice it would have been easier to refuse. You can imagine my enthusiasm for a weekend of Poor Law reform! The air disaster is a pretty big blow [The R101 crash in France, 5 October 1930, with the loss of forty eight lives]. It does seem that the ship was definitely faulty. And that making airships is a purely German art. I suppose that there will be a State funeral here' (8 October 1930, P80/1411 (7)).

'I don't think Bennett will last long in Canada. He has a bombastic way with him – the sort of man who probably did a lot of talk in opposition and will fail hopelessly to deliver the goods. Hertzog [Prime Minister of South Africa] is a dear even though he sometimes goes completely wrong through not understanding things. His staff want us to get after him more to keep him right' (10 October 1930, P80/1411 (8)).

Refers to a meeting of the Sankey Committee. 'It was amusing that we had to explain to Lord Chancellor and Att[orney] Gen[eral] of England all about seals. They had an expert there (Lord Shuster) but he was asleep when called on and couldn't grasp what was being discussed so he came round to us. [Sir William] Jowitt [Attorney General] asked about the privy seal but we told him it was abolished in 1851' (11 October 1930, P80/1411 (10)).

'T S's [Eliot] wife is severe and only allows him out on the understanding that he gets back early. I had letter from him yesterday morning saying hoped if I were unable to go last night we could arrange a lunch or dinner together' (21 October 1930, P80/1411 (14)).

'[Jacob] Epstein had just lost a law case with all the rights on his side. Very affable – even said he must do a bust of me as I was a famous man. Am to go round and see his work some afternoon this week. He and Mrs were in America when Pres[ident Cosgrave] and I went' (21 October 1930, P80/1411 (16)).

'The other night P[rince] of W[ales] commented to Tody [Patrick McGilligan] on youthful appearance of Hogan and me – Tody said that in spite of that we were His Majesty's oldest ministers – P said glad to hear him say that. I said – that we are oldest Gov[ernment]t? No said P but to hear your refer to my father. I thought you or at least your people wanted to cut him out' (22 October 1930, P80/1411 (17)).

**P80/1411 cont** 'Yesterday was appalling. Massed British guns directed on us. I never had such a day. And poor Tody who has the heaviest burden will be a wreck, I should think. Faced with dishonesty, treachery and cowardice. Only satisfaction is that no one could have any doubt as to who won the argument or who had right on their side. Scullin and Hertzog splendid. (I am referring to Privy Council matter). Brit[ish] have consulted Tories and are told they will be opposed if they meet us on that point ... [J H] Thomas completely dishonest and treacherous. Ramsay [MacDonald] contemptible. Plainer speaking than ever yesterday. Tody told off old Sankey [Lord Chancellor] so much in the morning that he did not appear in the afternoon' (6 November 1930, P80/1411 (26)).  
'Yesterday afternoon was economic affairs. Amusingly plain spoken. The British were told that they had been fooling the Dominions. Having told them to go off and examine various alternatives to tariffs they are told that the British will not legislate for any of them. Also having told the Dominions they will not put tariffs on food (the only thing of interest to Dominions) they turn round at the end and propose that all agree not to increase tariffs against England until three years hence – or after Ottawa Conference whichever is soonest. It is really all farcical – an awful display of ineptitude. Trying to be clever they have only made things worse for themselves' (12 November 1930, P80/1411 (29)).

#### **13.1.4 American tours 1928–9**

**P80/1412** 1928

3 items

Three letters from FitzGerald to Mabel, written while accompanying President Cosgrave, Joseph P Walshe, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, and Diarmuid O'Hegarty, Secretary to the Executive Council, on a state visit to America. He describes their hospitable reception in New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Washington; their punishing itinerary; the positive response to their speeches; meetings with US politicians, Dominion diplomats and the press; their social and public commitments; and the reaction of republican activists to their visit.

**P80/1413** September–November 1929

16 items

Sixteen letters from FitzGerald in the US to Mabel in London, written from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington during a publicity and fund-raising tour with Tom O'Higgins,

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[James?] Burke [Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance], and Sean MacKeown. Include details of his itinerary; daily visits to the homes of prominent Irish-American personalities; courtesy calls on political and religious leaders; numerous speeches at lunches and dinners; his impressions of the US; and anxiety concerning the fund-raising aspect of the tour. Family matters are also included.

'The speeches have been successful so far - in as much as the people seem please by them. I am not struck by them (my speeches) myself but that doesn't matter. The other side of our mission has produced nothing tangible so far' (9 October 1929, P80/1413 (4)).

'It is strange how right my first impressions were. I didn't like this town [Philadelphia] when I saw it first and don't now. I still think Chicago the most beautiful city and the people the nicest. Strangely enough it seems to me that it is the one place that has what might be called a brilliant society life. And of course it is the last place you would expect to find it' (27 October 1929, P80/1413 (12)).

'You can imagine that the collapse of [the] market isn't helpful to us - for although I believe some of our friends may have assisted it - and I don't think that many that we are interested in will lose by it - still it makes for a general depression and nervousness. We are not a very cheerful party' (29 October 1929, P80/1413 (13)).

'... a car at 35 miles an hour caught MacK[eown] and sent him 20 feet. I rushed to him thinking he was dead - he was crumpled up with head on ground - when I turned him over blood went all over my shirt. Got him to hospital, spent night between hospital and police ... And next morning called on [President] Hoover, Sec[retary] for State, and War Minister etc ... News was not good - five ribs broken - head had been stitched previous night - bruised and shaken ... I see in paper that Ernest [Blythe] has become a Catholic. I wonder is it true - I am inclined to believe it' (5 November 1929, P80/1413 (16)).

### **13.1.5 University of Notre Dame**

**P80/1414** September 1935-June 1939

96 items

Letters and telegrams from FitzGerald to Mabel, written during his various visits to the US as a guest lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, describing his journeys to America; the progress of his courses; social and college events; extra-mural speaking engagements; his hospitalisation in 1935 with an ear infection; and the heatwave of 1936. He comments favourably on the energy and enthusiasm of his students and fellow lecturers; describes visits to relations in New York and Chicago; discusses family and personal matters; refers to political events in Ireland

**P80/1414** with particular reference to de Valera's attitude to and action against the IRA violence; and welcomes the letters, books and press cuttings sent by Mabel. Included are copies of telegrams from Mabel concerning his illness and hospitalisation.

**P80/1415** September–November 1935

6 items

Material relating to FitzGerald's illness and hospitalisation. Copy letter from Mabel to Dr Barnville, Desmond's physician, informing him of the illness and requesting information from FitzGerald's medical history that might throw light on the condition. Two letters from Maurice Moriarty, attorney, Chicago, and letter from Teresa Stack, New York, both relations of FitzGerald, keeping Mabel informed of Desmond's illness, advising her against travelling to Indiana, and reassuring her about his return to health. Typescript notes concerning the nature, diagnosis and treatment of the infection, extracted from FitzGerald's and his doctor's letters; and list of relevant correspondence.

**P80/1416** September–December 1938

38 items

Letters from Mabel FitzGerald to her husband lecturing at Notre Dame University, Indiana. She concentrates largely on family matters; details their sons' activities; agonises over the question of moving house; discusses the Czechoslovak crisis; initially welcomes and later expresses doubts about the Munich accord; dreads the prospect of war; keeps him abreast of domestic politics; and forwards his mail, photographs, newspapers and books. Included are three letters from her husband welcoming and discussing news from home and commenting on the success of his classes and public lectures.

'I am terribly worried about the very great likelihood of war. It is a horror to me. I suppose to everyone, though the young people, though far more sober about it than their kind before the Great War, hardly realise all that it will mean. Still, I think they are remarkably sensible. Ours are anyway ... The papers today say that the despondency in London lifted a little last night, and that Berlin is optimistic, but there is nothing in the news to account for that; there may be things on foot not in the press, it just might be that Hitler was conscious of all he was undertaking. Or less conceivably, that Chamberlain's and the French plan for the peace of Europe was under consideration after all. Only after the Czechs had been sacrificed of course, and Bohemia left with an open frontier ready for Hitler to invade later ...' (25 September 1938, P80/1416 (3)).

'... there has been a great burst of speeches and letters on the

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Press demanding that the British should apply the same solution to the Free State Sudetans in the North as they insisted on the Czechs agreeing to. There have been conferences and meetings and manifestos in the North too. There has been criticism of de Valera for not taking the opportunity to come out publicly in the matter – perhaps he did see Chamberlain about that – I believe that if he can't show some results in the matter soon it may affect his popularity in certain quarters. Though I have no doubt that whatever pronouncement he makes will be swallowed as usual' (9 October 1938, P80/1416 (11)).

It was really in the interests of all you believe in to keep the Czech state between Germany and the Balkans, but because the Czechs had an alliance (that failed them) with Russia, you were all 'agin' them, and didn't mind a much greater damage being loosed on Europe. Russia, hateful as she is, is not thinking of swallowing up Europe, only perhaps of her interests in the South West. I cannot understand Catholics who refuse to denounce Hitler because his political theories square more with their ideas than Stalin's, while all the while he is hounding down individual Catholics and persecuting the church and also becoming the greatest danger to Europe since Napoleon, but since I was never able to see why you were so sympathetic to Nazism and Fascism when you were here at home, it is unlikely to be more than ever a mystery to me when I can't get any reasons from you ... I know of course that you will have been as utterly opposed to Hitler's recent actions as anyone, what I can't understand is that you didn't denounce him and his theories when it was obvious that they would lead to this, given the opportunity. Russia seems angelic compared with German brutality at the moment. Personally I hate them both, and am all for the democracy that I have heard you denounce' (14 October 1938, P80/1416 (15)).

'A Captain Cowan, Solicitor, has written a long thing to the Press about the Army and how it must be improved, and in the course of it he criticises your management of it during your time very drastically, your reduction of its size and all that. Of course now no one will remember that at that time people were crying out for economy and nothing more, now they are complaining that the Army isn't bigger and better. He also criticises Frank Aiken. And the keeping on in key positions of all the people appointed in your regime. He seems a disgruntled person himself, you may know him' (26 October 1938, P80/1416 (22)).

'I see that the anti-Jew feeling is being worked up in America as it is everywhere by that vague talk of their power and how they control opinion. One day the Americans may say the same about the Irish there, it is easy to say those things and get them believed. Less than 1% Jews in Germany were credited with running the whole country. People will believe anything when it suits them ... It is all so hopeless and sickening, there is not hope for the human race, I fear, born fools and choosing to be knaves' (29 October 1938, P80/1416 (25)).

**13.1.6. General, 1924–45**

**P80/1417** 22, 23 August 1924

2 items

Two letters from FitzGerald to Mabel, holidaying with the children in Portrush, County Antrim, mainly concerning the Marquis MacSwiney's dissatisfaction with his position on the list of delegates to the League of Nations. 'The Marquis of course had to come after the two ministers, Att[orney] General, members of Dáil and High Commissioner. Consequently I received a letter yesterday that as he had seen this in the press and the order of names impossible for him to come. To which I replied noting with regret that he couldn't. I expect him round now at any minute as I am sure that it never entered his head that he would be taken literally' (See also P80/556a).

**P80/1418** 31 May–22 June 1926

20 items

Letters from FitzGerald to Mabel holidaying in Switzerland, The letters dwell largely on his daily routine; his health; Dáil business; the preparation of and response to his Departmental Estimates; and visits to his sons, Pierce in Clongowes, and Fergus and Garret in Bangor. 'But my estimates were finished last night. It is something tho' to get them over ... *The Independent* has a little leader today calling for the abolition of the Department [of External Affairs]' (4 June 1926, P80/1418 (4)).

'On top of everything else I have been having visits from the Consuls for annotation to my Estimate statements. I have to see the French and Belgian and talk uncivilly to them. I have had to tell the Turf Club and the RDS a few home truths' (11 June 1926, P80/1418 (11)).

**P80/1419** 16–24 April 1928

4 items

Four letters from FitzGerald in Dublin to Mabel at the Hotel Terminus, Fribourg, Switzerland, on his return from their visit to their sons, Dem and Pierce, at school in Switzerland. He describes the return journey; his day-to-day activities; visits to sons Fergus and Garret in Bray; he discusses her travel plans and refers to the first transatlantic flight which had departed from Baldonnel Aerodrome on 12 April.

**P80/1420** [1928]

2pp

FitzGerald to Mabel nursing her dying father in Belfast. He confirms his plans to travel north and refers to his heavy work load.

**P80/1421** 19 February 1929

4pp

FitzGerald to Mabel at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London, enclosing a personal letter from her mother in Belfast.

**P80/1422** March–April 1932

16 items

Letters and cards from FitzGerald holidaying in England in the wake of the 1932 general election to Mabel and his sons. He discusses family matters; describes his visits to the theatre and cinema, and meetings with literary acquaintances; refers to his post-electoral depression and the antics of de Valera and the Fianna Fáil administration.

