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Introduction

The papers of Ernest Blythe were deposited in the Archives Department, University College, Dublin, by his son, Earnain de Blaghd, in March 1975. The collection consists of material relating to Blythe's political and ministerial career, to his activities as Secretary to Clondalkin Paper Mills, Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre, and member of the R.T.E. Authority, and to personal affairs. That section of the collection described in this list, P24/ 1 - 560, relates to his political and ministerial career, in particular to the various ministerial positions held in the Provisional Government (Minister for Local Government and Acting Minister for Home Affairs) and in the Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann (Minister for Trade and Commerce, Minister for Local Government, Acting Minister for Defence, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and Minister for Finance).

The collection has been arranged into general sections corresponding to the First and Second Dail, Provisional Government, and the Irish Free State. The arrangement of material within these three sections has been determined largely by the structure and functioning of the bodies in question. The third and largest section, that containing Irish Free State material, 1922 - 32, has been divided into Executive Council material and into material originating in or received by Departments headed by Blythe as Minister..

The Executive Council material, documents circulated to members of the Executive Council in relation to matters on the agenda for meetings or simply for their information, was generally circulated by the Department of the President of the Executive Council as the secretariat to the government. As such, this material usually has a Department of the President file number (an S. number) and a concordance of departmental file numbers and the document reference numbers in this list has been appended to this introduction. This S. numeration has been continued in the Department of the Taoiseach and those files available in the State Paper Office (National Archives) in conjunction with Cabinet minutes, generally bear an S. number.

With regard to ministerial positions held by Blythe in the Executive Council, it should be noted that with the exception of Finance and Local Government, these were of a temporary nature. The Department of Finance material has been arranged according to the functioning of the department. This list also describes material of a semi-official nature and some printed material, the former consisting mainly of correspondence not related directly to the functioning of government.

Concordance of Blythe reference numbers with Department
of the President file numbers (S-files) for material placed
on the agenda of Executive Council meetings.

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91	S.3802	124	S.5965
92	S.3979	125	S.5965
93	S.4127	126	S.3629
94	S.1828/22	127	S.1995
95	S4150	128	S.1971
96	S4285c	129	S.1801
97(A)	S.4526	130	S.3815
97(B)	S.4777	131	S.4048
98	S.6057	132	S.1801
99	S.5896	133	S.3890
100	S.3590	134	S.4120
101	S.6147	135	S.3346
102	S.6048/2	136	S.1976
103	S.6048/3	138	S.4305
105	S.4105	139	S.4437
107	S.4541	140	S.4405
108	S.4978	141	S.4563
109	S.3328	142	S.4730
110	S.4529	143	S.4978
111	S.5090	144	S.5583
112	S.4469/17	145	S.1831/2
113	S.3194	147	S.5450/1
114	S.4989/2	148	S.3118
115	S.6137	150	S.4150
116	S.6138	151	S.5681B
117	S.4199	152	S.3424
118	S.5431	153	S.3238
119	S.4183	154	S.3677
120	S.3766	155	S.1983
121	S.5245	156	S.1801
122	S.1819	157	S.4834B

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159	S.1971
160	S.3302
161	S.4735
162	S.1603
163	S.4380/15
164	S.5837
165	S.5880
166	S.5944
167	S.6017
168	S.5074
169	S.5864
170	S.5864C

I. FIRST DAIL, 21 January 1919 - 16 August 1921

A. The Dail in session: procedure

- 1 1919 Standing orders including rules on language, the right of admission, summons to the Dail, orders of the day and suspension of questions and motions, rules of debate and closure, orders, divisions and quorum.

B. Reports of committees and commissions

- 2 December 1919 - January 1920 Minutes of evidence of the Commission of Enquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland. Topics dealt with include
meat products,
coal, peat and water power,
industrial methods,
agriculture and diaring.
[evidence of four named witnesses missing]
379 pp

C. Official publications

- 3 July 1921 National Land Bank, report and balance sheet for the half year ended 30 June 1921.

II. SECOND DAIL, 16 August 1921 - 4 August 1922

A. In its executive capacity

i. The Cabinet

- 4 7 October 1921 Typescript copy of the Instructions to Plenipotentiaries

ii. The Dail in session

a. Procedure

- 5 16 - 18 August
 1921 Orders of the day: agenda for the three initial sessions of the Second Dail, the first two public, the third private.
 Routine matters on 16 August include subscription to the Oath of Allegiance and the election of a speaker and deputy.
 Proceedings on 17 August consist of a statement by President de Valera and the submission of ministerial reports.
 [see P24/11 - 19]
 Proceedings on 18 August consist of discussion of the peace negotiations, a motion on the alteration of the Constitution, the election of the President of the Republic, and ministerial and private members' motions.
- 6 4 January 1922 Orders of the day: motion by Arthur Griffith for the approval of the Treaty; motion by President de Valera.
 [latter not taken until 6 January, see P24/7]
- 7(A) 6 January 1922 Orders of the day: statement by President de Valera;
 motion by the President that as the '...Articles of Agreement for a Treaty ..do not reconcile Irish national aspirations and the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Commonwealth, and cannot establish a lasting peace..Dail Eireann makes to the British government and people the following proposal..' [see P24/7 (B)];
 notice of a motion by Eoin MacNeill [see P24/8].

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- 7(B) 6 January 1922 The President's alternative proposals, submitted on foot of his motion, relating to the status of Ireland and the terms of its association with the Commonwealth.
- 8 7 January 1922 Extract from orders of the day: notice of a motion by Eoin MacNeill containing a definition of the sovereignty of Ireland.

b. Legislation

- 9 Decree as to the purported exercise of public functions, detailing penalties to be imposed for such exercise without the authority of the Republic.

c. Memoranda to the Dail

- 10 Memorandum on the work of the National Land Bank.

iii. Ministerial reports

- Copies of nine of eleven ministerial reports submitted at the second session of the first meeting of the Second Dail.
- 11 17 August 1921 Department of Foreign Affairs; report prepared by Riobard O Breandain, under-secretary, and presented by the Minister, Arthur Griffith. Included are the number and location of representatives abroad, with details of their reports.

- 12 17 August 1921 Department of Home Affairs; report concerns activities since the last session [May 1921] with reference to Republican Courts and police, bureaux for relief works, and emigration.
- 13 17 August 1921 Department of Finance; report submitted by Michael Collins includes a review of the operation of the department and a 'Statement of position as at close of business on 30 June 1921'.
- 14 17 August 1921 Department of Labour; report prepared by R. Mac Coistin, secretary. Includes details of activities under Madame Markievicz [19 August - 25 October 1919] with special reference to the National Conciliation Board for the settlement of trade disputes; activities under Alderman T. Kelly [7 July - 26 September 1920], substitute for Markievicz from her arrest, include the establishment of an employment bureau for men resigning from the R.I.C. for patriotic reasons, and of a bureau under Lily O'Brennan for the placement of members of the I.R.A. and Cumann na mBan forced to leave their previous employment; activities under Joseph McGrath, minister from October 1920.
- 15 17 August 1921 Ministry of National Language; report submitted by the minister, Sean T. O Ceallaigh, deals with proposals for the promotion of Irish through the educational system. [second copy in Irish]
- 16 17 August 1921 Department of Trade and Commerce [Ernest Blythe, minister]; report includes details of the appointment and trade activities of foreign consulates, the development of dressed meat exports, government finance to new industries, and the boycott of British goods.
- 17 17 August 1921 Department of Fisheries; report deals with the provision of boats, the results of the Congested Districts Board, markets at home and abroad, and the provision of ice and cold storage.
- 18 17 August 1921 Department of Agriculture; report deals with the land acquisition scheme under the Dail Loan Fund, agricultural labour disputes, and land troubles in the south and west.

