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A3018 Papers relating to the management of the Palmerston estates in Dublin and Sligo

- 1-271 Correspondence between Messrs Stewart and Kincaid, Dublin agent of the Palmerston family Irish estates, and local agents in Dublin and Sligo, interspersed with transcripts of extracts from related correspondence, concerning the management of the estates. Subjects covered in the correspondence includes the management of the estate, such as drainage of land, work on Mullaghmore harbour, the acquisition of property, the failure of the potato crop, and the emigration of tenants to America: 1841-8
- (109) and (113) are correspondence with the Bishop of Kilmore concerning the proposed glebe at Ahamlish, 13 May and 7 Jul 1845;
- (106) from James Walker: "I have got 20 or 30 emigrants on my list for Quebec already: men, widows, children and lads ready for marriage if they had land", 23 Mar 1845;
- (204) paper setting out the "character of some of the Mulloghmore cottiers looking for land" listing the complaints against them;
- (207-8) J.R.Stewart to Kincaid on the cost and arrangements of passages for tenants to North America, 7 Jul, 28 Sep 1847;
- (210) J.R.Stewart to Kincaid: "I am sorry to tell you that the shipment .. which Maxwell with best intention took such a fancy to has turned out a very bad business. Lord Palmerston has sent us a small volume of reports about it from Emigration Agent, etc., which I will keep till you return. He does not appear however, annoyed himself or threw any blame on us on the matter. The poor fellows appear to suffer partly from destitution and disease.", 13 Nov 1847
- (214) Edward Smyth reports: "We are going on very well with the draining at the harbour and have contracted for the work at something lower than our estimate.... Would you be willing to give some allowance to tenants to drain their land according to the proper system. And at what date ? For some are applying to me for information on the subject.", 28 Jan 1848;
- (224) Edward Smyth notes that "there are some tenants about Cliffany who are anxious to dispose of their land to the highest bidder and go to America", 28 Apr 1848;
- (235) from Edward Smyth on assisted emigration: "Mr Kerrigan has taken his departure for Liverpool with 8 or 10 of our people, and will see them on board ship for New York. I settled with him for all their passages.", 16 Jun 1848;
- (240) from Edward Smyth: "I'm afraid I cannot give you a very flattering account of the potato crop thereon... The stalks are all affected in same spot, they are very much decayed and the disease is appearing here and there.", 12 Aug 1848
- 272 Photocopies of correspondence relating to the Irish estates of Lord Palmerston:
 (i) to Francis Henry, 1808;
 (ii) from M Scanlan to Henry Townsend, Irish Fisheries Office
 (iii) to Joseph Kincaid, 1840-7
- 273 Working papers relating to a publication on the Palmerston Irish estates, including copies of publications such as the Evidence taken before the Commissioner enquiring into the occupation of land in Ireland, 1845; journal article, 1994; copies of maps and plans; colour photographs of improvements by Lord Palmerston to his estate in Sligo, 2005 1994, 2005