'The filling up of rooms is typical of Dev. I know you attributed it to prejudice when I said something like that a good while ago. He would always elaborately insist that he had been overpaid a few shillings and then give orders involving thousands for his own service. The yarn that they will be working too late to get out to Blackrock is a bit thin. But the papers are treating him well' (1 April 1932, P80/1422 (4)).

'One is much more conscious of the slump here than in Ireland. Everybody recognises it as a fact, They don't think it is an excuse for Gov[ernmen]t incompetence. I suppose with shops and factories the people see that employers are losing money as well as workers. And no one seems to suggest that it can be solved by just charging more for the same thing ...'.

'I have not been impressed by stories of split in Cabinet. I know that nobody realises how Dev always fails to get a draft to suit him, and goes on from day to day. He wants to say things and not say them at the same time. And of course the people outside don't understand why a man can't say what he thinks. They think the split is in the Cabinet while it is really in the Pres[ident's] mind' (5 April 1932, P80/1422 (7)).

**P80/1423** [1930s]

20pp

FitzGerald, Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool [Montgomeryshire, Wales], to Mabel. He is attending their son Pierce in hospital and details his condition and gradual return to health.

**P80/1424** March 1939

4 items

Four letters from FitzGerald to Mabel. He is in London for the publication of *Preface to Statecraft* and describes his itinerary and meetings with the literary editors of the *Observer*, *Spectator* and *Catholic Herald*.

**P80/1425** May 1939

2 items

Two letters from FitzGerald to Mabel. He is in England to attend a philosophical conference in London and deliver a lecture in Oxford. He details his activities and conveys his impressions of Oxford.

**P80/1426** 5 June 1941–8 January 1945

57 items

Fifty seven letters and telegrams from FitzGerald to Mabel, written during his frequent trips to London and Suffolk to attend the funerals of his brothers, France and William; settle the former's affairs and administer his chemical works; care for his sister, Kate, during her illness and hospitalisation, and arrange for her travel to Ireland. Included are details of the inquest on France; meetings with his solicitor and bank manager, and progress reports on the chemical works; news of his sister, Ciss O'Brien, and her family; discussions of family and financial matters; and enquiries about political developments in Ireland.

**13.2 Family correspondence, 1915–45**

**P80/1427** [c 1915]–27

5 items

Five letters from Mary Anne [‘Babe’] FitzGerald, 128 Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, London, to Tom [Desmond, her son] and Mabel FitzGerald, all of a personal nature.

**P80/1428** October 1927–February 1947

35 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and his aunt, Fanny Scollard, New Jersey, and Castleisland, County Kerry, mainly relating to the death of Desmond’s mother; Fanny’s return to Castleisland to care for her ailing sister Kate; the latter’s death and Fanny’s abortive efforts to sell her house; her repeated and eventually successful attempts to secure a return passage to America; the deaths of France, William and Kate FitzGerald; and the affairs of Ciss O’Brien. Included are passing references to American relatives; John FitzGerald’s visit to Ireland in the winter of 1945; Fanny’s will and Desmond’s retirement from politics.

**P80/1429** May 1928–January 1932

22 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald, his mother-in-law Mrs Margaret McConnell, 23 Windsor Avenue, Belfast, and the Office of Collector, Customs and Excise, concerning FitzGerald’s nomination as surety to a bond to cover the short term annual importation of Mrs McConnell’s car from Northern Ireland without payment of duty.

**P80/1430** 1928

4 items

Four letters to FitzGerald from his aunt, Miss Kate Scollard, Castleisland, County Kerry, requesting that he secure the appointment of an acquaintance as the local Water Inspector and persuade the Minister for Agriculture to approve a license for a neighbour’s promising sire horse.

**P80/1431** 6 January 1938–19 December 1944

33 items

Correspondence between Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald, and his sister Miss Kate FitzGerald, 15 Cornwall Gardens, London, and Edwardstone, Suffolk, mainly relating to the death of their brother Francis and the subsequent troubled administration of his chemical works; the financial problems, deteriorating health and death of their brother William. Included are details of Kate's work as a school teacher; her life with Ciss and Ted O'Brien, her sister and brother-in-law; their move to Suffolk after the bombing of Cornwall Gardens; and FitzGerald's American lecture tour of 1938. Includes Kate's travel permit and identity cards as required for her trip to Ireland in 1944.

**P80/1432** August 1938–march 1947

51 items

Correspondence between FitzGerald and his older brother John, a rancher and retired leather merchant in Morsing, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, mainly with regard to the untimely deaths of their siblings and of John's wife, Delia; the sale of their brother France's chemical works; the welfare of their remaining sister, Ciss O'Brien; the marriages and careers of Desmond's sons; the birth of his grandchildren; his health, finances, writings and political life. Included are exchanges concerning John's wish to make Desmond and his son his heirs; his desire for American citizenship; and the need for Irish consular representation in Brazil.

**P80/1433** September 1938–October 1942

23 items

Letters to FitzGerald from his brother William, a freelance journalist, 7 Queens Gate, London. He acknowledges receipt of letters and books; details articles commissioned and published; comments on the progress of the war and the blitz; and discusses their siblings. Includes letter and telegram from his secretary, Vera Battey, concerning his deteriorating health and death. [See also: P80/447].

**P80/1434** 21 March 1939

4pp

Letter from Garret FitzGerald to his father, discussing his school work and a maths grind he was taking. 'I'll be looking out for your book [*Preface to Statecraft*] on Friday. I'll look in the windows of all the bookshops. I'm sure Gills will have it. Gills is a religious sort of shop'.

**P80/1435** December 1937–December 1943

10 items

Two letters from Neil Stack, a distant New York cousin, to FitzGerald mainly containing family news and reflections on the war. Included are six photographs of the Stack household and copy letter from FitzGerald to Elvira Stack describing his and Jacques Maritain's recent lectures in Oxford.

**P80/1436** September 1939–February 1947

5 items

Five letters from Maurice J Moriarty, a distant relative and Chicago attorney, mainly containing news of his family; requires about the FitzGeralds; the Irish political and economic situation; and the deaths of France, William and Kate FitzGerald.

**P80/1437** July–December 1938

6 items

Six letters from Marthe Hoet, Grand Place, Dixmunde, Flanders, and Villa Jenny, Nieuport-Bains, to Frank FitzGerald, Union Works, Stratford, London, repeatedly inviting him to visit.

**P80/1438** June 1941

13 items

Letters of condolence to FitzGerald on the death of his brother Francis, as a result of a wound sustained during an air raid on his chemical works in Union Street, Stratford. Included are press obituaries.

**P80/1439** January 1942

1p

Open letter from FitzGerald stating that Miss Jean Barlow had run Associated Drugs and Chemicals Ltd since the death of the company's founder, his brother Frank FitzGerald, in June 1941, and warning that the works which manufactured war products would have to cease operations if Miss Barlow were removed.

**P80/1440** 15-31 1945

17 items

Letters and telegrams of condolence to Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald on the death of his sister Kate FitzGerald.

### **13.3 Personal Finances**

#### **13.3.1 Household accounts, 1925-44**

**P80/1441** December 1925-January 1944

275 items

Routine correspondence, bills, statements and receipts relating to household expenses. Includes correspondence relating to the rental of successive houses in Donnybrook, Monkstown and Rathmines, and the purchase and disposal of a house in Fairy Hill, Bray. Also includes correspondence concerning the payment of poor rates, water rates, fire and household insurance, telephone and electricity charges, gardening and grocery bills, and general house maintenance costs.

**P80/1442** 1920-34

2 items

Two Munster and Leinster Bank account books.

**13.3.2 Personal taxes, 1925–32**

**P80/1443** October 1925–April 1931

25 items

Correspondence with the Inspector of Foreign and Colonial Dividends, London, concerning FitzGerald's liability for British income tax on dividends from the Prudential Assurance Company Ltd.

**P80/1444** March 1930–January 1932

57 items

Routine correspondence with the Revenue Commissioners and the Inspector of Taxes concerning FitzGerald's annual income tax assessment, his property tax returns, and the tax payable on his sons' incomes from the McConnell Estate.

**13.3.3 General expenditure, 1927–44**

**P80/1445** October 1927–January 1944

68 items

Correspondence concerning personal and family accounts including medical, educational, clothing and travel expenses; and the settlement of bookshop accounts. Included are receipts for subscriptions to social and cultural bodies; and for hotel accommodation and services.

**13.4 Death, memoirs and commemorative material, [1923–] 1947–81**

**P80/1446** 14 March 1947

1 item

Programme and menu for the Trinity College Historical Society Burke Commemoration Supper, the last public function attended by FitzGerald before his death; autographed by the guests.

**P80/1447** [not dated]

1p

Typescript list of books at FitzGerald's bedside on his death, including works by Kierkegaard, Claudel and Graham Greene; list compiled by one of his sons.

**P80/1448** April 1947–August 1948

360 items

Mass cards, letters and telegrams of condolence received by Mabel FitzGerald and her sons on the death of Desmond FitzGerald on 9 April 1947. Included are messages of commiseration from relatives; political and literary associates; colleagues in Notre Dame; Fine Gael colleagues; local authorities; literary and philosophical societies; from John Betjeman, Lennox Robinson, Sean O'Faolain, Oliver St John Gogarty, Sinead Bean de Valera, W T Cosgrave, Eoin MacNeill, and James Dillon.

**P80/1449** April 1947

7pp

Attendance list for the funeral of Desmond FitzGerald.

**P80/1450** [not dated]

3 items

Appreciation by Richard Hayes entitled 'Desmond FitzGerald. Some memories of him'. Dwells on their first encounter in July 1915 at an Irish Volunteer Training Camp in the Wicklow Mountains and their imprisonment in England for their part in the 1916 Rising. Recalls how FitzGerald engaged the Catholic prison chaplain in a theological discussion on the lawfulness of rebellion. Credits him with winning the propaganda war against the British as the driving force of the Department of Publicity. 'He will take his place in a great fellowship with those architects of the new Irish State, Griffith and Collins and O'Higgins, who toiled to death for their country'.

**P80/1451** August 1947

1 item

*An Cosantoir*, vol vii no 8, journal of the Irish Defence Forces, containing a tribute to Desmond FitzGerald.

**P80/1452** 10–19 April 1947

45 items

Cuttings from Irish, English, and foreign newspapers and journals containing obituaries of FitzGerald. Includes a tribute by Ernest Blythe dwelling particularly on his inspired appointment to the Department of Publicity in 1919. 'Independent foreign pressmen who admired and trusted him did ten times as much to make Ireland's case known throughout the world as would have been done ... if a less transparently honest man had been in charge of propaganda'.

**P80/1453** February 1966–September 1968

44 items

Correspondence mainly between Garret FitzGerald and Colin Franklin of publishers Routledge and Kegan Paul, concerning the publication of his father's autobiographical account of the years 1913–16 [*The Memories of Desmond FitzGerald* (London, 1968)] written in the 1940s and discovered among FitzGerald's papers in 1963. Includes correspondence relating to the book's content and format; the inclusion of a preface and photographs; and the securing of permission from the G B Shaw Trustees to use his letters to Mabel FitzGerald as an appendix. Also included are copy letters from FitzGerald to his brother Desmond, keeping him abreast of the book's progress; letter from another brother Fergus, commenting on the preface; two letters from Rev F X Martin, Professor of Medieval History, UCD, identifying one of the British officers who had been held prisoner in the GPO in 1916; copy letters from FitzGerald to Louise Gavan Duffy and Ernest Blythe requesting their opinions on his father's script; an enthusiastic response from Gavan Duffy and a detailed reply from Blythe containing clarifications and corrections with regard to the identification of minor characters, dates, and sequences of events.

**P80/1454** [1940s-] 1968

8 items

Drafts of Desmond FitzGerald's autobiography including three original typescript drafts of the first section; one complete original draft annotated and corrected by Garret FitzGerald; corrected typescript copy of the introduction and typescript copy of the correspondence between Mabel FitzGerald and G B Shaw; typescript extract from a report in the *Evening Mail*, 30 October 1915, on FitzGerald's trial and conviction under the Defence of the Realm Act, for use as an appendix.

**P80/1455** December 1968–February 1969

13 items

Photocopies of Irish and British press reviews of *The Memoirs of Desmond FitzGerald*, 1913–16 (London, 1968).

**P80/1456** 26 February 1967

33pp

Irene Clephane, FitzWarren Gardens, London, to Senator Garret FitzGerald, enclosing a typescript copy of her interview with his father for the *Reynold's Illustrated News* in 1934; together with an annotated copy of a second article on FitzGerald based on the 1934 interview and additional information supplied by his friends, entitled 'One man of the Easter Rising'. She describes her abortive efforts to have it published and requests that he try to interest F X Martin, editor of *Studies*.