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- 19 17 August 1921 Department of Publicity; report by the director, Desmond Fitzgerald, on the history and progress of the department with special reference to the establishment and dissemination of the Irish Bulletin.

iv. Reports of delegations

- 20 December 1921 Report to Dail Eireann from the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries includes dates and details of the Committees of the Primary Conference and information on informal meetings with Thomas Jones, secretary to the Cabinet.

v. Official publications

- 21 July - September 1921 23 issues of the Irish Bulletin, published by the Department of Publicity, Dail Eireann [vol. 5, nos. 39 - 75, incomplete].
- 22 October 1921 Official correspondence relating to the peace negotiations, June - September 1920.
- 23 14 December 1921 Agenda for the session of Dail Eireann.
- 24 December 1921 Text of the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland. [2 copies]

B. The Dail in its legislative capacity

i. The Cabinet

- 25 11 January - Minutes of cabinet meetings; the
27 February 1922 meetings of 11 - 13 January are the
last of the cabinet in a sole execu-
tive capacity. Matters discussed
include the appointment of ministers; the payment of out-
going ministers; an amnesty for prisoners to come into
effect with the institution of the Provisional Govern-
ment; the formation of the Provisional Government; the
convention of a meeting to approve the Treaty on 14
January at the Mansion House. Meetings from 16 January
are styled 'of Ministry' with the exception of meetings
on 16, 24 January, 'Cabinet', and 23 February, 'Cabinet
and [financial] Trustees'.
- 26 c. February 1922 Submission to cabinet by staff
involved in the organisation of the
Belfast Boycott; they protest against
their dismissal upon the termination of the boycott and
call for a guarantee of re-employment.

ii. The Dail in session

- 27 - 1 March - 10 copies of orders of the day,
36 18 May 1922 containing questions to the Dail and
motions tabled.

iii. Departmental reports

- 37 21 April 1922 Department of Education; report deals
with primary and secondary schools
and scholarships to preparatory
colleges [second copy in Irish].
- 38 April 1922 Ministry of Home Affairs; report deals
with the successful functioning of
Circuit Courts; difficulties in the
operation of district and parish courts; raids on court
offices by Irregulars and removal of court registers and
records; organisation of the police force and the enforce-
ment of the Decree against Emigration.

- 39 21 April 1922 Ministry of Labour; report deals with Irish railways, Canal Commissioners, creameries, the printing trade, the employment of female labour by Dublin master printers, and a dispute involving Irish Merchant Tailors. Included is an appendix listing cases reported for arbitration before 11 January 1922.
- 40 [April 1922] Department of Local Government; report deals with the distribution of relief along the western seaboard in cases of acute hardship occasioned by the troubles; also deals with the disruption of local finances due to non-payment of rates and recent growth and development within the department. [2 copies]
- 41 21 April 1922 Department of Trade; deals with the appointment and activities of consuls and the necessity for a carefully controlled customs tariff.
- 42 [?April 1922] Department of Publicity; deals with efforts made to counteract the belief that attacks on Belfast nationalists were perpetrated by Sinn Fein.

iv. Reports of committees
and delegations

- 43 January 1922 Report of a meeting informally arranged between five deputies from the anti-Treaty side and five from the Treaty side, held at the home of Sean T. O'Kelly, 4 - 5 January 1922, to discuss possible action to prevent a split in Dail Eireann in the event of the Treaty being accepted by the Dail. Notes the matters upon which agreement was reached.
- 44 28 February 1922 Report submitted by Seamus Breathnach, director, on the revival of Aonach Tailteann for August 1922. Included is a programme of events and estimated costs.

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- 45(1) 10 - 11 May 1922 Dail Committee on Agreed Election.
Report of the Treaty delegation to the Committee. Included is the text of the document submitted to the Committee as the final basis for an agreed election. Appendices include the basis for the formation of the Third Dail and the text of Harry Boland's proposals to the Committee. [The text of Boland's proposals differs here from that given by the Republican delegation; see P24/45(2)]
- 45(2) 11 May 1922 Dail Committee on Agreed Election.
Report of the Republican delegation, submitted as a supplement to the joint report. Included are proposals from Army officers present at Committee meetings.
- 45(3) 17 May 1922 Dail Committee on Agreed Election.
Report of the Treaty delegation on five sessions of the resumed Committee. Details discussion on proposals and counter-proposals.
- 45(4) 17 May 1922 Dail Committee on Agreed Election.
Report of the Republican delegation on resumed proceedings.

v. Official publications

- 46 February 1922 Dail accounts for the two half yearly periods ending 30 June 1921 and 31 December 1921.
- 47 April 1922 Dail interim accounts for the period 1 January - 10 April 1922.
[2 copies]
- 48 April 1922 Dail report on Foreign Affairs.
[bilingual, 2 copies]
- 49 April 1922 Report on the activities of the Labour Department for the period 11 January - 18 April 1922. [see P24/39]
- 50 ghost number

- 51 April 1922 Despatch from Army Council, Oglai^{gh} na hEireann, G.H.Q., Dublin, to each T.D. Included is a brief summary of events leading to the occupation of the Four Courts and the text of a letter to the Dail on 14 April containing an exposition of Irregular policy on the question of the Republic.

C. The Dail in prorogation

i. Reports to Cabinet/Provisional Government

- 52 July 1922 Ministry of Economic Affairs reports on railways, variously submitted to the minister [Trade and Commerce], to the acting chairman [Provisional Government], to the President, and to each minister.
[4 reports]
- 53 February - Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Copies of July 1922 correspondence with Count O'Byrne [Free State envoy] concerning his application for an audience with the Pope and the associated question of Papal recognition of the Free State.

ii. Secretariat to the President

Typescript copies and originals of Republican journals, prepared and collected for the information of President Griffith and his ministers.

- 54(A) 6, 10 July 1922 Nationality
- 54(B) 21 July 1922 The Fenian
- 54(C) 12 August 1922 The Nation

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- 54(D) June - Poblacht na hEireann [43 items]
September 1922
- 54(E) 1 September 1922 Freedom
- 54(F) 1 April 1922 Freeman's Journal
- 54(G) The I.R.A. in the West

iii. Official publications

An tOglach

- 55(A) 25 April 1922 regular issue
- 55(B) 29 July 1922 special war issue

IRISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

I. THE SOUTHERN PARLIAMENT

- 56 14 January 1922 Copy of the agenda for the 'Meeting convened in pursuance of Clauses 17 and 18 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, signed in London on 6 December 1922'.

II. IRISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

A. Provisional Government to 9 September 1922

i. Meetings of government

a. Minutes

Extracts from minutes of meetings of the Provisional Government, forwarded by the Secretary [Diarmuid O hEigear-taigh]. Extracts P.G. 69, 70, 73 [see P24/57 - 59] are sent to Blythe in his capacity as acting minister for Home Affairs and are annotated 'copy sent to Mr [E.J.] Duggan' [minister proper]. Extract P.G. 75 [see P24/60] is sent to Duggan in the first instance, with a copy sent to Blythe. Extracts P.G. 77, 78, 85 [see P24/61 - 63] are sent to Blythe in his capacity as minister for Trade.

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| 57 | 24 July 1922 | Extract with reference to Gormanstown Camp as an internment centre for captured Irregulars; Republican Courts; the stopping and examination of motor cars in Dublin. [P.G. 69] |
| 58 | 25 July 1922 | Extract with reference to partial rescindment of the decree creating Republican Courts. [P.G. 71] |
| 59 | [?July 1922] | Extract with reference to Dublin Metropolitan Police insignia. [P.G. 73] |
| 60 | 29 July 1922 | Extract with reference to the Civic Guards [P.G. 75] |
| 61 | 31 July 1922 | Extract with reference to accommodation for legal staff in Dublin Castle; to Civic Guard uniform and transfer of control of the Guard to Home Affairs. [P.G. 77] |
| 62 | 1 August 1922 | Extract with reference to North-East Ulster and the appointment of a committee to deal with relevant matters. [P.G. 78] |

- 63 8 August 1922 Extract with reference to the report of a commission on the Civic Guard; Kilmainham Military Prison and privileges for inmates. [P.G. 85]
- 64 [?August 1922] Oath of allegiance to the Provisional Government to be taken by members of the armed forces.

b. Documents submitted
for information

- 65 30 August 1922 Ministry of Agriculture. Copies of correspondence between Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, and Winston S. Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies, concerning the administration of the Diseases of Animals Act in the six county area. Included is a report from the Department on conditions in Derry.

c. Correspondence conducted by
the Provisional Government

- 66 22 - 23 June 1922 Correspondence between David Lloyd George, Prime Minister, and [Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh], Secretary to the Provisional Government on behalf of Michael Collins, Chairman. Correspondence concerns the assassins of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson and their suspected connection with the I.R.A. Lloyd George also requests that action be taken against the Irregular forces in the Four Courts. The Provisional Government's reply requests access to incriminating documents in the custody of the British Government, referred to by Lloyd George.
- 67 [c. July 1922] Letter from Michael Collins, Chairman, Provisional Government, to [W.T. Cosgrave], Acting Chairman, with reference to the administration of the licensing laws within the city of Dublin and whether this is to be carried out by the D.M.P. or the Civic Guard.

ii. Reports of committees and commissions

- 68 June 1922 Cost of living committee. Principal recommendation refers to the necessity for an immediate decision '... in regard to the Civil Service generally, and especially in regard to the Post Office...'
[see P24/75]
- 69 August 1922 Commission of enquiry into the Civic Guard. The report includes a resume of evidence with conclusions and recommendations.

iii. Ernest Blythe, Acting Minister for Home Affairs in the Provisional Government

a. Outgoing correspondence

- 70 9 August 1922 Memorandum in regard to policy on North-East Ulster, prepared by Blythe and sent by him to [J.J. Walsh], Postmaster General, Desmond FitzGerald [Minister for Foreign Affairs], and to the Ministers for Education [Finian Lynch] and Agriculture [P. Hogan].
- 71 August 1922 Note from Blythe to the Commissioner of the Civic Guards, enclosing correspondence from A.W. Cope, Dublin Castle, regarding the transfer of the Castle and of Ship Street Barracks to the custody of the Guards. Blythe requests the Commissioner's opinion.

b. Incoming correspondence

- 72 [?July 1922] Note from J.J. Walsh [Postmaster General] returning Blythe's memorandum on local courts [enclosed] and expressing his agreement.

