



**Irish Establishment Book
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Reference Code: IE 2135 P33

Title: Irish Establishment Book

Dates of Creation: 1704

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent and Medium: 1 bound manuscript volume of 44 leaves

CONTEXT

Name of Creator(s): Anne, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland (1665-1714).

Administrative/ Biographical History: Anne was the second daughter of the Duke of York, afterwards King James II of England and VII of Scotland. She succeeded to the throne in 1702 following the death of her brother-in-law William III of Orange, joint monarch with his wife Mary, Anne's elder sister, following the deposition of King James II in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. Anne's reign was short and relatively peaceful, although it did witness a further tightening of the Penal Laws against the Roman Catholic population in Ireland.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Purchased by the University of Limerick in c. 2008.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: Manuscript entitled 'The Irish Establishment' comprising 44 gilt-edged leaves totalling 88 pages, 12 of which are blank, in Cambridge panel calf binding contemporaneous with the contents. The document bears the official title 'Anne R. An Establishment or List containing all Payments to be made for Civil Affairs from the Twenty fifth day of March 1704 in the Third Year of our Reign for the Kingdom of Ireland.' It is one of several copies of a formal register of annual payments to be made to maintain the civil and military offices in Ireland at the expense of the sovereign.

The document commences with the civil list, outlining masters' fees and other expenditure of the courts of the Exchequer, Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas and those of the officers and ministers attending the state, customs officers, commissioners of appeals and non-conforming ministers. Also listed are payments towards perpetuities and pensions, the upkeep of lighthouses and payments made out of the concordatum fund for 'extraordinaries', such as 'keeping poor Prisoners & Sick & Maimed Soldiers in Hospitals'. There is also a 13-page list of the names of French soldiers to whom pensions were to be paid following the disbanding of the French regiments that served in Ireland.

The civil list is followed by the military list, which includes allocations of money towards military contingencies and incidents and the maintenance and upkeep of regiments of horse, dragoons and foot and superior and inferior officers in charge of the Ordnance. The third and final list records payments to be made to half-pay officers and governors

of garrisons, military pensions and the annual charge for maintaining and upholding all the barracks in the four provinces of Ireland. The document also provides a summary of increases and decreases in certain annual payments.

The manuscript is either incorrectly bound, or faithfully copied from an incorrectly bound version. Text on p. 56 ends mid-sentence and continues on p. 73. Pages 57-72 should follow p. 73, except for pp. 71-72, which should follow p. 80.

A number of previous owners have left their mark on the document. These include Simon Cavan, who signed p. 88 with the note 'Simon Cavan his Book Anno Domini 1785'. The signature 'H. Cotton' appears on the endpaper at the beginning of the book and on the title page. This was Henry Cotton (1789-1879), Archdeacon of the Diocese of Cashel from 1824 until 1872, who previous to that appointment served in Cashel as librarian at the Bolton Library and domestic chaplain to his father-in-law Richard Laurence, who was appointed Archbishop of Cashel in 1822. There are no shelf or other marks to identify this particular volume as having ever formed part of the Bolton Library and must therefore have been part of Cotton's private book collection.

The endpaper and flyleaf at the beginning of the book bear the stamp 'C. A. Vignoles' left by the very Reverend Charles Augustus Vignoles (1789-1877), Dean of Ossory and Dean of the Chapel Royal, Dublin, a fourth-generation Huguenot from Portarlinton. Finally, the inside cover is signed 'Herbert C. C. Uniacke Clogheen Co Tipperary December 1903'. This was Lieutenant General Sir Herbert Crofton Campbell (1866-1934), an officer of the Royal Artillery.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to item.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

Language/ Scripts of Material: English.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Bound manuscript volume with damaged binding and loose boards. Fragile, in need of conservation treatment. Book cushion is required to support the document.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the Special Collections and Archives Department, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related Units of Description: A corresponding but not identical bound manuscript, lacking the list of names of pensioned French soldiers and the summary of increases and decreases, can be found in the Bolton Library (shelf mark [Ms 10](#)). There are further stylistic differences between the documents, including spelling. For example, where the Bolton version uses archaic versions such as 'reigne', 'civill' and 'generall', the copy described here uses the more modern forms of 'reign', 'civil' and 'general'. Both copies also contain minor differentiating omissions or additions.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note: Papers arranged and described by Anna-Maria Hajba.

Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000; *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*, 2009; *National Council on Archives: Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, 1997; and *EAP Guidance on Data Protection for Archive Services*, 2018.

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