**P80/1457** 28 May 1957

4 items

Eibhlin Tierney, University Lodge, Donnybrook, Dublin, to Garret FitzGerald enclosing correspondence between her father, Eoin MacNeill, and Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance (July 1931) concerning reports of the building of an Irish airport and the introduction of an Irish air service. [The original letters have been copied and returned to Mrs Tierney]. She is prompted to send the letters by the celebrations surrounding the twenty-first anniversary of the first Aer Lingus flight.

**P80/1458** 1980

10pp

Typescript copy of eleven letters received by Kathleen McKenna, a member of the Publicity Department and private secretary to FitzGerald, 1922–7; from FitzGerald and his wife, 1921–52, and presented by McKenna to Garret FitzGerald in 1980. The earlier letters contain instructions concerning the administration of the Publicity Department and enquiries by Mabel FitzGerald as to her husband's whereabouts. Later material consists largely of family news and references to Mabel FitzGerald's grief at the death of her husband and bitterness concerning his political colleagues' shabby treatment of him. She congratulates McKenna on the accuracy and dignity of her two Radio Éireann broadcasts on *The Irish Bulletin* and describes the favourable reaction of family and friends. 'One of them said to me that she thought your broadcasts had finally killed the misapprehensions about Desmond's position in connection with the *Bulletin*. The boys... were thoroughly satisfied, as I was myself, that whatever influence [Robert] Brennan and [Frank] Gallagher had had with their lies, a final verdict came from you ...'.

**P80/1459** 6 June 1932

1 item

Cutting from the *Evening Standard* containing caricature sketches of Dáil personalities, including FitzGerald, MacEntee and Lemass.

**P80/1460** 14 March 1937

1 item

Cutting from *Paris Soir* containing an article by Joseph Kessel entitled 'Desmond FitzGerald - heros du Sinn Fein'.

**P80/1461** 1923

4pp

Photocopy of a chapter from Simone Terry, *En Irlande: de la guerre d'indépendance à la guerre civile 1914–23* (Paris, 1923), containing an account of her interview with Desmond FitzGerald in the Mansion House, 11 August 1921.

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**P80/1462** 1927, 1953

2 items

Photocopies from *Le flaneur salarie* (1927) and *Les derniers beaux jours* (1953) containing Henri Beraud's reminiscence of Desmond FitzGerald during the War of Independence.

**P80/1463** 1979

5 items

*À la une*, 46 (1979), a French historical journal dealing with the War of Independence, with four facsimile reprints of pages from French newspapers reporting events of the war (June 1920–December 1921).

**P80/1464** 27 March 1981

4pp

Cutting from *Le Monde* containing the text of an address by Michel Droit to L'Academie Francaise on Joseph Kessel, in which he alludes to Kessel's reportage for *La Liberte* during the War of Independence and his involvement with FitzGerald.

**14 PAPERS OF MABEL FITZGERALD, 1894-1959**

**14.1 Political Material**

**14.1.1 Early years**

**14.1.1.1 Education and training, 1894-1910**

**P80/1465** 1894–15 July 1910

12 items

Qualifications and testimonials of Mabel McConnell: material concerning Mabel's education at Victoria College Belfast, Queen's College Belfast, and Saint Mary's Training College, Paddington, London; curriculum vitae; testimonials are included from her tutors and from short periods of temporary employment as private secretary to the President of Queen's College and as a school teacher in Ilford, Essex.

**14.1.1.2 World tour, 1909**

**P80/1466** 27 March–6 August 1909

18 items

Voyage around the world: material concerning world travel, specific tours, hotels, places of interest and general information for travellers. Includes a copy of Cook's *Australasian Tours* and *New South Wales* tourist paper; menu cards and programmes of entertainment for R. M.S. Aorangi, Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line; rough, sequential daily notes by Mabel, usually undated, with details of the tour and places visited (16pp).

**14.1.1.3 Employment**

**14.1.1.3.1 George Bernard Shaw, 1909-11**

**P80/1467** 8 January 1909

2 copies

Letter from George Bernard Shaw, 10 Adelphi Terrace, W. C., to Mabel concerning the illness of his secretary and his hope that Mabel will temporarily fill the position.

- P80/1468** 7 February 1909  
2 copies  
Postcard from Shaw to Mabel. Brief instruction concerning her secretarial work.
- P80/1469** 15 March 1909  
1p  
Copy testimonial by Shaw concerning the secretarial skills of Mabel after her completion of the temporary engagement with him. 'I have found her a pleasant and capable young lady.'
- P80/1470** 17 March 1909  
2pp  
Letter from Judy Gilmore [permanent secretary to Shaw] to Mabel, thanking her for filling her secretarial position during her illness and wishing her an enjoyable period of travelling.
- P80/1471** 15 November 1910  
2pp  
Letter from Gilmore to Mabel regretting that Shaw has no knowledge of a suitable position of employment for her at present.
- P80/1472** 23 December 1910  
2 copies  
Postcard from Shaw to Mabel with brief details of his departure for Jamaica, his need for her secretarial skills the previous day and inability to help '... in the matter you mention: I have too many other fish to fry and too little butter to fry them in, My stock of health is cleared out and worse (hence the trip to Jamaica) and my stock of spare money is no bigger than I need for the emergencies of my theatrical business'.

**P80/1473** 28 January–9 February 1911

5pp

Four postcards from Gilmore to Mabel concerning arrangements and invitations for meetings. Mention of political situation. 'Are you a Suffragette? And does the enclosed debate interest you?'

#### **14.1.1.3.2 George Moore and general, 1911**

**P80/1474** 18 February–November 1911

6pp

Correspondence concerning Mabel's availability for work and applications for temporary positions.

**P80/1475** 20 March 1911

2 items

Two telegraphs from George Moore to Mabel requesting her secretarial assistance.

**P80/1476** March 1911

6pp

Three letters from N. M. Robertson, 5 Fitzroy Street and 33 Pont Street [employment agency] to Mabel concerning the completion of her secretarial duties for Moore. 'I am sure you must be relieved to be rid of him for a while now that you are so much taken up. He is enough to give a whole army the fidgets, I know nothing so catching as fidgets - I feel them in me now after getting his letter.'

#### **14.1.1.4 Formative interest in politics and Irish affairs, 1905-11**

**P80/1477** 1905-07

2 items

Two membership cards of the College Gaelic Society belonging to Mabel.

**P80/1478** 27 October 1910

2pp

Certificate belonging to Mabel concerning the issue of debenture shares by the Sinn Féin Printing and Publishing Company.

**P80/1479** 3 November 1910

1p

Letter from Geraldine Lennox, The Women's Social and Political Union, 4 Clement Inn, Strand, to Mabel concerning the securing of a box for Irish women at the Albert Hall for the 'Great Meeting' and the need for 'Irish women to bring their unconverted Irish friends' due to the importance of the meeting and the need for it to be both large and representative.

**P80/1480** [1910]

1p

Letter from Lennox to Mabel concerning the organisation of a procession and demonstration. 'The Irish Contingent will form part of this and it is therefore important that a large number of Irishwomen should take part.'

**P80/1481** December 1911

104pp

Booklet entitled *Home Rule in a Nutshell. A Pocket Book for Speakers and Electors* by Jeremiah MacVeagh MP. Contains a brief exposition of the arguments for Home Rule and answers to objections raised.

**P80/1482** Not dated

1p

Pamphlet advertising a debate concerning female suffrage. Annotated by Mabel.

- P80/1483** Not dated  
1p  
Pamphlet entitled *Women Voters! Do you realise your rights are being filched from you under the New Constitution?*
- P80/1484** Not dated  
14pp  
Membership booklet entitled *Sinn Féin* belonging to Mabel. Contains brief details concerning the constitution, aims and local rules of the organisation.
- P80/1485** Not dated  
2pp  
Section of a notebook belonging to Mabel, containing rough notes in pencil, some in Irish.
- P80/1486** Not dated  
1p  
Pamphlet concerning the meeting of the National Council London Central Branch. Lists of lectures arranged include 'The Inevitability of Sinn Féin' and 'Sinn Féin and the Ulster Problem'.
- P80/1487** Not dated  
3pp  
Incomplete typed article written in denunciation of the success of the Gaelic League and its promotion of the Irish language.
- P80/1488** Not dated  
2 items  
Possible emblems for the Irish Free State.

**P80/1489** Not dated

11pp

Notebook containing rough notes by Mabel whilst learning the Irish language.

#### **14.1.1.5 Personal affairs and marriage, 1910-11**

**P80/1490** 29 March 1910

2pp

Postcard from [Kate FitzGerald] to Mabel asking to be included in her free time activities. 'Will it be Broadstairs? Or will it be Caven in the daytime and a variety including D. F. [Desmond FitzGerald] in the evening?'

**P80/1491** 30 March 1910

2pp

Postcard from Desmond to Mabel offering his assistance should she be in need of diversion. 'In other words I beg of you to spend such evenings as do not present anything more profitable with me'.

**P80/1492** 10 August 1910

5pp

Letter from Desmond to Mabel, Rathmona, Donaghdee, County Down, with details of the pain of their separation for three weeks and his hopes for a future together. Reference is made to the problems before them. '... Alas Kiddie, there are hindrances. The need to work, the lack of funds, and what people would think. The last doesn't enter into my considerations ever, because I'm selfish. But I know it's important.'

**P80/1493** 15 August 1910

8pp

Incomplete letter from Desmond to Mabel attempting to offer reassurance concerning the difficult position. 'I hope exceedingly that the mood that regrets having ever known me has passed off by now ...

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**P80/1493** I hate to think of my being cause of grief to you, but at the same time I dread meaning nothing to you.'

**P80/1494** 16 August 1910

12pp

Two letters from Desmond to Mabel concerning the need to make arrangements for their meeting and the time Mabel is spending with her family. 'I'm glad things are peaceful at home that is ever so much better. You know men lose much of their cantankerousness after a certain age. Strife is very sordid.'

**P80/1495** 19-22 August 1910

28pp

Three letters from Desmond to Mabel containing personal news.

**P80/1496** 23 August 1910

6pp

Letter from Desmond to Mabel concerning their impending reunion. 'Pay no heed to any traitor voice that says we'll not be together, the everlasting voices cry out a different story'.

**P80/1497** 1910

2pp

Postcard from Desmond to Mabel with details of arrangements of future meetings.

**P80/1498** 1910

2pp

Letter from Desmond to Mabel with an assurance of his appreciation of her political beliefs. 'I would not like to wean you from your enthusiasm and attachment to these principles-even if I could.'

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**P80/1499** 1910

2pp

Letter from Desmond to Mabel. Personal news and reference to the success of a Sinn Féin Convention.

**P80/1500** 1910

4pp

Letter from Desmond to Mabel. Personal news and references made to the journal *Academy* and Desmond's own writing of a romance.

**P80/1501** [1910]

6pp

Two letters from Desmond to Mabel urging her to overcome her bitterness towards him, 'I know Kiddie that there are times when you don't feel pleased that I came along and made a necessity where none had been.'

**P80/1502** [1910]

8pp

Two notes from Desmond to Mabel concerning problems encountered due to their different circles of friends.

**P80/1503** [1910]

3 items

Three postcards from Desmond to Mabel with details for a meeting and hopes that Mabel will abandon Sinn Féin political commitments that evening in his favour.

**P80/1504** [1910]

3 items

Three notes from Desmond to Mabel containing personal news. 'Forgive the non-Irish manufacture of the paper. Yours was most

**P80/1504** edifying’.

**P80/1505** 13 May 1910

1p

Copy of marriage certificate between Thomas Joseph FitzGerald (Desmond FitzGerald) and Mabel Washington McConnell.

#### **14.1.1.6 Teaching interest, 1915-44**

**P80/1506** 29 November 1915

9 items

Letter from William Strain and Sons Limited, Printers, Lithographers, Transparency and Showcard Designers, Belfast, to Mabel concerning their rejection of her sample doll submitted to them for consideration. Cardboard doll and accessories enclosed.

**P80/1507** 20 October–9 December 1917

5pp

Incomplete notebook with details of ‘Children’s Irish Class, Sandyford, County Dublin, Session October 1917’, by Mabel. Subjects to be addressed include Irish language, history, singing and dancing.

**P80/1508** 13 May 1920

3pp

Texts of two poems entitled ‘Loneliness’ and ‘Transformation’.

**P80/1509** 1944

5 files

Detailed notes prepared by Mabel in order to assist Garret in his scholarship Entrance Exam [to University College Dublin]. Areas covered include English Literature, Irish and French history and some French language.

**P80/1510** 1944

3 files

Detailed notes prepared by Garret during his first year at University College Dublin as an undergraduate in the English Department.

**P80/1511** Not dated

7pp

Corrected and amended typescript article by Mabel entitled 'How to amuse a convalescent child. By a mother.'