- 73 28 July 1922 Letter from P. Hogan, Ministry of Agriculture, to Blythe, concerning the establishment of a new judicial system, with objections to parish and district courts. [probably with reference to Blythe's memorandum on local courts, see P24/72]
- 74 10 August 1922 Letter from Michael Collins, Commander-in-Chief, to Blythe, acknowledging receipt of a memorandum concerning Inspector Walsh's report [?on garrisoning in Dublin Castle] and enclosing queries on the subject.

iv. Official publications

- 75 June 1922 Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Cost of Living in Ireland. Marked 'Strictly Confidential' and 'To Mr Blythe'. [see P24/68]

B. Provisional Government, 9 September - 6 December 1922

i. Meetings of government

a. Documents circulated for information

- October 1922 Memoranda from Kevin O'Shiel, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Government.
- 76 The Boundary Commission Organisation.
- 77 Procedure at the Boundary Commission.
- 78 The Boundary Commission: the attitude of some people in the North-East.

79 26 October 1922 Letter from O.E. Niemeyer, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, to [William] O'Brien [Secretary, Department of Finance] concerning R.I.C. pensions.

ii. Secretariat to the Provisional Government

Typescript copies of republican newsheets, probably prepared for the information of Government.

80(A) 17 September 1922 Freedom
 80(B) 6 October 1922 The Nation
 80(C) October - Daily Bulletin [14 issues]
 November 1922

iii. Ernest Blythe, Minister for Local Government in the Provisional Government

81 23 September 1922 Letter from S. MacGrath, Accountant-General, to Blythe, enclosing a memorandum concerning 'dealings of Government moneys by Irregulars at Cork in July and August 1922'. Included is a letter from G.E. Dalton, Major-General, Command H.Q., Cork, to 'The Manager, Cork', requesting information as to deposit and current accounts opened since 1 July 1922, and details of the purchase of drafts and payment of cheques, in connection with the investigation into the seizure of public funds by Irregulars

82 20 November 1922 Memorandum from Seosamh O Braonain, Ministry of Finance, to Blythe, concerning matters discussed at the Minister's [W.T. Cosgrave] meeting with the Cabinet Committee on Irish Affairs at the Colonial Office, London, 9 - 10 November 1922.

- 83 [1922] Letter from D. Mac Aodhain, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, informing Blythe that he has called in vain to see him and asking his opinion of one Eamonn Mac Cuill.

iv. Official publications

- 84 1922 The Three Dominion Constitutions.
- 85 1922 Text of 'A Bill to enact a Constitution for Saorstát Eireann and for implementing the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland...' [annotated].
Copy of the English language version of the Free State Constitution.

III. DAIL EIREANN, 9 September - 6 December 1922

A. Ernest Blythe T.D.

- 86 7 September 1922 Letter from Dr Conn Murphy, 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, to Blythe 'as a member of the Dail'. Murphy complains of raids by Provisional Government forces on his home and that of his son-in-law, Pol O Fearghail, at Little Fortfield, Terenure.
- 87 [c.October 1922] Memorandum on the Constitution by Lord Middleton. Marked 'To Mr Blythe'.

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B. Official publications

- 88 1922 Report of the Committee on Standing Orders [procedure in the Dail]
- 89 1922 Typescript draft of the report of the Committee on Standing Orders with annotations and amendments by Blythe.

IRISH FREE STATE: SAORSTAT EIREANN, December 1922 - January 1932

I. FREE STATE CABINET

A. Documents submitted to Cabinet

- 90 [December 1922] Irregular activity in Great Britain: memorandum concerning the position of the British government in relation to such activity; prepared by [T.M. Healy] on the basis of a despatch received by him from the Duke of Devonshire [Secretary of State for the Colonies].

II. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. Documents submitted to the Executive Council, placed on the agenda of meetings

i. Submitted by Department of the President

- 91 May 1924 Personal property of de Valera at Washington office: letter from Professor T.A. Smiddy, Saorstat Minister Plenipotentiary to U.S.A., requesting permission to hand over property consisting of private papers and clothes to the mother of Eamon de Valera.

- 92 July 1924 Pensions: widows of 1916 patriots. Application to the Executive Council for an increase in the amount received under the Army Pensions Act 1924, from Mrs Aine Ceannt and Mrs Kathleen Clarke.
- 93 October 1924 Divorce: procedure on the introduction of private bills. Letter from [Michael Hayes] Ceann Comhairle, recommending that the Joint Committee on Standing Orders be called upon to submit standing orders on the above. Included is a copy of the committee's report and a copy notice for a meeting of the Catholic Truth Society on divorce.
- 94 June 1925. Seanad election: note from [John O' Byrne] Attorney-General, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to permit elections to the Seanad to take place before the expiry of the three year term of office. [A meeting of the Executive Council was especially convened to discuss this matter]
- 95 July 1925 Boundary Commission: copies of correspondence [November 1924 - July 1925] between F.B. Bourdillon, Secretary to the Boundary Commission, and the Office of the President of the Executive Council, with reference to the submission of evidence to the Commission by the Saorstát.
- 96 March 1931 Privy Council Appeals: covering note from [John A. Costello], Attorney-General, with enclosed draft bills, Supreme Court (Confirmation of Judgement) Act, 1931, and Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Act, 1931.

ii. Submitted by the Department of Finance

- 97(A) July 1925 Changes in the law concerning banking and note issue: memorandum on the constitution of the proposed Banking Commission with enclosed correspondence on the selection of members.
- 97(B) January 1926 Annuities for former ministers: memorandum on the proposed pension scheme.

- 98 July 1930 Tully Stud Farm: memorandum with special reference to the profits of the stud and the legal position as to the vesting of ownership of the stud in the Saorstat. Included is a survey of future prospects of the stud and a report on semi-official discussions with the British government concerning the change of ownership.
- 99 September 1931 Financial position: memorandum on the financial position of the Saorstat, prepared by J.J. McElligot [Secretary to the Department of Finance]. The severity of the country's financial position is stressed and economies in government expenditure are recommended rather than increases in taxation. Included is a supplementary memorandum based upon revised estimates for the tax year 1932-3, that '...have been prepared on the rather sanguine assumption that the present trade depression will continue [but] will not seriously increase in intensity during the period up to the 31 March 1933'. Marked 'Strictly Confidential'.

iii. Submitted by the Department of Agriculture

- 100 May 1924 Food control: memorandum on the organisation of food control during the First World War. Included is a draft Retail Prices Bill, concerned mainly with foodstuffs.

iv. Submitted by the Attorney-General
[Law Department]

- 101 October 1931 Courts of Justice Act, 1924: enclosing a copy of the report of the Joint Committee on the above and a memorandum on the report [enclosures missing].
- 102 January 1932 Theatre Royal: proposed renewal of patent. Report by John A. Costello as to the progress of the application with a draft form of renewed patent. Decision required: advice to the Governor-General to issue the patent under the Great Seal.

vi. Submitted by the Department of
External Affairs

- 109 November - Registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty
December 1924 by the Saorstat at the League of
Nations: copy of a despatch from J.H.
Thomas, Secretary of State for the
Colonies, to T.M. Healy, Governor-General, stating British
objections to such action on the basis that the Treaty
related to internal Commonwealth relations; copy of a
memorandum on the legal basis for registration; alternative
replies to Thomas' despatch, one to be chosen by the
Executive Council.
- 110 July 1925 Proposed visit to the U.S.A. by the
President or Vice-President and the
Minister for External Affairs: copy of
a letter from [T.A. Smiddy], Minister Plenipotentiary at
Washington, outlining the reasons for the visit.
- 111 June 1927 Judicial Committee of the Privy Council:
'Confidential' correspondence from
L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for
Dominion Affairs, concerning the proposed appointment of
Indian and Saorstat judges to the Committee to extend the
number of Dominion countries involved; memorandum advising
resistance to the proposed appointment since it would
strengthen the Dominion status of the Saorstat; draft reply
to Amery.
- 112 25 June 1931 Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Bill,
1931: copy of the draft bill - An Act
to amend the Constitution by making
absolute the finality of decisions of the Supreme Court.

vii. Submitted by the Department of
Industry and Commerce

- 113 July 1925 Limits of Territorial Waters: report
of the Interdepartmental Committee on
the necessity of claiming rights over
territorial inlets as defined at the Imperial Conference
in October 1923. Included is a definition of territorial
waters generally.