**P80/1512** Not dated

6pp

Letter from Mabel to 'Maureen' with details of books to be used for the phonetic method of teaching reading, stages of the process, her own experiences of teaching Fergus and her willingness to elaborate further on the subject if required.

#### **14.1.2 Political upheaval: developing nationalism**

##### **14.1.2.1 Expulsion of Desmond from county Kerry, 1915**

**P80/1513** 29–30 January 1915

12pp

Two pencil letters from Desmond c/o Mrs Somers, 1 Richmond Terrace, Meath Road, Bray, County Wicklow, to Mabel, Cuan, Ventry, Dingle, County Kerry, with details of his plans to look for a suitable house in Bray and instructions concerning her packing of the furniture in Dingle and organisation of an auction. *See also P80/3,4,1397*

**P80/1514** 1-3 February 1915

41pp

Six pencil letters from Desmond to Mabel concerning his inability to secure Massey Cottage, the shortage of other suitable houses in the area and the new restrictions of movement imposed on him by the military. 'Feel awfully restricted in my movements since the new order came. It is just as though they put me in prison and made me pay for my board and lodging.' Refers to his loneliness due to their separation and hopes that Mabel will assist in the selection of a house by commenting on the information sent to her.

**P80/1515** 4 February 1915

12pp

Two pencil letters from Desmond to Mabel containing personal news concerning the search for a house. Refers to Ernest Blythe as organiser of the Irish Volunteers and the political stance of the people in the Bray area. '... even here in the "Brighton" of Ireland—there are at least a few who remain real Irish nationalists.'

**P80/1516** 5-9 February 1915

31pp

Seven letters from Desmond to Mabel containing personal news concerning the search for a house and the difficulties encountered. Refers to his visits to the Gaelic League in Bray and the kindness of the Somers family, and enquires about the activities of the Irish Volunteers and her own well-being.

**P80/1517** 9 February 1915

1 item

Letter from Mr and Mrs William Long, Ballyferriter, Dingle, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the expulsion of Desmond from Kerry. 'Alas, this is the case in this unsettled country of ours since the Saxon first set his foot therein'.

**P80/1518** 15 February 1915

1 item

Postcard from R. M. King, Wexford, to Desmond, Bray, offering to send copies of *Scissors* when available, should he be unable to obtain them.

#### **14.1.2.2 Imprisonment of Desmond and political situation, 1914-16**

**P80/1519** 3 January 1914

1p

Letter from Seán Ó Dubhgall [John Douglas], Sinn Féin Central Branch, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin to Desmond concerning the incorrect addressing of a letter by Desmond and the forwarding of pamphlets.

**P80/1520** 30 March 1914

2pp

Letter from Éamonn Tomás to Desmond with reference to his attitude towards Sinn Féin and his belief that Ireland is lacking in real national feeling, exemplified by the absence of Home Rule.

**P80/1521** 1914

9pp

Letter from Robert Lynch, 14 Devonshire Hill, Hampstead, Kew, to Mabel with reference to his attitude towards the First World War and belief that Nationalism would not be weakened through support of the allies. 'I believe that Ireland could have more power to revive her nationality under Unionism than under Germanism'.

**P80/1522** 30 March 1915

1p

Letter from Austin Stack, Law Chambers, Nelson St, Tralee, to Desmond apologising for not visiting Bray during his time in Dublin.

**P80/1523** 9 June 1915

1p

Letter from Eimar O'Duffy, Secretary, The Irish Volunteers, Dublin City and County Board, to Desmond concerning the possibilities of establishing a Volunteer centre in Bray.

**P80/1524** 11 June [1915]

2pp

Letter from Siobhán Bean an Phaoraigh to Mabel concerning the desire expressed by Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington for an end to the interference of the humanitarians 'over the water', her husband on hunger strike having been threatened with force-feeding.

**P80/1525** 19 June 1915

1p

Letter from Eimar O'Duffy to Desmond with suggestions for the training of Volunteers in Bray.

**P80/1526** 25 June 1915

1p

Copy letter from Mabel to Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington concerning the need to publicise the treatment of her husband and hopes that he is in good health. 'I think that there was general satisfaction all through Nationalist Ireland at the fine stand he made, and the way he beat the authorities in spite of their unlimited power.'

**P80/1527** 15 October [1915]

3pp

Letter from Desmond, Mountjoy Prison, to Mabel. Personal news includes details of visiting hours and the censoring of letters.

- P80/1528** 23 October 1915
- 1 item
- Newspaper cutting from *The Wicklow People* containing an article entitled 'Volunteer officer arrested at Bray'. Details the arrest of Desmond and his transfer to Mountjoy.
- P80/1529** 25 October 1915
- 1p
- Letter from the Governor, Mountjoy, to Mabel concerning the issue of cutlery to prisoners.
- P80/1530** October 1915
- 2 items
- Two newspaper cuttings from *The Wicklow People* recording the arrest of Desmond for his speech in Bray regarded to be prejudicial to recruiting and incitement against the crown.
- P80/1531** 30 October 1915
- 4pp
- Leaflet entitled *Six Months for a Speech* containing extracts from the report of Desmond's trial in the *Evening Mail*.
- P80/1532** 1 November 1915
- 1 item
- Newspaper cutting entitled 'Irish Volunteer prosecuted at Bray. Sentence of six months imprisonment.'
- P80/1533** 10 November 1915
- 1 item
- Newspaper cutting from *The Daily Express* containing an article by Edward Thomas, Bishop of Limerick entitled 'Treatment of Irish Emigrants. Amazing letter from a Roman Catholic Bishop'. Details the

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**P80/1533** forcing of Irish emigrants arriving at Liverpool into the English Army.

**P80/1534** 24 November 1915

2pp

Letter from C. H. Munro, Mountjoy, to Mabel with reference to her request to visit Desmond for reasons of business.

**P80/1535** 26-27 November 1915

2 items

Letter from James O'Connor, solicitor, 57 Dame Street, Dublin to Patrick Dyer, Mountjoy, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Chief Crown Solicitor concerning the hearing of Dyer's case. Reverse of the enclosure contains pencil note from Desmond to Mabel [sent secretly from Mountjoy] with personal news.

**P80/1536** [November–December] 1915

3pp

Note from Desmond, Mountjoy, to Mabel containing personal news.

**P80/1537** 4 December 1915

2pp

Letter from [N. Moins?], 65 University Road, Belfast, to Mabel concerning the practical details of her submitting material for inclusion in a non-party paper to be published by him. 'My position will be pure Sinn Féin expressed so subtly that I don't suppose the unionist will realise what I am getting at. My strong point will be to ignore Redmond and his crew.'

**P80/1538** 13 December 1915

2p

Letter from C. H. Munro to Mabel confirming that her letters regarding the illness of her son, Dem, had been forwarded to Desmond.

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**P80/1539** 24 December 1915

1 item

Christmas card from Mabel to Desmond in Mountjoy.

**P80/1540** 30 December 1915–28 January 1916

9pp

Two letters from Desmond in Mountjoy, to Mabel containing personal news. People to be remembered to include the O'Rahillys. Enquiries made concerning the activities of the London League and the possibility of establishing a kindergarten. 'How urgently necessary it is if advantage is to be made of the patriot efforts of Dublin Parents ... it would be the best work the League could be doing in Dublin.'

**P80/1541** 28 January 1916

2 items

Note from Laurence Ginnell MP, House of Commons, to Mabel, enclosing a newspaper cutting entitled 'Desmond FitzGerald banishment Order'. Cutting details the questioning of the Chief Secretary for Ireland by Ginnell with reference to the arrest of Desmond for disobeying a banishment order and his sentence for a speech attributed to him.

**P80/1542** 2 February 1916

1p

Letter from the Governor of Mountjoy Jail to Mabel with details of the day she is entitled to visit Desmond.

**P80/1543** 7 March 1916

3pp

Letter from Desmond, Mountjoy to Mabel with personal news.

**P80/1544** 21–24 March 1916

2pp

Two letters from the Governor of Mountjoy Jail with details of the release of Desmond.

**P80/1545** [March 1916]

2pp

Unsigned note to Mabel concerning the release of Desmond.

#### **14.1.2.3 Cumann na nGaedheal and Cumann na mBan, 1914–21**

**P80/1546** 17 March 1914

4pp

Cumann na nGaedheal draft programme for an Irish Musical Festival on Saint Patrick's Day.

**P80/1547** 13 August 1914

3pp

Letter from Mary M. Colum, Honorary Secretary, Irish Women's Council Headquarters, 206 Great Brunswick St, Dublin, to Mabel concerning the establishment of conferences on the 'food question'. Details given of the increasing exportation of food to England from Ireland and the dangers faced by the Irish people should American trade routes be blocked by the German fleet.

**P80/1548** 11 October 1921

1p

Letter from Leslie de Barra, Cumann na mBan headquarters, to Mabel asking her to reconsider her resignation from the Executive Council of the organisation.

**P80/1549** Not dated

4pp

Cumann na mBan pamphlet. Contains details of the organisation, its constitution, members of the Executive Council and suggested activities.

**P80/1550** Not dated

2 items

Cumann na mBan concert tickets.

#### **14.1.2.4 George Bernard Shaw correspondence, 1914-34**

**P80/1551** 28 November 1914

2 copies

Letter from Mabel, Cuan, Ventry, Dingle, County Kerry, to George Bernard Shaw urging him to turn his attention to the campaign against the National Press in Ireland. 'I would like to see you moved by a flash of revelation to shake the dust of England off your feet and to put yourself in touch with all that it most advanced in Nationalism here, to work as Roger Casement is doing to make Ireland a Nation before Europe.' Refers to her opposition to the recruitment of Irishmen to the English army, the speaking of Irish by her son as his native tongue and their residence in an Irish-speaking district; 'of that I know you won't approve but you see I haven't changed a bit since I was with you.'

**P80/1552** 1 December 1914

2 copies

Letter from Shaw, Ayot St Lawrence, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, to Mabel with details of his belief that Ireland should be on the Republican and democratic side in the war and thus against the Prussian military machine. Refers to his writing to the Irish newspapers with the intention of reducing pro-German propaganda in Ireland and suggesting to the British Government better ways of encouraging recruitment to the English army than the suppression of the Irish Nationalist papers. Mabel's encouragement of her son to speak Irish is decried. 'As an Ulster woman, you must be aware that if you bring your son up to hate anyone except a Papist, you will go to hell.' She is

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**P80/1552** requested to continue her correspondence with him should she so wish. 'I can at least assure you that your letters will never be unwelcome.'

**P80/1553** 7 December 1914

2 copies

Letter from Mabel to Shaw with details of the suppression of the Irish nationalist newspapers, the prosecution and police persecution of known nationalists and belief that any nationalist physical force movement could only succeed with the military assistance of Germany. The activities of Casement are praised. 'We are a nation now before the world and have a new self-respect on that account'. Also notes that the development of democracy would be assisted with the destruction of English capitalism.

**P80/1554** 12-13 December 1914

2 copies

Letter from Shaw to Mabel expressing his belief that the turning of Ireland against England in the war would end all possibilities of the establishment of Home Rule. Emphasises the need for co-operation with larger countries since the age of small nations was past. 'Ireland is your plaything at present, because you are an educated woman trying to live the life of a peasant'. Shaw expresses his support for a Sinn Féin that wants to provide sound organisation for Ireland in place of the power of the English, but dismisses the organisation should its intentions be to turn Ireland into a 'village community' where only the Irish language is spoken.

**P80/1555** [December 1914]

6pp

Letter from Mabel to Shaw assuring him that she will continue to enlighten him on the present situation in Ireland. Reference to sending nationalist newspapers.

**P80/1556** 27 January 1915

6pp

Letter from Mabel, 1 Richmond Terrace, Meath Road, Bray, to Shaw refuting his suggestion that she 'played at Nationalism'. Details given

**P80/1556** of her difficult experiences after the expulsion of Desmond from County Kerry with her separation from her husband and children and the need to move house. 'May England be broken by land and by sea; to my national hatred of her is now added a personal one that is no doubt more ignoble but as strong'.

**P80/1557** 29 January 1915

2 copies

Letter from Shaw, 10 Adelphi Terrace, London, to Mabel with details of his distress at her proclamation as an enemy of England, France and Belgium. Assures her of his sympathy concerning the difficulties endured after the expulsion of Desmond but declares that the Government had no choice but to remove them from their residence on the west coast with all of the possibilities of their signalling to Germany. Refers again to his belief that there is no future for small and poor independent states.

**P80/1558** 14 June 1915

2 copies

Letter from Shaw to Mabel with brief details of his knowledge of the 'S. S. case' [Francis Sheehy-Skeffington] and his letter written to Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington.

**P80/1559** 23 May 1916

2 items

Photocopy of a letter from Mabel to Shaw concerning the sentencing of Desmond after the Easter Rising. Hope expressed that Shaw will assist with agitation on behalf of prisoners sentenced to long terms by secret courts martial. Details given concerning the generally inadequate conditions in the barracks and prisons of Dublin. Photocopy of a letter enclosed with the facts of Desmond's case and his sentence. Copies have been circulated by Mabel amongst prominent nationalist members of Parliament.

**P80/1560** 25 May 1916

1p

Note from Shaw to Mabel assuring her that he has done as much as possible concerning Desmond's case.

**P80/1561** [May 1916]

Photocopy of an unfinished draft letter from Mabel to Shaw with details of her relief that Desmond is alive, her financial position and the political situation. 'There is a great deal of distress and indeed absolute destitution among our people.'

**P80/1562** 22 November 1921

2pp

Note from Charlotte F. Shaw, wife of George Bernard Shaw, to Mabel inviting Mabel and Desmond to lunch.

**P80/1563** 3 October 1934

1p

Telegraph from Shaw to Mabel inviting Mabel and Desmond to lunch.

**P80/1564** Not dated

1 item

Postcard from Shaw to Mrs Darrell Figgis, London, declaring 'I wouldn't put it past them'.

**P80/1565** Not dated

1 item

Black and white photograph on paper of Shaw 'Novelist, Critic, Playwright, and Philosopher' by Histed, London.

**14.3.1 Easter Rising and Sinn Féin**

**14.1.3.1 Tullamore affair, 1916**

**P80/1566** 21 March 1916

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Evening Telegraph* containing an article entitled 'Police officers shot in Tullamore'. Details of the siege mounted by a hostile crowd on the rooms of the Sinn Féin Volunteers and Cumann na mBan in Tullamore and the calling in of the constabulary.

**P80/1567** 21 March 1916

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Dublin Evening Mail* containing an article entitled 'Sensational affray. Police officers shot in Tullamore. Sequel to anti-Sinn Féin demonstration.'

**14.1.3.2 Imprisonment of Desmond and general amnesty, 1916-17**

**P80/1568** 12 April 1916

2pp

Letter from W. Goodman, Dromod, County Leitrim, to Mabel referring to his sharing a cell with Desmond at Kingstown and hopes for his speedy release. *See also P80/10-13.*

**P80/1569** 10 May 1916

1p

Telegraph from Superintendent of Police, Kingstown Station, to Mabel informing her that they are holding Desmond.

**P80/1570** 10 May 1916

1p

Letter from Mabel requesting details of prison regulations after the arrest of Desmond that morning.

**P80/1571** 11 May 1916

1p

Authorisation from the military for 'May Somers' to enter and leave the Kingstown area for Bray via Sandycove.

**P80/1572** 11 May 1916

2pp

Copy letter from Mabel to the Governor, Richmond Barracks Prison, Dublin requesting details of prison regulations with reference to Desmond's forthcoming courtmartial.

**P80/1573** 13 May 1916

2pp

Letter from Julia Evans, Dublin to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the arrest of Desmond.

**P80/1574** 14 May 1916

1p

Letter from the Captain, Richmond Barracks, to Mabel with details of the treatment of Desmond.

**P80/1575** 20 May 1916

1p

Letter from the Brigadier General, Headquarters Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin to Mabel with details of the sentence of twenty years penal servitude, ten years remitted, served upon Desmond due to participation in the Easter Rising, and his impending removal to

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- P80/1575** Mountjoy.
- P80/1576** 21 May 1916  
1p  
Letter from the Provost Marshall, Richmond Barracks to Mabel with confirmation of their holding Desmond.
- P80/1577** 22 May 1916  
1p  
Letter from Mabel to the Brigadier General, Richmond Barracks, concerning the severe sentence served on Desmond who was a non-combatant, held no rank in the Volunteers and was imprisoned until within three weeks of the Rising and therefore had no share in planning it. Declaration made that the sentence must have been passed in error as the only evidence used against him was his own statement, voluntarily made, detailing his presence in the Post Office and performance of certain non-combatant duties there.
- P80/1578** 22 May 1916  
1p  
Note with details of the closure of the telegraph office at Richmond.
- P80/1579** 23 May 1916  
4pp  
Letter from Nancy Campbell to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the 'monstrous' sentence on Desmond.
- P80/1580** 23-24 May 1916  
8pp  
Three photocopies of letters from Mabel to the Very Reverend Archbishop of Dublin with information concerning prison conditions in Dublin due to his willingness to appeal against the harsh treatment of prisoners.

**P80/1581** 24 May 1916

2pp

Letter from T. M. Healy, House of Commons, to Mabel with details of the gradual movement toward improved prison conditions, his willingness to assist in the case of Desmond and hopes for an amnesty.

**P80/1582** 24 May 1916

1p

Copy letter by Mabel with details of the facts of Desmond's case and his sentencing after the Easter Rising. Copies circulated by Mabel amongst prominent nationalist members of parliament.

**P80/1583** 24 May 1916

7pp

Two letters from John Dillon, House of Commons, to Mabel with details of the improved conditions at Richmond Barracks and his willingness to assist in the cases of those sentenced to penal servitude. Appreciates that progress will be slow until martial law is revoked.

**P80/1584** 25 May 1916

2pp

Letter from Anna O'Rahilly [sister of The O'Rahilly] to Mabel enquiring about the location of the bicycle that Desmond took 'that fatal morning to go to the Post Office'.

**P80/1585** 25 May 1916

2pp

Letter from John Broonan to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence.

**P80/1586** 26 May 1916

3pp

Letter from John Muldown, Orwell Park, Dublin, to Mabel with details of his willingness to assist in Desmond's case and his confidence that the sentences will not continue once the country recovers from its present state of political upheaval.

**P80/1587** 26 May 1916

1p

Letter from J. J. Hanna, House of Commons, to Mabel informing her of the willingness of John Redmond, MP, to assist in the case of Desmond.

**P80/1588** 26 May 1916

1p

Letter from Lawrence Ginnell, House of Commons, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence. 'As you say, the executions fill people's minds for the time. But of course we will demand a general amnesty very soon'.

**P80/1589** 27 May 1916

1p

Letter from Mabel to Redmond, House of Commons, discussing a general amnesty.

**P80/1590** 27 May 1916

1p

Note from 'Annie F', Derry, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence.

**P80/1591** 28 May 1916

2pp

Letter from Robert Lynd to Mabel offering sympathy concerning

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- P80/1591** Desmond's sentence. Details his belief that Desmond should be treated as a political prisoner and expresses his horror at the executions by the English.
- P80/1592** 29 May 1916  
1p  
Letter from John Redmond, House of Commons, to Mabel concerning the question of the general amnesty and the futility of raising Desmond's case whilst the executions continue.
- P80/1593** 30 May 1916  
1p  
Letter from [Kathleen Ní Sleagda?], Dingle, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence.
- P80/1594** 31 May 1916  
1p  
Letter from the Governor, Dartmoor Prison, to Mabel informing her that Desmond has written.
- P80/1595** 31 May 1916  
3pp  
Letter from Hugh Law to Miss [Eiken?], County Donegal, concerning Desmond's case and the revision of such sentences.
- P80/1596** 31 May (1916)  
2pp  
Letter from Harry Stockman, 61 Fleet Street, to Mabel with details of his pride in her nationalist aspirations, hopes of general amnesty and dismissal of the attitude of the English towards the Easter Rising. 'The Sheehy-Skeffington affair is terrible, but you cannot make Englishmen realise that. They go on paying themselves compliments about their magnanimity, their superiority to the Germans, and the ingratitude of all who refuse to be content under the benevolent rule

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- P80/1596** of the Briton’.
- P80/1597** 1 June 1916  
3pp  
Two letters from Prisoners Effects, Richmond Barracks to Mabel with reference to a greatcoat of Desmond’s.
- P80/1598** 2 June 1916  
1p  
Copy letter from Mabel to the Governor, Mountjoy, concerning the transfer of Desmond to the prison and his permission to receive letters.
- P80/1599** 3 June 1916  
1p  
Letter in Irish from [Máire Catháin], Dingle, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond’s sentence.
- P80/1600** 4 June 1916  
1p  
Letter from Austin Stack, Richmond Barracks, Mabel. Reference to his one meeting with Desmond at Richmond.
- P80/1601** 5 June 1916  
2pp  
Two letters from the Governors of Mountjoy and Dartmoor to Mabel concerning the reception of letter by Desmond after his transfer to Dartmoor.

**P80/1602** 8 June 1916

4pp

Letter from Ernest Blythe, Brixton Prison, to Mabel detailing his surprise at the sentence served on Desmond. Details of prison life.

**P80/1603** 16 June 1916

2pp

Letter from M. B. McDonough to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence.

**P80/1604** 20–22 June 1916

2pp

Letter from the Governor, Dartmoor, to Mabel informing her of the location of The O'Rahilly's bicycle as stated by Desmond; copy reply from Mabel declaring that the bicycle had already been recovered.

**P80/1605** 5–15 July 1916

3pp

Three letters from the Governor, Dartmoor, to Mabel informing her of letters stopped by the censor and the need for her to confine herself to domestic matters and to avoid writing about politics.

**P80/1606** 16 July 1916

8pp

Letter from Margaret Pearse [mother of Patrick H. Pearse] to Mabel thanking her for the message of sympathy concerning the execution of her son. 'Life for us will never again be the same, and yet it is such a strange mixture of grief and pride. May God bless the boys and all who stood by him.' Detailed references to the conditions at Dartmoor observed as a visitor there.

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**P80/1607** 20 June–18 August 1916

3pp

Three letters from the Governor, Dartmoor Prison, to Mabel informing her of dates for visiting and the addition of books to the prison library.

**P80/1608** [1916]

4pp

Two letters from Nancy O’Rahilly [wife of The O’Rahilly] to Mabel with details of the recovery of the bicycle and her husband’s death. ‘I suppose he was quite willing to give his life for Ireland. I must try and keep that before me’.

**P80/1609** (1916)

3pp

Letter from Kathleen Brugha to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond’s sentence.

**P80/1610** 12 March 1917

4pp

Photocopy of letter from Eoin MacNeill, Dartmoor, to Agnes his wife. Personal news includes details of lessons in Irish and discussions in Irish history with his fellow prisoners, including Desmond.

**P80/1611** June 1917

1 item

Copy of *The Evening Telegraph* with the headlines ‘Release of Sinn Féin Prisoners. General Amnesty. Wise Decision of the War Cabinet. Rebellion Recalled.’

**P80/1612** 26 October 1917

3pp

Letter from P. McLoughlin, Mountjoy to Desmond with personal news.

**14.1.3.3 Family correspondence, 1916–17**

**P80/1613** 23–25 May 1916

10 items

Ten letters from members of the FitzGerald family and the McConnell family to Mabel offering sympathy concerning Desmond's sentence, detailing their own concerns and expressing admiration for her spirit in the circumstances.

**P80/1614** 25 May 1916

6pp

Letter from Kate, 128 Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, to Mabel referring to the filthy conditions at Kilmainham Prison, the need for prisoners such as Desmond to be treated as political prisoners and the fine work undertaken by women in order to help their imprisoned husbands, relatives and friends.

**P80/1615** 25 May [1916]

6pp

Letter from Mrs FitzGerald, Kate, Ciss, France and William FitzGerald to Desmond Personal news, details of family activities and hopes that he is well and cheerful. Written by Kate.

**P80/1616** 28 May 1916

3pp

Letter from William, 5 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, London, to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the ill-health of her sons, Dem and Pierce, and assurance that he will not be away for long.

**P80/1617** 30 May 1916

2pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel with reference to Desmond's transfer to Dartmoor and the sentence on [Eoin] MacNeill.

**P80/1618** 3 June 1916

4pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel with details of her attempt to see Ernest Blythe in prison and the need to get special permission from the Prisons' Commission, Whitehall. Thanks Mabel for sending Irish newspapers. 'I was glad to get all the evidence in detail. It was very "abridged" in the English papers.'

**P80/1619** [9 June 1916]

7pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel with details of the political situation, her sadness at the deaths of men such as The O'Rahilly, the enquiry into the death of Sheehy-Skeffington, and the treacherous conditions at Dartmoor in the winter.

**P80/1620** 13 June 1916

3pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel containing personal news and reference to (Robert) Monteith, 'I never dared hope about him. I tell you Scotland Yard had sent the cleverest and sharpest men after him.'

**P80/1621** 14-15 June 1916

10pp

Two letters from Kate to Mabel with details of the activities of the Ladies Committee in supplying food and clothes and visiting the prisoners in Wandsworth. References made to Desmond, other political prisoners and general prison conditions.

**P80/1622** 16-18 June 1916

11pp

Two letters from Kate to Mabel. Mainly personal news and enquiries concerning the ill-health of Dem and Pierce.