- 114 November 1929 Committee of enquiry into state insurance: the majority report consists of a survey of the type and volume of insurance business conducted by both national and foreign offices within the Saorstat and considers the major defects in insurance provision as they affect the state, the policyholder and domestic companies. A minority report dissociates itself from arguments advanced with regard to the insurance drain from the Saorstat and remedies for this. Included is a memorandum from John Leydon [Principal Officer, Department of Defence] on the activities of various governments in the areas of mining, shipping and railways and a memorandum from the Department of Industry and Commerce on the problems of the insurance system in the Saorstat with recommendations as to possible solutions.
- 115 March 1931 Cement manufacture in the Saorstat: memorandum containing a review of replies received from cement manufacturers in Britain, Germany, Belgium and France, in answer to a circular letter from the Executive Council enquiring as to the conditions under which a cement factory might be established in the Saorstat; memorandum registering disapproval of state involvement in the industry.
- 116 April 1931 Proposed establishment of an oil refinery: memorandum containing a review of this project proposed by agents of an undisclosed American company; includes a consideration of the difficulties inherent in the transfer of public money to such a scheme.
- viii. Submitted by the Department
of Justice
- 117 December 1924 - Exhumation of the remains of prisoners:
June 1925 memorandum concerning 13 men executed by the British military authorities during February - May 1921 and buried in Cork Prison; request for exhumation and re-burial submitted by relatives of the men.
- 118 January 1931 Execution of warrants in criminal cases: memorandum on proposed legislation establishing reciprocity in this matter with Britain and Northern Ireland. Attached is a booklet issued by the Department, Reciprocity (Justice), 1928.

124 contd. McGilligan] , Minister for External Affairs; memorandum from H.S. Murray [Private Secretary] to the Minister for External Affairs concerning state recognition for acts of heroism; memorandum from the Department of External Affairs on the manner of creation of the proposed order of merit, with special reference to the constitutional problems raised by the doctrine of non-delegated royal prerogatives; also deals with the form of the proposed order, using the Legion d'Honneur as an example; draft constitution of the proposed order prepared by the Department of External Affairs and modified by the Vice-President; correspondence and printed matter concerning orders of merit in various countries.

125 June 1930 State decoration of honour: draft letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Saorstát, establishing the Order of the Legion of St. Patrick; revised draft of the letters patent and draft of the statutes of the proposed order of merit, forwarded by J.J. Hearne [legal adviser to the Department of External Affairs] to J.P. Walsh [Secretary to the Department].

xi. Submitted by several departments
in conjunction

126 [c.1929] Rates in relation to agricultural and industrial production: interdepartmental memorandum to the Vice-President, Minister for Finance, and Minister for Posts and Telegraphs [all positions held by Blythe], containing a survey of a derating scheme recently adopted in Britain and proposed for implementation in Northern Ireland; considers the means of application of such a scheme to the Saorstát and alternative means of securing rates relief; included is a report of a committee of Cumann na nGaedheal on proposals to derate land.

B. Documents submitted to members of
the Executive Council for their information

i. From the Department of the President

- 127 March 1923 Financial agreements between the British and Saorstát governments, marked 'Secret' and 'Property of His Britannic Majesty's Government'.
- 128 November 1923 - Passports issued by the Saorstát:
May 1924 correspondence with the British government on the question of the description of the nationality of passport bearers, with special reference to the omission of the term 'British subject' as a breach of the Treaty.
- 129 May 1924 . Boundary Commission: letter from P. Mac Leidern, Omeath, Co. Louth, concerning the activities of B Special Constables and the R.U.C. in Co. Down and referring to the possibility of an attack by Frank Aiken on the North; correspondence between the President and [Kevin O'Higgins] Minister for Home Affairs, concerning the possibility of ambiguity of interpretation of Article XII of the Treaty; memorandum from Kevin O'Shiel concerning the proposed visit by the Duke of York to Northern Ireland; letter from James MacNeill concerning the opinions of the British government as transmitted to him by A.W. Cope.
- 130 August 1924 Boundary Commission: advisability of publication of correspondence on the constitution of the Boundary Commission between the British and Irish governments; includes a copy of Irish Free State and Northern Ireland Correspondence, Stationery Office, London, June 1924.
- 131 October 1924 Committee to consider an offer to the North-East: report of the committee including opinions on possible plans as forming the basis for a union.

- 132 October 1924 Constitution of the Boundary Commission: correspondence between J.H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and James MacNeill, Free State High Commissioner (January - April 1924); includes a copy of Selected Correspondence between the British and Saorstát Governments, Stationery Office, May 1924.
- 133 October 1924 Consultation between Britain and self-governing dominions: copies of telegrams from [J.H. Thomas], Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Governors-General of all dominion countries concerning a revision of the system of consultation.
- 134 November 1924 Irregular campaign indemnity: copy of a resolution by the Executive Council for the discontinuation of prosecutions in respect of criminal acts committed or alleged to have been committed between 6 December 1921 and 12 May 1923, '..in connection with the state of rebellion and public disturbances..'
- 135 December 1924 Revival of Irish republicanism in the U.S.A.: copies of despatches from the British Embassy in the U.S.A. to L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, transmitted by Amery to the President; the reports concern Sinn Fein fund-raising in New York and the return of republican sympathisers to Dublin; included is a query from Amery as to whether such transmissions from him would be welcome in the future.
- 136 January 1925 Revival of Irish republicanism in the U.S.A.: draft reply by [Desmond Fitzgerald], Minister for External Affairs, in response to the query by L.S. Amery [P24/135]; declares his satisfaction that '..information of this nature should be conveyed by His Majesty's Ambassador direct to the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State at Washington..'
- 137 February 1927 Boundary Commission: letter from F.C. Bourdillon, Secretary to the Commission, to the President, detailing conditions under which the Commission is to conduct its sittings.

- 138 March 1925 Lecture tour by de Valera in Belgium:
Despatch from the Office of the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, to T.M. Healy, Governor-General, concerning the refusal by the Belgian government to allow de Valera to enter the country in pursuance of an invitation to him from the Flemish Catholic University Students' Union. Marked 'Confidential'.
- 139 May 1925 Soviet press and alleged famine in Ireland: despatch from the British representative at Moscow to L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, transmitted by Amery to the President of the Executive Council, concerning reports in the Soviet press of 750,000 'Irish peasants' suffering from famine, and details of relief measures undertaken by the Russian Red Cross.
- 140 June 1925 Royal Dublin Fusiliers - deposit of flags: letter from G.C. Whiskard, Downing St., to the President of the Executive Council, recommending the deposit in St. Patrick's Cathedral of flags from Battalions 6-10, subject to the approval of the Saorstát government.
- 141 November 1925 Boundary Commission: memorandum from the Commission concerning the administration of old age pensions and Customs and Excise in areas to be transferred by the Commission; correspondence with the Office of the President concerning proposals for a conference between the British and Irish governments for the purpose of communicating the decisions of the Commission.
- 142 December 1925 Anglo-Irish meeting: notes on proceedings of the meeting at 11 Downing St., '..in connection with the financial side of the Agreement..' [Treaty].
- 143 May 1927 Conference under Article VI of the Treaty: draft despatch to the British government prepared by Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh, secretary to the President of the Executive Council, proposing a postponement of the proposed conference; includes a despatch from the Department of External Affairs to L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, concerning the same topic, and an extract from the Cork Examiner containing a report of possible postponement. Annotated 'Coastal Defence'.

- 144 January 1928 Installation of the Governor-General:
2 copies of the programme for the
ceremony of installation of James
MacNeill and for a dinner to be given
in his honour.
- 145 April 1930 Financing of the Irish Press: circulars
to potential subscribers in the U.S.A.,
including appeals by de Valera for
funds.
- 146 April 1930 de Valera in the U.S.A.: text of a
speech by de Valera, transmitted by
W.F. Schilling, Federal Farm Board,
from notes taken by his secretary at the meeting in the
Carlton Hotel, Washington D.C.; the speech consists of
an appeal for funds towards the establishment of a news-
paper in Ireland [Irish Press].

ii. From the Department of the President,
submitted initially by other departments

a. Department of Finance

- 147 October 1931 Economy proposals in public sector pay:
memorandum from the Department of
Finance concerning primary teachers'
salaries, Garda Siochana pay, and old age pensions, in-
cluding tables showing potential savings from certain per-
centage reductions in the wages of national teachers and
gardai.

b. Attorney-General
 [Law Department]

- 148 August 1924 Crown revenues: note from John O'Byrne, Attorney-General, concerning an earlier memorandum submitted by his department dealing with crown rents and quit rents.
- 149 October 1924 Shooting of William Harrington: memorandum from John O'Byrne referring to the extent to which the accused in this case is covered by the operation of the Indemnity Act, 1923.
- 150 July 1925 Boundary Commission: draft memorandum arising from representations to the Commission by the Saorstat government; concerns proposals for the settlement of a dispute relating to the catchment area of water works situated largely in Saorstat territory.
- 151 February 1932 Land Purchase Annuities: memorandum from John A. Costello, Attorney-General, containing an outline '..of contentions and arguments contained in the recent White Paper on the subject of the Land Purchase Annuities..'

c. Department of Defence

- 152 February - Collins Memorial: copies of correspondence between Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, T.M. Healy, Governor-General, and W.T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, concerning a cross provided by the Governor-General for erection over the grave of Michael Collins.

153 March 1924 Army organisation: memorandum on the future position of British military and naval reservists resident in the Saorstat; memorandum from General Eoin O'Duffy, seeking clarification of his position as Chief-of-Staff; report from the Office of the Chief-of-Staff on the departments, units and services of the army, marked 'Secret'; list of reserve officers.

154 April 1927 Army organisation: memorandum from General Eoin O'Duffy.

d. Department of External Affairs

155 July 1924 Appointment of a Minister Plenipotentiary to the U.S.A.: notes on a conference between [Desmond Fitz-Gerald], Minister for External Affairs, and representatives of the British government, held at the Colonial Office; includes a copy of the warrant of appointment of T.A. Smiddy as Minister Plenipotentiary.

156 January -
October 1924 Boundary Commission: notes by W.T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, on the line to be adopted at the proposed Boundary Conference; copies of correspondence between W.T. Cosgrave, T.M. Healy, Governor-General, J.H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, and Sir James Craig, concerning the conference and its postponement due to the ill-health of Sir James; memorandum from James MacNeill, Saorstat High Commissioner in London, concerning the necessity of obtaining from the new Conservative government a definite assurance as to its attitude towards the findings of the Boundary Commission.

157 October 1926 Ireland and the League of Nations: correspondence with British and Dominion delegations concerning the candidature of the Saorstat for membership of the Council of the League; memorandum from Blythe, Minister for Finance, concerning the future organisation of delegations to the League, based upon the experience of his 1926 visit, including a draft copy, annotated by the minister.

158 July 1927 Conference on the limitation of armaments: report from [S.P. Breathnach] Secretary to the Department of External Affairs, of proceedings at the conference he is attending on behalf of the minister.

159 March 1928 Saorstataireann Passports: record of a conversation between [Patrick Mc Gilligan], Minister for External Affairs, and Lord Lovat, at the Dominions Office, concerning the proposal that holders of Saorstataireann passports be described as '..one of H.M. subjects of the Irish Free State..' in order to facilitate Saorstataireann citizens seeking assistance from British consular officials.

160 April 1928 Territorial waters of the Saorstataireann: memoranda on (1) Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough, prepared by P.S. O'Hegarty [Secretary to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs], and (2) Lough Foyle fisheries, prepared by [John A. Costello], Attorney-General; copies of correspondence between W.T. Cosgrave, Lord Craigavon, Stanley Baldwin, and A.A. Babington, concerning the jurisdiction of Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners over the Port of Derry; Northern Ireland draft bill to amend the law relating to fisheries as it applies to the Lough and River Foyle; confidential report from the Attorney-General on the meeting concerning Lough Foyle (May 1928); confidential report from the Garda Síochána.

e. Department of Industry
and Commerce

161 February 1927 Electricity Supply Board: memoranda on compensation payable in connection with board undertakings and an estimate of the activities of the board in the early years of its existence.

- 166 November 1929 Application for a licence--Renvyle Hotel: copies of correspondence with Judge Wyse Power concerning remarks made by him as to the unfair administration of justice in Ireland, at a hearing at Galway Circuit Court, of an application by Oliver St. John Gogarty for a licence for his hotel; included is a transcript of the hearing; also included is a copy of Deputy Grattan Esmond's question in the Dail concerning this matter, and the proposed reply of [J. Fitzgerald Kenny], Minister for Justice.
- 167 April 1930 Powers of the Garda Siochana: memorandum on powers to make arrests without warrant, prepared in consequence of decisions taken in actions against detectives.
- 168 March - April 1930 Communist activities: intelligence reports on a meeting of the Irish section of the Peasant Farmers' Organisation (Kristerstern), at the Town Hall, Galway; copy of a speech by Peadar O'Donnell outlining the objects of the organisation; report on the election of delegates to the European Peasants' Congress at Berlin; list of attendance at the meeting. Note on departmental policy with regard to applications received from members of Kristerstern and from Irregulars; report on Bob Stewart, leader of the organisation. Report on the eviction of the Irish Labour Defence League from their headquarters at 6 Gardiner Row. Report on the first annual conference of the Irish Workers Press Groups including a copy of the 'Manifesto to the Workers of Ireland' issued to canvass support for the publication of the Workers' Voice.
- 169 April 1930 Revolutionary organisations in the Saorstat: memorandum containing details on various organisations, including addresses, names of committee members and active workers; included is a copy of a Sinn Fein pamphlet 'The Republic of Ireland addresses the Pope'.
- 170 December 1931 Anti-state activities: copy of a subversive leaflet sent by the I.R.A. to members of the defence forces.

iii. From the Attorney-General
 [Law Department]

- 171 April 1923 Boundary Commission: memorandum from Kevin O'Sheil, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Government, on the structure and operation of the Commission [2 copies, incomplete, first page missing]; report on possible boundary lines.
- 172 July 1923 Border report: memorandum from Kevin O'Sheil on the activities of the Ulster Constabulary and B Specials on the border.
- 173 18 May 1928 Knights of St. Patrick: copy of a letter from John A. Costello, Attorney-General, concerning the present position in law of the Knights, with reference to the conferring of honours by the British government upon Saorstát citizens.

iv. From the Department of
 Agriculture and Lands

- 174 April 1923 Land Bill: memorandum from the Department of Agriculture on the terms of the Land Bill (1923).
- 175 January 1927 Dairy industry: memorandum from Patrick Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, with particular reference to the organisation and funding of co-operative creameries, and proposals that the government purchase the premises, plant and equipment of the Condensed Milk Co. of Ireland and other private creamery companies

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v. From the Department of
Defence

- 176 February 1924 District Inspector Nixon: confidential report on the activities of the D.I.
- 177 July 1924 Gazetting of James Fitzpatrick: report on his state of health and on his family.
- 178 November -
December 1925 Reserve forces: memorandum from the Chief of Staff on the formation of reserve forces.

vi. From the Department of
External Affairs

- 179 January 1925 Irish-American relations: letter from T.A. Smiddy [Minister Plenipotentiary to U.S.A.], to Desmond FitzGerald, Minister for External Affairs, explaining his refusal of a dinner invitation from the Sulgrave Institute on the grounds of that organisation's previous hostility to Irish freedom and his fear that acceptance would alienate friendly organisations.
- 180 March 1925 Settlement of international disputes: Includes telegrams from the Governors-General of Canada and Australia and from the 'government' of India; draft communique from the British government to the League of Nations; memorandum from the Department of External Affairs on the Geneva Protocol; League of Nations communique on arbitration, security and the reduction of armaments.
- 181 June 1925 Republican funds in the U.S.A.: copies of correspondence between M.P. Colivet, 'Aire Airgid', and Sean T. O Ceallaigh, 'Envoy to U.S.A.', concerning the U.S. Republican Fund; includes a statement of expenditure on the fund; copies sent by Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh to Blythe; the material 'has accidentally fallen into our hands'.

- 182 October 1925 Boundary Conference: despatches received from L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, concerning the proposed conference to be held in London.
- 183 November 1925 Resignation of Eoin MacNeill: copies of correspondence with the British government concerning the resignation of MacNeill as Irish representative to the Boundary Commission; letter from James MacNeill, Saorstat High Commissioner, to Desmond FitzGerald, discussing the matter.
- 184 June 1927 Political activities of Catholic priests: memorandum from Odo Russell, British representative to the Vatican on the Catholic church's attitude to the above; copy sent by L.S. Amery.
- 185 December 1928 Dominion representatives: copy of a telegram from L.S. Amery to the governments of Dominion countries, concerning the method of informing foreign governments that a new accredited representative from a Dominion country is to be appointed.
- 186 September 1928 - Kellogg Pact: copies of communiques
June 1929 from L.S. Amery concerning the protocol surrounding the signing of the Kellogg Anti-War Pact, with special reference to the choice of the plenipotentiary to sign on behalf of Ireland.
- 187 1929 Dominion disputes: material concerning the arbitration of such disputes by an international court, as discussed at a meeting of the League of Nations; includes a copy of the text of a speech by Desmond FitzGerald to the Assembly of the League.
- 188 1929 Diplomatic appointments: copies of communiques between L.S. Amery and the governments of the Saorstat, Canada and South Africa concerning the form of notification to be used for diplomatic appointments by Dominion countries; included is a copy of the form of notification from the Saorstat government appointing Count Gerald O'Kelly representative to France.