**P80/1623** [19 June 1916]

4pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel referring to the movement of the Wandsworth prisoners to Frongoch Bala, North Wales, Internment Camp from which the Germans had been moved because of the unhealthy conditions. Also contains personal news.

**P80/1624** 22 June 1916

7pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel with details of the appearance of Mrs Darrell Figgis at the meeting of the Ladies Committee and her contribution to the discussion of the treatment of political prisoners and the isolation of the important figures from the others. 'You can see the idea of keeping these men away from the rank and file can't you?'

**P80/1625** [1916]

6pp

Letter from Kate to Mabel sympathising with her fruitless attempt to visit Desmond in prison before permission was granted. General references to the political situation and personal news.

**P80/1626** 20-24 July 1917

11pp

Five letters from Desmond, Forest Gate, to Mabel, Rathmines, Dublin during a visit to his family after his release from prison in June 1917. Also contains personal news.

#### **14.1.3.4 Imprisonment of Desmond: Gloucester and Portland, 1918-19**

**P80/1627** 21 May-21 June 1918

2pp

Two letters from the Governor, Gloucester Prison, to Mabel confirming their holding Desmond and his reception of her letters.

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**P80/1628** 5 July 1918

1p

Postcard from Desmond, Gloucester, to Mabel with addresses for sending letters and parcels to the prison. Reference to the censoring of letters.

**P80/1629** 22 July 1918

1p

Letter from the Secretary, Prison Commission, Home Office, Whitehall, to Mabel informing her that several letters have been sent to her by Desmond.

**P80/1630** [1918]

1p

Photocopy of the FitzGerald badge.

**P80/1631** 19 February 1919

2pp

Letter from Desmond, Gloucester, to Mabel containing personal news.

**P80/1632** [1919]

1p

Letter from Desmond, Portland Prison, to Mabel containing personal news.

**P80/1633** Not dated

1 item

Newspaper cutting with the photograph of the Sinn Féin Staff taken at Headquarters, 6 Harcourt St, Dublin in 1918. Desmond in photograph.

#### **14.1.4 Towards the Irish Free State and beyond**

##### **14.1.4.1 Imprisonment of Desmond, Arbour Hill and the Curragh, 1921**

**P80/1634** 19 February–18 March 1921

10 items

Ten letters from General Boyd, Headquarters, Dublin District, Assistant Provost Marshal, Dublin District and R. E. Curry, Arbour Hill Detention Barracks, to Mabel concerning the granting of permission to visit Desmond at Arbour Hill.

**P80/1635** 25 February–21 March 1921

23 items

Twenty-three letters and postcards from Desmond, Arbour Hill, to Mabel with details of letters and parcels received and clothes, food and books required. References to prison life, allocation of work and the occupation of time.

**P80/1636** 22 March–May 1921

9 items

Nine letters and postcards from Desmond, Rath Camp, Curragh, Kildare to Mabel with details of his transfer there. 'It is an improvement on Arbour Hill, except for the matter of visits. But no doubt you will not let it rest at that' (22 March 1921). Details given of books and newspapers received, people to be remembered to and his loneliness. 'I am afraid that you will find me particularly unsympathetic about loneliness. Mention of such a thing to me is like talking to a starving man about the pains of overeating' (3 April 1921).

**P80/1637** 22 March–28 June 1921

8 items

Letters from General Boyd, Assistant Provost Marshal and the Commandant of the Curragh to Mabel concerning the prohibition of visits to prisoners at the Curragh other than that of a business nature. Includes a letter from Mabel to the Headquarters at the Curragh concerning her one successful visit to see Desmond and her second fruitless journey of many miles accompanied by her sons when permission to visit was refused without any previous warning by the

**P80/1637** military authorities (25 June 1921).

#### **14.1.4.2 Political situation and correspondence 1921-7**

**P80/1638** 2 March 1921

12pp

Letter from Mabel to Gladys Hynes with details of Desmond's solitary confinement at Arbour Hill. References made to the shooting, ill treatment and mental torture of Irish women by British forces, with details of cases of criminal assault. 'No woman either in the Press or in public boards has asked for a Truce as no Republican woman would take a unworthy Peace.'

**P80/1639** 4 April 1921

5pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes detailing her amazement at the behaviour of the English who although kindly enough to live amongst are 'completely lacking in imagination, narrow, pompous and swelled headed.' Refers to the transfer of Desmond from Arbour Hill to the Curragh.

**P80/1640** [May 1921]

2pp

Memorandum entitled 'References to Desmond and his appointment as Substitute Director of Propaganda in the minutes of the Proceedings of the Dáil, 1919-21'.

**P80/1641** 4 June 1921

2pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes offering assistance should her daughter come to Ireland in search of employment. Refers to the punishment of the prisoners at the Curragh 'because they would not submit to humiliating conditions.'

**P80/1642** 22–25 August 1921

2pp

Note from Earnán [Ernie O'Malley] to Mabel referring to the willingness of some of 'our side' to compromise and the inevitability that hostilities will be postponed for as long as possible.

**P80/1643** 15 September–19 October 1921

13pp

Notes to Mabel from Earnán [Ernie O'Malley] and rough details concerning the availability and purchase of books such as *Rifle Shooting for War*, *Manual of Field Engineering* and *How to Shoot with a Revolver*.

**P80/1644** 24 November 1921

3pp

Letter from Desmond, London, to Mabel, containing personal news, 'If only we could be together somewhere away from the world and its troubles.'

**P80/1645** 28 November 1921

16pp

Photocopy of a letter from Patrick McGilligan, Economic Relations Committee, Dublin, to Robert C. Barton TD, Irish Delegation, London, with brief comments on an enclosed photocopy of a memorandum compiled by various contributors entitled 'The Ulster Case'. Subjects addressed include the objection of Ulster manufacturers to Irish freedom of trade and notes on a trade agreement with the British government.

**P80/1646** 6 January 1922

1p

Note from [Michael Collins] to Mabel informing her that Desmond will stay with him for the evening.

**P80/1647** [September 1922]

2pp

Notes by Mabel entitled 'Desmond FitzGerald' with details in chronological order of his participation in political events between 1915 and 1922.

**P80/1648** 5 January 1923

2pp

Note from Earnán [Ernie O'Malley], Mountjoy, to Mabel thanking her for the letters, cards and list of French books.

**P80/1649** 24 November 1923

2pp

Letter from O'Malley [Detention Ward, St Bricín's Hospital], to Mabel with details of his deterioration of his physical condition throughout his hunger strike and the appalling conditions at Mountjoy for the men coming off hunger strike.

**P80/1650** 1 December 1923

8pp

Letter from O'Malley to Mabel concerning his weak physical condition. Detailed references to his reading material and belief that he must continue to educate his mind since he will no longer be able to serve his country in a physical manner as a Republican should the need arise.

**P80/1651** 7 December 1923

2pp

Letter from O'Malley to Mabel concerning a campaign to focus opinion upon the prisoners. Further details of conditions at Mountjoy.

**P80/1652** 10 December [1923]

6pp

Letter from O'Malley to Mabel describing the medical treatment received after he has come off hunger strike.

**P80/1653** 12 February 1924

2pp

Letter from O'Malley to Mabel with references to his reading material, the Greek dramatists and modern French literature. 'This is a kind of glass house existence as though one has ample time to read yet I think I would read three times as much in the same time outside.'

**P80/1654** 13 September 1926

6pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes. References to the 'unpopular measures' of the Free State Government and the unfortunate reality that their defeat looks unlikely. Weakening of Republicanism is acknowledged but belief expressed that a compromise such as that sought by those in support of the Treaty, should not be considered after the loss of so many lives. Fears raised concerning the activities of de Valera [foundation of Fianna Fáil] and their indications of another movement towards compromise, 'I am sure de Valera has good motives, but so had the Free Staters when they took the Treaty'. Also contains personal news.

**P80/1655** 31 May 1927

4pp

Letter from Mabel to Mrs Gavan Duffy with a declaration of her republican stance and values in defence of Duffy's accusations that she financed trips by Desmond as a minister of the Free State Government to the Imperial Conferences. 'If you believed that I said I helped Desmond to go to the Imperial Conference, knowing my Republican principles, you must believe me pretty vile'.

**P80/1656** July 1927

2pp

Copy of a letter from Mabel to Mrs O'Higgins offering sympathy concerning the assassination of her husband, [Kevin O'Higgins].

**P80/1657** 14 July 1927

4pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes with details of the recovery of Desmond from an operation and her inability to inform him of the death of O'Higgins until his strength has been regained.

**P80/1658** [1936]

4pp

Photocopy of an extract from *I Found No Peace* by Webb Miller. Chapter nine: 'Ireland for the English'.

**P80/1659** Not dated

2pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes concerning the dates of her visit to Ireland.

**P80/1660** Not dated

5pp

Two narratives written by Mabel, the first entitled 'Account of entering the Post Office on the first day of Easter week', the second giving background details of her life as a child of a middle class Belfast home.

**14.1.4.3 General election, 1944, 1950**

**P80/1661** 5 January 1944

2pp

Letter from Desmond to Des Cunningham concerning his defeat as a Fine Gael candidate for County Dublin in the General Election. 'I have always been the very first to condemn others who make a grievance of their personal defeat and of those who, when a principle is at stake, refuse to fight those without a prior assurance of victory. So what have I to complain about?'

**P80/1662** 8 March 1944

2pp

Letter from William T. Cosgrave to Mabel concerning his retirement as Fine Gael leader and praise of his colleagues, including Desmond, 'to whom is due any success I may have achieved.'

**P80/1663** 26 April 1944

2 copies

Letter from George Bernard Shaw to Mabel thanking her for remembering him. 'But you wouldn't know me if you met me in the street, I am so horribly old. Eighty eight, just think of it!' Enquires after the FitzGerald family and Desmond's political position. 'Is he now Government or Opposition? Is it possible for anybody to get on with Dev?'

**P80/1664** 26 May 1944

2 copies

Copy letter from Mabel to Shaw with details of Desmond standing as a Fine Gael candidate and his attitude towards the Fianna Fáil government. 'He is very much Opposition. He could not differ more than he does from the present Government in outlook.' Details her own changing political stance and although never a supporter of the Cumann na nGaedheal Government acknowledges the high standards they maintained. 'Finally the state of Europe convinced me that it was folly to try to stand alone as a separate Republic. And now the last folly of complete isolation may be committed if what is really a dictatorship is consolidated ... It is not possible for anyone to get on with the man you mention [de Valera] except a yes-man.'

**P80/1665** 25 October 1950

1p

Letter from Rushworth Fogg, Feature Editor, The Irish News Agency, Grafton St, Dublin to Mabel requesting material on Shaw due to his failing health.

#### **14.1.4.4 Death of Desmond and political situation, 1947-51**

**P80/1666** 14 February 1947

4pp

Letter from 'Patricia' [sister of the Earl of Drogheda] to Desmond with personal news and hopes that he is feeling better.

**P80/1667** 10 April 1947

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Irish Independent* containing an obituary of Desmond.

**P80/1668** April 1947

1p

Photocopy of a tribute to Desmond in *The Sunday Independent* by Ernest Blythe.

**P80/1669** April 1947

1 item

Unaddressed card from Mabel and the FitzGerald family with thanks for the sympathy offered in their loss.

**P80/1670** 7 August 1947

2pp

Letter from Mabel, Airfield, Stillorgan Road, Donnybrook, Dublin to Gladys Hynes. Personal news includes details of her move to Donnybrook and a description of her new residence.

**P80/1671** 17 February 1948

2pp

Letter from Vincent Hogan, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana [a student], to Mabel recalling his meeting with her the previous year. Details of his research on Ireland and pleasure at the recent election results, defeat of Fianna Fáil and the creation of a coalition government.

**P80/1672** 9 March 1948

14pp

Letter from Mabel to Hynes concerning the recent defeat of Fianna Fáil. Describes the appointment of John A. Costello as Taoiseach of the coalition government, '... an excellent choice, a man of great integrity and of brains and common-sense'; the predominantly Fine Gael composition of the new government and their intentions to abandon autocratic government. Personal news includes a detailed account of the members of the FitzGerald family and suggestions for hotels for her holiday in Ireland.

**P80/1673** 5 April 1948

2pp

Letter from Hogan to Mabel referring to articles in *The New York Times* detailing renewed hope in Ireland with the replacement of de Valera and his Fianna Fáil government.

**P80/1674** 6 April 1948

1p

Letter from William T. Craddick CSC, Prefect of Religion, University of Notre Dame, to Mabel informing her that Desmond will be remembered on the anniversary of his death by both students and

**P80/1674** faculty members.

**P80/1675** 19 May 1948

2pp

Letter from John A. Costello, Department of the Taoiseach, Dublin, to Mabel thanking her for her message of congratulations upon his appointment as Taoiseach. Expresses regret that Desmond did not live to see the overthrow of de Valera and his government.

**P80/1676** 18 November 1948

1p

Letter from Michael [Kirwan?], Metropolitan District Courthouse, Inns Quay, Dublin, to Mabel requesting an unmounted copy of a particular photograph of Desmond.

**P80/1677** 15 April 1949

8pp

Letter from Mabel to [Jacques] Maritain, thanking him for his kind words about Desmond published upon his death. Details given of the tributes in the Irish newspapers and their concentration upon his nationalism, few appreciating his stance as a 'good European' or knowledge of Catholic philosophy and Thomism. References to her own conversion to Catholicism and her personal faith.

**P80/1678** 9 September 1951

1p

Letter from Pádraic Colum, Ranelagh, to Mabel thanking her for sending certain papers of Desmond's to him and referring to their talk together. 'I shall never forget your description of the empty street in front of the Post Office as Pearse read his proclamation.'

**P80/1679** 15 November 1951

2pp

Letter from Hogan, Seattle, Washington, to Mabel detailing his disappointment concerning the defeat of the coalition government. 'I certainly hope that the gains made by the Coalition Government are not lost by the de Valera group. Maybe if a sharp issue arises and de Valera loses the Independent votes, his government will topple.' Details the centennial celebrations in the city of Seattle and the beginnings of the 1952 Presidential election campaign.

#### **14.1.4.5 Political events and figures: commemoration, 1950–85**

**P80/1680** 18 January 1950

3 copies

Letter from Robert Brennan, Dublin, (Director of Broadcasting, Radio Éireann, 1947–48) to Kathleen McKenna, Viterbo, Italy (member of the Publicity Department and private secretary to Desmond, 1922–27), encouraging her to document the history and activities of *The Irish Bulletin* and its staff. Corrected and annotated photocopies of the letter.

**P80/1681** 22 January 1950

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Times* containing an extract from *Allegiance*, the memoirs of Robert Brennan. Article entitled 'Hunger-strike' with details of his imprisonment after the Easter Rising and the political situation.

**P80/1682** 16 April 1950

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Times* containing an extract from *Allegiance*. Article details the activities of Brennan and political situation as the story approaches 'the grim days of the Black-and-Tans terror.'

**P80/1683** 8 July 1950

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Press* containing an article by David Hogan entitled 'New Leader Challenges the Old—and Wins. A Party Vanishes After 40 Years'. Details the sweeping victory enjoyed by Sinn Féin in the 1918 election.

**P80/1684** 5 August 1951

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Press* containing an article by Hogan with details of the success enjoyed by the Republican courts between 1919 and 1920.

**P80/1685** 12 August 1951

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Press* containing an article by Hogan entitled 'Secret Newspaper. The Story of *The Irish Bulletin!*' Details its publication as an underground newsheet throughout almost the entire length of the War of Independence.

**P80/1686** 14 August 1951

4pp

Letter from MacKenna, Dublin, to the Editor, *The Sunday Press*, with reference to an article by Hogan in the newspaper entitled 'Secret newspaper', containing an account of the work of *the Irish Bulletin*. The absence of any mention of the contribution of Desmond, Director of Propaganda for Dáil Éireann and Editor of *The Irish Bulletin* is questioned. Includes a lightly altered version of the same letter, heavily corrected (17 August 1951).

**P80/1687** 18 August [1951]

1p

Pencil letter from M. Feehan, Editor, *The Sunday Press* to MacKenna declaring that Hogan refers in great detail to *The Irish Bulletin* in subsequent articles to be published in due course.

**P80/1688** August 1951

42pp

Three typed drafts of an article entitled '*The Irish Bulletin* Part One', one annotated 'copy for Mrs FitzGerald', one heavily corrected. Typed draft article entitled '*The Irish Bulletin* Part Two'. All drafts compiled by MacKenna. Number of isolated pages.

**P80/1689** 16 September 1951

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Sunday Press* containing an article by Hogan entitled 'Caught in Grave Truce Breach'. Details of events culminating in the Truce, 11 July 1921, Treaty negotiations and activities of *The Irish Bulletin* throughout.

**P80/1690** 14 December 1951

1p

Letter from Mervyn Wall, General Features Officer, Radio Éireann, to Dr Richard Hayes, Kill O' the Grange, County Dublin, with details of the broadcasting times of two talks by McKenna entitled '*The Irish Bulletin*'.

**P80/1691** 14 February 1953

9pp

Letter from Mabel to Gladys Hynes concerning her reservations about the writing of a memoir on Desmond by the American writer Ezra Pound. Believes it unlikely that an American would possess a sufficiently detailed knowledge of Irish history, tradition, the Catholic faith, the Easter Rising, and Desmond himself. 'I have met sensitive Americans, but most of them think of our men as they think of Chicago gunmen'. Reference to her own suggestion that the colleagues and friends of Desmond, including Hynes, should each contribute their own piece on their experiences and relationship with Desmond. Request to inform Pound 'gently' of her stance without causing offence.

**P80/1692** 7 February–13 March 1955

17pp

Correspondence between Mabel and Hynes concerning refusal by Mabel to provide relevant material to a young student instructed by Pound to write a memoir on Desmond. A request from Hynes to participate with the project is rejected in order to save the memory of Desmond from becoming 'an American schoolgirls "exercise"!'. The loyalty of Pound to his old friendship with Desmond is acknowledged by Mabel but she believes that the anti-Catholic stance of Pound would prevent an accurate compilation of the memoirs of a Catholic man. 'His Catholicism was always the strongest thing about him, the permanent thing'.

**P80/1693** 19–29 May 1957

13pp

Correspondence between Mabel and Hynes concerning the latter's decision to write about her friendship with Desmond and need of background material on the period. The lack of reliable sources is lamented by Mabel. 'The men who founded the State were too overworked to write about it while doing it, and when their work was messed up by the others coming in to power, were too tired and disheartened by the results of their efforts being decried by a lying propaganda against them to write anything'. A work written by a 'fan' of de Valera is dismissed as 'full of untruths'. Reference is made to Mabel's own changing political stance in 1932. 'I had been on their side [de Valera's] because of the principle of Republicanism, though all the men I admired were on the other side but I was gradually sickened with a lying propaganda against better men—seeing also that in the then state of Europe, Ireland could not stand alone. I have taken less and less interest since'. Reference is made to inaccuracies in articles in *The Sunday Press* by two of Desmond's assistants on *The Irish Bulletin*, Robert Brennan and Frank Gallagher (published under the pseudonym David Hogan) as examples of 'how strong liars became'.

**P80/1694** 31 May–16 August 1957

16pp

Correspondence between Mabel and Hynes. Background material acquired by Hynes includes a book by Gallagher. Further references made to Brennan and his claiming to have held Desmond's posts as Editor of *The Irish Bulletin*, despite statements to the contrary in the volumes of Dáil debates for 1919–21. Refers to the decision by Patricia Hutchins, author of a book on James Joyce, to compile a work on Pound.

**P80/1695** 25–27 December 1979

1 item

Newspaper cutting from *The Irish Times* containing an article entitled 'A battle of wits for publicity', an extract from the autobiography of MacKenna and her account of the activities of *The Irish Bulletin*.

**P80/1696** 26 September 1985

2pp

Letter from Sheelah Hynes (sister of Gladys Hynes) to Garret FitzGerald concerning her sending the correspondence between Mabel and Gladys to him. Enquiries concerning the first meeting between Desmond and Gladys are addressed and the relationship between Desmond and Pound mentioned.

## **14.2 Family Papers**

### **14.2.1 Family affairs**

#### **14.2.1.1 Mary Anne FitzGerald, 1927**

**P80/1697** 17 January 1927

4pp

Letter and receipts from Reginald M. Vick, doctor, 113 Harley Street, W1, to Desmond informing him of the comfortable state of his mother [Mary Anne FitzGerald] after her operation and acknowledging payment for his medical services.

**P80/1698** 4 July 1927

4pp

Letter from Mary Anne [Babe] FitzGerald, 128 Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, to Fanny Scollard, New Jersey, America, with details of her illness and residence at the house of her daughter, Ciss, in order to receive constant care.

**P80/1699** 25 July–1 August 1927

30pp

Five letters from Kate FitzGerald, 128 Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, to Mabel with detailed reports of the deteriorating condition of her mother. Letters written during the convalescence of Desmond from his own operation.

**P80/1700** 1 August 1927

6pp

Letter from William FitzGerald, 5 Saint James's Place, London, to Mabel with details of the deteriorating condition of his mother and the belief expressed by Vick that 'D [Desmond] should be informed (either by tactful degrees, or fully and at once) of the latest developments.'

**P80/1701** 4–5 August 1927

4pp

Telegrams from Kate to Desmond, Saint Vincent's Nursing Home, and Mabel concerning the improved condition of her mother.

#### **14.2.1.2 John McConnell, 1927–33**

**P80/1702** 21 October 1927

4pp

Letter from John McConnell, Hotel du Rhone, 5 rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, Paris, to Mabel [his daughter] with details of the business nature of his trip, his journey by air and the standard of the hotel. Reference to his recent acquisition of the ground rents of nine houses near Notting Hill Gate District Station. Personal news and enquiries concerning Desmond's recovery.

**P80/1703** 2 November 1927

1p

Letter from McConnell, City Carlton Club, Saint Swithin's Lane, EC, to Mabel referring to the properties at Notting Hill Gate 'I had fallen into'.

- P80/1703** Invitation to Desmond and Mabel to visit him in Belfast.
- P80/1704** 24 January 1929  
1p  
Receipt from James Jamison and Son, Stone and Monumental Merchants, Belfast, to Mrs John McConnell acknowledging payment for the supply and erection of a memorial stone in the City Cemetery, Belfast.
- P80/1705** 12 April 1932  
1p  
Receipt from John Robinson and Son, sculptors, Belfast to Mrs John McConnell acknowledging payment for '2 cwt white spar chippings'.
- P80/1706** 1 December 1933  
15pp  
Booklet entitled *Rules Relating to Burial Grounds* by Andrew Auld, Registrar of Cemeteries, City Hall, Belfast.

**14.2.1.3 Margaret McConnell, 1931-56**

- P80/1707** 5 March 1931  
1p  
Copy will of Mrs Margaret McConnell, Altona, 23 Windsor Avenue, Belfast (mother of Mabel), from J. Dunville Coates, solicitor, 7 Mayfair, Arthur Square, Belfast.
- P80/1708** [1936]  
1p  
Note by Mabel with the dates of the deaths of her father and mother, Mr and Mrs John McConnell.

**P80/1709** 2 March 1936–15 January 1943

9 items

Letters and receipts from D. and J. Gemmell, Monumental Sculptors, Belfast; Andrew Auld, Registrar of Cemeteries and the General Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, to Mabel concerning the maintenance and related expenses of the memorial stones of her father and mother.

**P80/1710** 1 August 1956

2pp

Copy of the will of Mrs Mabel FitzGerald, Airfield, Stillorgan Road, Donnybrook, Dublin from Gore and Grimes, solicitors, 6 Cavendish Row, Dublin.

#### **14.2.1.4 Elizabeth Vesey, 1954-57**

**P80/1711** 26 November 1954

2pp

Letter from Mrs Elizabeth Vesey ['Eilis'], Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, BC, to Mabel [her sister] concerning her admission to hospital for tests. Contains other personal news.

**P80/1712** 16 December 1954

2pp

Letter from Yvo Vesey, 1805 Crescent Road, Victoria, BC, [son of Eilis], to Mabel. Personal news includes details of the condition of his mother.

**P80/1713** 26 December 1954–8 January 1955

4pp

Two letters from Eilis to Mabel with details of her medical condition which is feared to be deteriorating.

**P80/1714** 9 January–10 February 1955

8pp

Letters and telegrams from Yvo to Mabel with details of the deteriorating condition of his mother, her death (27 January 1955) and the funeral.

**P80/1715** 19 February–21 September 1955

11pp

Letters from Yvo to Mabel concerning the execution of his mother's will and allocation of her monies. Includes letter from Brixie Vesey (wife of Yvo) to Mabel with personal news.

**P80/1716** 20 March 1957

4pp

Letter from Yvo to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the death of his aunt Meni [Meni Beatrice Lee, sister of Eilis and Mabel]. Reference to his own ill-health and attempts to obtain his share, as grandchild of Margaret McConnell, of the McConnell estate from the trustees.

**P80/1717** 7 April 1957

2pp

Letter from Yvo to Mabel alleviating her worries concerning his health. Incomplete.

**P80/1718** 6 June 1957

2pp

Letter from Yvo to Mabel thanking her for getting the Trustees of the McConnell estate to release some of his money.