- 189 August 1929 Colonial Courts of Admiralty: memoranda prepared by the Department of External Affairs concerning: the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1880; the genesis and growth of admiralty jurisdiction; future jurisdiction legislation.
- vii. From the Department of Home Affairs / Justice
- 190 November 1923 - Public Meetings Bill: copy of the Bill
October 1924 with comments and observations from [Hugh Kennedy], Attorney-General; memorandum from J.A. Costello [assistant to the Attorney-General] on the Right of Public Meeting; memorandum from Kevin O'Higgins concerning changes in the Bill, proposed to eliminate constitutional difficulties and forwarding a copy of the revised Bill; memorandum outlining Blythe's views on the Bill, prepared for Kevin O'Higgins on the President's request.
- 191 ghost number
- 192 November 1923 Hunger strikes: daily schedules of the number of strikers in each gaol and internment camp, including details of numbers coming off strike and numbers released because of it; memorandum on the attitudes of various public bodies to the strikes; letter from James O'Daly, Clones, Co. Monaghan, to Blythe, concerning Blythe's visit to Dr. [Conor] Ward [Garda medical officer, Monaghan]; memorandum from Eoin MacNeill concerning his negotiations with prominent members of Cumann na nGaedheal for the release of hunger strikers.
- 193 November 1923 Release of prisoners: confidential letter from [Kevin O'Higgins], Minister for Justice, to the President of the Executive Council, circulated to all members of the Executive Council; he advises that the timing of the release of internees be delayed so as not to appear to be capitulating to the hunger strike and proposes Christmas as an opportune time for release.

- 194 October 1924 Nolle Prosequi cases: material concerning cases arising out of land agitation, held at the Co. Kerry Circuit Court, including lists of defendants returned for trial, their offences and observations from Chief Superintendent Hennigan.
- 195 July 1924 Prisoners held by the Northern Ireland government: memorandum on the legislative procedure to be adopted to include such prisoners in the provisions of the Military Service Pensions Bill.
- 196 December 1924 British honours for Saorstat citizens: copy of a letter from Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, to Kevin O'Higgins, concerning a proposal to confer a baronetcy upon T.J. Moloney and a knighthood upon retired Lord Justice James O'Connor; memorandum from President Cosgrave refusing to accept that honours should be conferred upon a Saorstat citizen by another government.
- 197 January 1925 Old Age Pensions: draft reply from Kevin O'Higgins to Rev. M. Brennan, Roscommon Cumann na nGaedheal, concerning government policy on old age pensions and refuting the allegation that the government is pursuing a 'business policy' in disregard of 'Irish ideals'.
- viii. From the Vice-President
- 198 February 1931 Proportional representation: memorandum prepared by Blythe [originally prepared c. 1925] advocating that proportional representation be replaced by single-member constituencies to prevent the formation and proliferation of small parties.
- 199 — Gaeltacht areas: proposed terms of reference [prepared by Blythe] of a commission to be appointed for the preservation of Gaeltacht areas.

- 200 --- Taxation: memorandum intended to form the basis of a statement by the Executive Council with particular reference to taxation measures to meet the economic crisis.
- 201 1931 Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Act: drafts of a bill entitled an act to amend the Constitution by inserting therein an article making better provision for safeguarding the rights of the people and containing provisions for meeting a prevalence of disorder.

C. Reports presented to the Executive Council
by bodies responsible to it

i. Saorstát Delegation to the
League of Nations

- 202 September 1923 Report of the Saorstát delegation to the fourth Assembly of the League.
- 203 September 1928 Report of the Saorstát delegation to the ninth assembly of the League.

ii. North-East Boundary Bureau

- 204 1923 - 4 Material concerning the activities of the Bureau including: correspondence between W.T. Cosgrave and J.J. Walsh, Postmaster-General, concerning the transfer of post office functions to the N.I. government; reports by the Bureau on (1) conditions in Belfast and Derry with special reference to displaced Catholics, (2) the situation in the N.I. parliament with reference to internal Unionist dissension and the growth of a labour movement, (3) popular opinion in N.I. on union with the Saorstát; letter from Cahir Healy concerning the forthcoming Boundary Conference; minute from the Publicity Department, Belfast Newsletter,

204 contd. on the boundary issue; correspondence between Blythe and the Rev. E. Coyle, Beleek, Co. Derry, concerning Saorstát government payments to St. Columb's College, Derry; Bureau correspondence on a review of the Ulster question in the Economist; memorandum from the Bureau on the continuing occupation of Beleek by British troops; notice of a meeting of the Executive Council dealing with the boundary question; correspondence with Bernard Coyle, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan, concerning the custody of the registration books of Crossmaglen Rural District Council, Co. Antrim; correspondence with Sean Finan, Ballybay, concerning the blocking of Anny Bridge on the Fermanagh-Monaghan border by Ulster Special Constabulary; memorandum from the Bureau on the contributions by N.I. to the imperial exchequer; pamphlet of published correspondence between T.M. Healy, Governor-General and the Registrar of the Privy Council; memorandum from the Publicity Department with reference to American opinion on the boundary question, and from the Saorstát High Commissioner on the opinion of the British government; extracts from House of Commons debates on the boundary question.

205 1924 - 6 Memoranda preliminary to the Boundary Commission including forecasts of practical steps to be taken by the Commission, and the possibility of an offer being made by the Saorstát to the N.I. government; reports of visits to Newry, Armagh, Derry, Enniskillen, Cookstown, Dungannon and Omagh during 1925 and 1926; memorandum on N.I.'s imperial contributions; copy of the Bureau's final report.

iii. Intoxicating Liquor Commission

206 May 1925 Letter concerning the minutes of evidence from the sittings of the Commission in March and April. [minutes missing]

iv. Coimisiun na Gaeltachta

207 1926 3 maps presented by the Coimisiun to the Executive Council showing the Irish-speaking and partly-Irish-speaking districts as defined by the Coimisiun, and the number and percentage of Irish speakers in each District Electoral Division according to the 1911 Census and the Coimisiun's own special enumeration, 1925.

v. Army Enquiry Committee

- 208 April - June 1924 Application to the Executive Council for authority to grant assurances of immunity to witnesses before the Committee; scheme for the reorganisation of the army, including explanatory notes, submitted by [Sean MacEoin] Chief of Staff; copy of the report of the Committee with the Chairman's reservations.

vi. Oireachtas Accommodation

- 209 June 1924 Report of the Joint Committee on the temporary accommodation of the Oireachtas.

vii. Coinage and Currency

- 210 June 1924 Interim report of an informal committee on coinage and currency notes, including a statement by H.S. Guinness, late Governor, Bank of Ireland, and a draft memorandum from the Department of Finance.

211 viii. Constitution Committee (Amendments)

- 211 1926 Memorandum on amendments considered necessary by the Department of Finance; minutes of meetings of the Committee and copy of the draft final report; notes on amendments from Chief Justice Hugh Kennedy; letter from Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, to Thomas Johnson T.D., setting forth those provisions of the draft constitution essential to preserve the Treaty position; copy of the draft constitution.

- 212 January 1928 Memorandum prepared by the Revenue Commissioners for the Economic Committee, containing an estimate of Saorstat capital investment in N.I. and outside Ireland, and an estimate of capital investment in the Saorstat by N.I. residents and by foreign nationals.
- 213 March 1929 Minutes of meetings of the Committee including evidence submitted by the State Chemist in relation to flour testing, and evidence submitted on behalf of Boland's Ltd. [millers and bakers]
- 214(A) 1929 Economic Committee Memoranda:
 (1) domestic, industrial and commercial consumption of electricity and fuel, with statistics from the Census of Industrial Production, 1926, of the quantity and value of raw materials for energy produced in and imported into the Saorstat;
 (2) summary of analysis of balance sheets of Irish banks, 1913, and 1923-7;
 (3) capital and income, external trade, transport charges, and consumption, production and unemployment;
 (4) Revenue Commissioners memorandum on capital investment in the Saorstat and abroad.
- 214(B) 1929 Flour milling, technical and commercial aspects: submission of evidence by A. Bridges, manager, Dublin Port Milling Co. Ltd., with special reference to the moisture content allowance pertaining to the purchase of Irish wheat, and unfair competition from the sale of imported wheat at cut price.
- 214(C) 1929 Insurance: estimates of annual premium income in the Saorstat from industrial, life, fire and general insurances; notes on invested reserves in respect of premium income; comparative international survey of state monopolization of insurance and state competition in insurance.
- 214(D) 1929 Flour milling, protection of industry: draft report by Sean Lemass, T.D., on the necessity for import duty on flour and the prohibition of importation or milling of patent [refined] flour; draft majority report of the Committee with draft order on the importation of patent flour; notes on the customs implications of the draft order; evidence of W.J. Freeman and D.J. O'Donohue, Boland's Ltd.; copy of the preliminary report on the distinction between straight run and patent flour.