**14.2.1.5 Memi Beatrice Lee, 1942–57**

**P80/1719** 9 April 1942

5pp

Copy letter from 'Dony' [Doreen Black], c/o Mrs T. C. Day, Mary Lodge, Simla, India, to 'Muma' [Memi, her mother] with details of the events of the Second World War, the fall of Singapore, the work of her husband Duncan with the Red Cross and his imprisonment in Singapore. Assurances concerning her own safety since her enforced departure with the military from Singapore Island and her decision to stay in India until joined by her husband.

**P80/1720** 21 December 1954

4pp

Letter from Vida Whyte, Wallis Heights, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada [daughter of Memi] to Mabel with details of her plans to spend Christmas with her mother, her good physical condition but failure to recognise anyone. Also contains personal news.

**P80/1721** 21 December 1954–12 February 1955

5pp

Letters from Edna and Wendy Shaw, Cadogan Street, Belfast [daughter and granddaughter of Memi] to Mabel. Personal news with details of Christmas celebrations and sadness upon the death of Eilis.

**P80/1722** 13 February 1955

8pp

Letter from Vida to Mabel offering sympathy concerning the death of her aunt Eilis. Personal news includes enquiries after Edna.

**P80/1723** 24 July 1955

10pp

Two letters from Edna, City Hospital Belfast, to Mabel with reference to the settlement of the McConnell estate and her own recovery from

**P80/1723** an operation.

**P80/1724** 27 July 1955

4pp

Letter from Vida to Mabel concerning the possibility of the hospital raising the fees for her mother should the money from the McConnell estate be released. Also contains personal news.

**P80/1725** 1 August 1955

2pp

Letter from Doreen, Vernon, BC, Canada, to Mabel detailing hopes that John Hunter will arrange a trust for the estate money due to her mother. Reference to the adequate payments already being received by the hospital for the care for her mother.

**P80/1726** 3 August 1955–10 September 1955

12pp

Four letters from Edna to Mabel concerning her departure from hospital, convalescence at home and acquisition of a job. Personal news.

**P80/1727** 9 December 1956–24 February 1957

9pp

Letters from Doreen and Vida to Mabel concerning the deteriorating condition of their mother and enquiries concerning the settlement of the McConnell estate.

**P80/1728** 24 February [1957]

3pp

Letter from Edna to Mabel with details of her grief at the condition of her mother and her desire to be with her.

**P80/1729** 27 February 1957–5 March 1957

5pp

Letters and telegram from Vida to Mabel with details of the funeral arrangements for her mother (4 March 1957).

**P80/1730** 6 March 1957

4pp

Letter from Edna to Mabel with details of her grief upon the death of her mother.

**P80/1731** 11 March 1957

4pp

Letter from Vida to Mabel describing the funeral of her mother and related events.

**P80/1732** 14 March 1957

16pp

Five letters from Edna to Mabel containing personal news, many undated.

#### **14.2.2 Family correspondence: settlement of estates**

##### **14.2.2.1 McConnell estate, 1894-1955**

**P80/1733** 5 February–22 August 1894

3ff

Account book of John McConnell, College Green House, Belfast, concerning his account with The Northern Banking Company Limited, Shaftsbury Square Branch, Belfast. Entries of cheques received and payments made.

**P80/1734** 10 December 1934

1p

Summary of receipts and disbursements for Margaret McConnell by F. G. Walsh of Robert Walsh and Sons, Chartered Accountants, Belfast.

**P80/1735** 12 July 1937–9 March 1938

10 items

Letters from Doreen, 150 University Street, Belfast and Dufferin Villiers McConnell, Ferney Cottage, Bowness-on-Windermere, Wesmoreland, [brother of Mabel] to Mabel concerning the application to the Prudential Assurance Company Limited, Holborn Bar, London, to accept appointment as Trustee to the McConnell estate after the death of Margaret McConnell. General details of family financial affairs and individual entitlements to the McConnell estate.

**P80/1736** 20 June–14 October 1955

3pp

Three letters from Robert Walsh and Sons to Mabel with details of enclosed cheques distributing the residuary income of the estate of the deceased John McConnell.

**P80/1737** Not dated

4pp

Material concerning the distribution of the estate of the deceased John McConnell. Details of the eight names grandchildren and residuary beneficiaries.

**P80/1738** Not dated

4pp

Executrice's account of the residuary estate of the deceased Margaret McConnell. Details concerning the distribution of proceeds from a sale of the furniture.

**14.2.2.2 FitzGerald estate**

**14.2.2.2.1 John FitzGerald 1947-57**

**P80/1739** 15 April–25 June 1947

10pp

Three letters from John FitzGerald, Morsing Estado de Rio, Brazil, [brother of Desmond] to Mabel. Sympathy offered upon the death of Desmond and pleasure upon his reception of the related newspaper cuttings. 'Ye all must have been very proud of Desmond in spite of all the grief and suffering at the loss of the loved one'. Reference to the 'phoney' claims of his married sister, Ciss O'Brien and her family to the chemical works at Stratford of France FitzGerald [d.1941]. Also includes personal news.

**P80/1740** 26 August 1948

1p

Letter from W. B. Butler, Department of External Affairs, Dublin, to Mabel, concerning her enquiries about the acquisition of Irish citizenship by her brother-in-law John, residing in Brazil.

**P80/1741** 11 September–16 December 1948

22pp

Letters mainly from John to Mabel concerning hopes for her assistance in his acquisition of Irish citizenship and personal news. Includes letter from Gerald E. M. O'Brien [nephew of John; son of Ciss] to John concerning the alleged entitlement of the O'Brien family to the Stratford works, and the apparently abominable behaviour of Desmond and Pierce obstructing their claim to the estate of France.

**P80/1742** 8 April 1949

1p

Copy letter from Mabel to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Dublin, thanking them for considering her brother-in-law eligible for registration as an Irish citizen.

**P80/1743** 26 April –20 November 1949

16pp

Five letters from John, Morsing Estado de Rio and 205 Rua da Alfandega, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Mabel. Personal news includes details of the claims of the O'Brien family to the Stratford works and his application for Irish citizenship.

**P80/1744** 4 April 1950–10 May 1951

13 items

Correspondence between John and Mabel concerning the settlement of France's estate and claims of the O'Brien family to part of the Stratford works. Sympathy offered concerning the deaths of Mabel's two brothers [d. 1951].

**P80/1745** 9 December–15 October 1954

13 items

Letters from John to Mabel. Personal news includes details of the death of Gerald [d. 1954] and hopes for the profitable completion of the sale of the Stratford works. Refers to the attitude of Churchill towards the Irish political situation. 'His heart was not with the Irish. He completed the matter of the Free State with his head'. Newspaper cuttings concerning the closure of the Brazilian Consulate in Dublin included. Black and white photograph of 'Alexander' [grandson].

**P80/1746** 12 January 1956–23 April 1957

17pp

Four letters from John to Mabel containing personal news. Refers to his disappointment at the re-election of de Valera and the return of the Fianna Fáil government, 'I have the opinion that he caused the civil war and the death of great men like Mike Collins and Griffith, Cathal Brugha and others, all his superiors as patriots'. The political situation in the North of Ireland is dismissed as a very simple matter: 'The fact is clear that the majority in the North were Scotch or English soldiers. Their descendents are still Scotch and English both as to religion and politics. They from my point of view are planted at different epochs and will never be Irish'. Also includes newspaper cuttings concerning the visit of the Brazilian President-elect to Britain.

**14.2.2.2 O'Brien family, 1950-55**

**P80/1747** 15 February 1950–10 January 1951

15pp

Correspondence between Ciss, Gerald and Ulick O'Brien, Gore and Grimes Solicitors, Parnell Square Dublin, and Mabel concerning the dispute over the settlement of France's estate and the sale of the Stratford works. Reference to Gerald's serious illness.

**P80/1748** 1 November 1954–29 December 1955

11pp

Correspondence between Ciss and Ulick O'Brien, Gore and Grimes, and Mabel with the details of the death of Gerald, sale of the Stratford works and settlement of France's estate.

**14.2.2.3 General family correspondence, 1911–57**

**P80/1749** [1911]–February 1926

17 items

Letters from Mary Anne and Kate Fitzgerald, Forest Gate, to Tom [Desmond], all of a personal nature.

**P80/1750** 27 March 1926–26 March 1957

12 items

Correspondence between Desmond [Dem], Fergus, Pierce and Garret and their mother Mabel. Personal news includes details of the activities of Pierce at Clongowes Wood College, Sallins, County Kildare, business projects and family holidays.

**P80/1751** 13 August 1953–6 October 1957

35 items

Letters mainly from Doris McConnell, West Jesmond, Newcastle on

- P80/1751** Tyne, to Mabel [sister-in-law], all of a personal nature concerning the mental illness and condition of her daughter Margaret Patricia ['Paddy'], her employment and enquiries about the settlement of the McConnell estate. 'I wish I could say it were possible to give up my share of the estate that the controversy is about but I am not free to do as I like as you will understand' (18 May 1957). Includes correspondence between Dr Letitia Fairfield, London SW3, Dr George Egan, Rainhill, Liverpool and Mabel concerning the illness and suitable private hospitals for Paddy McConnell.
- P80/1752** 8 February 1954
- 9 items
- Letters from Eileen McConnell, Neffsville, Pennsylvania, to Mabel [her sister-in-law], all of a personal nature including details of her employment, her visit to Ireland, and enquiries about members of the FitzGerald family and Doris and Paddy McConnell. Includes three black and white photographs of a young toddler and [Eileen and Mabel].
- P80/1753** 3 January 1955–10 September 1957
- 22 items
- Letters to Mabel from her grandchildren. All of a personal nature usually with family news and thanks for gifts.
- P80/1754** 3 January 1955–14 August (1957)
- 11 items
- Letters from 'Dicky', Tobarcoran, Carnmoney, County Antrim [a niece], to Mabel, all of a personal nature including details of her aunt Eileen McConnell, the death of Memi and family news.
- P80/1755** 15 February 1955–17 November 1957
- 17 items
- Letters from Katy [Kitty] Crean [mother-in-law of Fergus FitzGerald] to Mabel, all of a personal nature with frequent references to her daughter, Una [wife of Fergus]. Thanks expressed for enjoyable stay in Ireland and family news.

**14.2.2.4 General correspondence, 1901-59**

**P80/1756** October 1901–August 1954

181 items

Postcards from relatives and friends to Mabel, the majority sent before her marriage in 1911. Senders include Villiers McConnell, L. Black and Lennox. All are of a personal nature. A small number of cards addressed to Mr and Mrs J. O'Connell, Elizabeth McConnell, Meni McConnell and John Dunville McConnell are included.

**P80/1757** December 1909

2 items

Two cards with printed message 'With friendship and remembrance from Mabel W. McConnell and John D. McConnell' for Christmas 1909.

**P80/1758** March 1913–3 February 1959

10 items

**Domestic affairs, finances and expenditure**

Letters and related material concerning domestic arrangements, settlement of finances and expenditure details of John McConnell, Mabel and Pierce and Desmond [Dem] FitzGerald. Includes details of the tenancy agreement to Lonsdale, Temple Road, Milltown, County Dublin; and a catalogue of the furnishings to be sold by auction at Rathmona, Donaghdee by order of John McConnell.

**P80/1759** 9 January 1915–4 October 1957

42 items

General file of letters mainly to Mabel of a routine and personal nature. Includes letter of invitation to 'Signora Mabel FitzGerald e una persona' to receive an audience with the Pope at Palazzo Pontificio di Castel Gandolfo' (23 October 1951); letter from William T. Cosgrave to Mabel concerning Dem's qualifications as an architect and his opportunities for employment (11 February 1955); letter from Marion K. O'Malley [mother of Ernie O'Malley] to Mabel with thanks for her sympathy upon the death of Ernie (4 April 1957); undated newspaper cutting concerning the divorce between Michael Rothenstein and his wife, formerly Miss Betty Desmond FitzGerald.

**P80/1760** 27 July 1937–30 December 1942

4pp

Two letters from Miss Sarah Purser, portraitist and stained glass artist, to Mabel, all of a personal nature. Includes postcard from Thomas P. Bodkin, Director of the National Gallery to Purser.

**P80/1761** 20 August–24 November 1944

5pp

Letters and cards from John Betjeman, Gerrard's Farm, Uffington, Berkshire, to Mabel with details of his reading of Desmond's play *De Profundis* and apologies that his agent was not interested in it.

**P80/1762** 25 September 1953–8 July 1957

15 items

Letters from Mai Breslin, Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, NW3, to Mabel, all of a personal nature mainly concerning the taking of her two children by her husband, the Irish/Scottish commercial artist William Robert Breslin, his concealing of their place of residence and his separation from Mai. Cutting from the *Advertiser's Weekly* containing an article entitled 'Commercial artist's portfolio. Liam Breslin' included (14 January 1954).