- 214(E) 1929 Railways: submission from the Irish General Railway and Engineering Union with comments on the submission from Deputy Lemass; Great Southern Railways census of staff and revenue.
- 214(F) 1929 Wheat, flour, bread: reports from the Department of Industry and Commerce; statistics on bread, flour, biscuit and confectionery production as per the Census of Production 1926; summary of external trade, 1927-8; statistics on the consumption of food by livestock and on wheat consumption; memorandum on flour and bread prices; statistics on the cost of growing wheat and oats.
- 214(G) 1929 Wheat subsidy proposals: report on the current position of wheat production and flour milling; draft majority report of the Committee on the possibilities of promoting wheat production to replace imported with home-grown grains in the flour milling industry.
- 214(H) [1928] Banks operating in the Saorstát: memorandum from Captain Nutting on the total deposit and credit balances in Saorstát banks, their interest rates, and the banking facilities available to farmers.
- 214(I) 1929 Builders' materials: Department of Industry and Commerce (Statistics Branch) table showing the quantities of certain builders' materials made in the Saorstát in 1926 and the quantities imported and exported in the same year.
- 214(J) December 1928 - January 1929 Relief of unemployment: proposals for the relief of unemployment in the Saorstát, made by Fordhams Ltd., Mining Experts and Financiers. Included is correspondence concerning the proposals between Fordhams, the Committee, J.W. Dulanty, Saorstát High Commissioner in London, J.L. Leydon, Department of Finance, and Gordon Campbell, Department of Industry and Commerce; also included are notes by Campbell and cuttings from the Irish Times.

- 219 October 1929 Imperial Conference, memoranda for the Saorstat delegation: prerogative of mercy; Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; reservation of bills and disallowance of acts; extraterritorial jurisdiction; admiralty jurisdiction in Ireland; Colonial Courts of Admiralty; Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1865; nationality and citizenship; Irish Free State and British statutes on extradition; merchant shipping; Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill, 1900; report to Imperial governments of the Imperial Communications Advisory Committee.
- E. Army Reports submitted to the Executive Council
- 220 April 1923 Report from Captain McNaughten on the situation in Pettigo, Co. Donegal, on 9 April, with a review of the situation there since the Free State administration took over from British troops in January.
- 221 [March 1924] Confidential report of Eoin O'Duffy, General Officer Commanding the Forces, with reference to the recent mutiny in the Army; the report deals with Irregular activities, the protection of British troops, the present strength of the Army, commissions for officers, and the proportion of ex-British officers in the Army; included are copies of Irregular communiques (1) order of the day from Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff, to all ranks concerning the Free State Army mutiny (2) circular read to all companies in the Dublin Brigade concerning applications for state pensions from widows and dependants of Volunteers killed on active service before 1 April 1922. Appended to the report are statistics of officers resigning because of the Army crisis, rolls of deserters, and an inventory of arms, ammunition and equipment.
- 222 April 1924 - Confidential monthly reports from the
April 1926 General Officer Commanding the Forces, April-September 1924, and from the Department of the Chief of Staff, January 1925-April 1926 [April 1925 missing]. Included is a confidential police report, May 1924, a memorandum from the Department of Defence on the position of General O'Duffy in relation to the Defence Forces, and a memorandum on the Irregular recruiting campaign and meetings of Irregular T.D.s., July 1925.

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- 223 1929 Confidential report from General Sean MacEoin to [Desmond FitzGerald] Minister for Defence, for the half-year ended March 1929.
- 224 March 1930 Confidential report submitted by [Major-General Seosamh Mac Suibhne], Chief of Staff, to the Department of Defence.
- 225 1927-9 Inspection reports for the 1 Battalion, Galway Brigade, and the 1 Battalion, Limerick No. 4 Brigade, including a memorandum on the establishment of a volunteer force.
- 226 [c.1929] Appendix 1 of a draft memorandum on military and air forces, consisting of a survey of the legal provisions surrounding the military establishment.

F. Correspondence conducted by the Executive Council

i. Within the Saorstát

- 227 November 1924 Legion of Irish Ex-Servicemen: enquiry concerning the propriety of the proposed attendance of the Governor-General and the President of the Executive Council at the Armistice Day celebrations.
- 228 May 1925 Visit of Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne: letter from Sean Lester, Department of External Affairs, to Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh, Secretary to the Executive Council, giving notice of the visit and enclosing extracts from the Irish World and Sinn Fein, commenting upon the visit.

229 May-June 1925 Seanad election: circular to all ministers requesting nominations for the Seanad election, enclosing a memorandum outlining procedures for election; replies from [Kevin O'Higgins], Minister for Justice, [Fionan Lynch], Minister for Fisheries, and [Eoin MacNeill], Minister for Education; enclosed list of nominees amended by Blythe.

230 December 1924 - Committee of Enquiry on the Preservation of the Gaeltacht: correspondence between January 1925 Blythe, General Richard Mulcahy, and Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education, on the appointment of personnel to the Committee; included is a memorandum and minute on the subject.

ii. Foreign correspondence

a. Outgoing

231 [c. 1923] Boundary Commission: letter from the Executive Council in reply to F.C. Bourdillon, Secretary to the Boundary Commission, enclosing a statement from the Executive Council [missing] and naming the Saorstát representatives on the Commission.

232 [c. May 1924] Boundary Commission: draft of a letter from W.T. Cosgrave to F.C. Bourdillon, stating the views of the Saorstát government in relation to the Commission.

233 [c. 1925] H.M. Yacht Brittania: draft of a letter from the Executive Council to L.S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, advising the refusal of an invitation to race at Dun Laoghaire, on the grounds of possible demonstrations of hostility.

- 234 February 1924 - Boundary Commission: letters from Cahir
November 1925 Healy, M.P. for Fermanagh-Tyrone,
offering to represent the views of
N.I. nationalists at the Commission.
- 235 July 1924 Boundary Commission: telegrams from
J.H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the
Colonies, announcing the impending
arrival of Mr. Justice Feetham, Chairman of the Boundary
Commission, on a visit to Dublin; letter from Feetham to
W.T. Cosgrave detailing the results of his negotiations
with Sir James Craig to arrive at an agreed settlement
between the N.I. and Saorstát governments; minute by
Feetham of his Dublin talks with Cosgrave, including
details of undertakings given in regard to the Boundary
Commission.
- 236 November 1924 Resignation of Ramsay MacDonald:
telegram from J.H. Thomas to T.M. Healy,
informing him of the resignation of the
government and extending 'cordial go
wishes' to the President of the Executive Council; copy of
Healy's reply; telegram from L.S. Amery giving notice of
his assumption of the post of Secretary of State for the
Colonies and Dominions in succession to Thomas.
- 237 June 1925 Irish Free State Damage to Property
(Compensation) Act: letter from L.S.
Amery to President Cosgrave, with
reference to inconsistencies in the Act as regards income
tax relief; includes copy of a House of Commons tabled
question concerning the Earl of Shelbourne's estates.
- 238 June-July 1925 Development of the Department of
Dominion Affairs: four telegrams from
L.S. Amery to T.M. Healy, announcing
the intended creation of the new department as a branch
of the Colonial Office; outline of arrangements for
communication between Dominion Prime Ministers; announcement
of the appointment of Amery as Secretary of State for the
new department; personal message from Amery on entering
his new post; included is a telegram in reply from Healy.
[file later circulated within the Department of Finance]
- 239 November 1926 Article 6 of the Treaty: letter from
L.S. Amery concerning the proposed
Conference to be held in accordance
with Article 6 of the Treaty; requests a brief meeting in
December to be followed by a fuller Conference in February
1927.

III. ERNEST BLYTHE: CABINET POSITIONS HELD

A. Minister for Trade and Commerce

- 240 May 1922 Air Council: letter from Charles F. Russell, Secretary, Air Council, Ministry of Defence, and Director of Civil Aviation, to Blythe, Minister for Trade and Commerce, enclosing an agenda and supporting documentation for a forthcoming meeting of the Air Council; including are memoranda on foreign air services and subsidies for civil aviation.

B. Minister for Local Government

- 241 February 1923 Distillation of poteen: confidential memorandum from the Commander-in-Chief, Portobello Barracks, to Blythe, concerning the illicit distillation of poteen.
- 242 — Glenavy Affair: memorandum from Kevin O'Shiel, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Government.

C. Acting Minister for Defence

- 243 January - Council of Defence: agenda for meetings of the Council of Defence to discuss Defence Force regulations; memoranda concerning the provisional return of expenditure on the Army Pensions Vote and statistics on the rates of pay of married and single men in the Defence Forces.

- 244 1928 - 9 Defence plans: reports and memoranda on preparations for war, issued by the Defence Plans Division of the General Staff; Army confidential report for the half-year ended 30 September 1929.
- 245 October 1929 Officer Training Corps: copy of a letter from Blythe, Acting Minister for Defence in the absence of Desmond FitzGerald in America, to Dr. D.J. Coffey, President, University College, Dublin, arranging an appointment for Major-General Brennan to call on Dr. Coffey to discuss the establishment of an officer training corps within the university; initial draft of the letter with revisions by Blythe; Dr. Coffey's reply.
- D. Minister for Posts and Telegraphs
- 246 February -
September 1929 Catholic Emancipation Centenary stamps: correspondence between Blythe and the Department concerning the design of the stamps and the duration of circulation; includes photographs of busts of Daniel O'Connell, considered suitable as models for the stamp design.
- 247 November 1931 Post Office salaries: memorandum to Blythe from higher grade officials in the Post Office protesting against a cut in the basic salaries of senior civil servants; included are memoranda on the salaries and conditions of employment of senior officials in the Department of Finance and in the Revenue Commissioners.
- 248 [c.1931] Post Office salaries: comparative table of salary scales of higher post holders in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the United Kingdom Post Office.
- 249 [c.1931] Table of marks achieved by Post Office learners in the Gaeltacht, in exams during the period 1927-30.

E. Minister for Finance

i. Budgets and Finance Bills

- 251 - 1925 Budget and Finance Bill, 1925-6:
 memoranda, submissions, notes and reports on various finance, taxation and industrial matters including income tax, estate duty, super tax, customs and excise duty, corporation profits tax, death duties, and motor tax, made by bodies such as the Revenue Commissioners and the Committee of Technical Experts, and by private interest groups representing the boot and shoe industry, furniture manufacturers, agriculture societies, the building industry and charities.
- 252 1926 Budget and Finance Bill, 1926-7:
 estimates, reports, tables and financial statements used in the preparation of the budget including revenue estimates, public service expenditure estimates, balance of trade tables, report of the special taxation committee of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, proposals for the alteration of betting and corporation profits tax, and a table explanatory of the budget.
- 253 1927 Budget and Finance Bill, 1927-8:
 table explanatory of the budget; notes prepared for the Minister on fiscal and taxation matters; notes on Finance Bill clauses mainly in relation to income and super tax and tax exemption.
- 254 1928 Budget and Finance Bill, 1928-9:
 notes and estimates for the budget with reference to army and public service pay and pensions; table explanatory of the budget; material relating to postal and telegram rates and revision of the rates.

- 255 1929 Finance Bill, 1929: notes on clauses in the Bill and drafts of specific sections; draft of the Minister's speech to the Dail in introducing the Bill. [in Blythe's handwriting with extensive alterations and amendments]
- 256 1929 Finance Bill, 1929: text of the Minister's statement; table explanatory of the budget; list of clauses to be embodied in the Bill; supplementary notes on specific clauses.
- 257 1930 Budget estimates, 1930-1: examination of the reasons for an increase in budget provisions by £326,000; notes on 16 votes showing an increase of £5,000 or more each.
- 258 1930 Budget, 1930: text of the Minister's speech including a draft in the Minister's handwriting; table explanatory of the budget.
- 259 [1930] Note on £500 provided in estimate 1930-1, in the Stationery Office vote.
- 260 1931 Budget and Finance Bill, 1931-2: estimates and notes on fiscal and tax matters including abnormal expenditure in the previous year, projected revenue, capital liability under the Land Acts, 1923 and 1927, the Dail External Loan, the abolition of income tax on harbour development, and a proposed customs treaty with France.
- 261 April 1931 Note on the preliminary figures showing the budget position.
- 262 April 1931 Sugar duty: memorandum from the Revenue Commissioners to the Department of Finance on the proposed increase in sugar duty.

- 263 1931 Service of debt: memorandum as to payments made in the year 1930-1 and estimated expenditure 1931-2, in respect of National Loans, Compensation Stock and Savings Certificates.
- 264 1931 Financial resolution - income tax: draft resolution with explanatory note, issued by the Parliamentary Draftsman's Office.
- 265 1931 Financial resolution - customs: customs duty on imports of hydrocarbon light oils.
- 266 1931 Balancing the budget: letter from H.P. B. [oland, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance] forwarding a memorandum concerning balancing the budget [memorandum missing].
- 267 October 1931 Table showing the value of tinned food imported into the Saorstat in 1930.
- 268 [c. November 1931] Table showing the principal increases in issues for supply services for the period April-October 1931 as compared to 1930.
- 269 1931 Budget, 1931-2: estimates, memoranda and notes for the preparation of the budget with reference to Customs and Excise receipts, expenditure on supply and central fund services, 1925-31, preliminary figures on income and expenditure, 1931-2, increased liability in respect of land bonds due under the Land Act, 1931, exchequer receipts and payments, 1930-1.
- 270 1931 Table showing the approximate nett receipts to the exchequer in respect of estate and stamp duties, income tax, surtax and super tax, excess profits duty, and corporation profits tax.

- 271 1931 Table explanatory of the budget.
- 272 1931 Briefs prepared for budget estimates:
briefs contain information pertinent
to individual votes to be taken in the
passage of the Finance Bill; briefs on 29 votes included.
- 273 1931-2 Table showing approximate nett receipts
to the exchequer from the Customs and
Excise revenue.
- 274 1932 Budget, 1932-3: pencilled notes prepared
for the Minister on revenue from
taxation and from motor vehicle duty;
revenue from estate duty, stamps, income and surtax, excess
profits tax, corporations tax, and Customs and Excise;
revenue from central fund and supply services after deduct-
ion of capital required for local loans fund; estimated
budget deficit for 1931.
- 275 1932 Statement of expenditure from central
fund services for 1930-2.
- 276 1932-3 Customs and Excise revenue: tables
showing receipts in respect of estate
duty, income tax, surtax, super tax,
excess profits tax and corporation profits tax; approximate
payments into the exchequer.
- 277 1932-3 Preliminary revenue estimates.
- 278 1932-3 Protective duties: estimate of yield
on protective duties; changes in
existing duties as recently made by
order of Dail Eireann or by budget financial resolutions.
- 279 [?1932?] Table explanatory of the Budget -
normal and emergency budget contrasted.

- 286 [1932] Land purchase finance: comparison of finance under the 1903, 1909, and 1923 Acts.
- b. On Anglo-Irish financial matters
- 287 [c.1925] Double taxation: note for the Minister on the probable results of a repeal of the provisions for relief from double taxation in respect of income accruing to Saorstát residents from sources in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 288 [c.1926] Payment of pre-Treaty R.I.C. pensions: memorandum on the legal liability of the Saorstát under various statutory provisions and agreements; includes a note by the Attorney-General [John A. Costello].
- 289 1926 - 8 Double income tax agreements: text of the agreement between Great Britain and the Saorstát, 14 April 1926, with explanatory memorandum; memorandum from W.D. Darcy, Revenue Commissioners, concerning the arrangements on double income tax [intended as information for the Minister's budget speech]; note on Financial Resolution No. 2 [on double income tax]; note on the discrepancy between statements by [Winston Churchill], Chancellor of the Exchequer, and by Blythe, on the financial implications of residence basis; text of an agreement, 25 April 1928; note on draft Clause J of the Finance Bill, 1928, giving effect to the agreement of 25 April.
- 290 1926 Ultimate financial settlement: text of the heads of the settlement agreed between Winston S. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Blythe, Minister for Finance, March 1926, as laid before the Oireachtas; notes on Saorstát and British concessions under the scheme; statement of liabilities assumed or claims waived by either side; extracts from the budget speeches of Churchill and Blythe relating to the settlement; memorandum from the Revenue Commissioners outlining the means for avoidance of double taxation in operation prior to the agreement; notes explaining each article of the agreement; memorandum on the financial provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.

- 291 1928 - 9 Land Purchase Annuities: incomplete memorandum on land purchase annuities arising from the Irish Land Acts, 1881-1909; survey of grants made for the purchase of land from the passing of the Irish Church Act, 1869, to the Land Act, 1923, with a view to determining whether land annuities were part of the public debt to the United Kingdom at the date of the Treaty; opinion on land purchase annuities submitted by A. Alfred Dickie, K.C., to [John A. Costello] Attorney-General; memorandum on the post-Treaty land purchase position; Fianna Fail pamphlet entitled 'Free State Government's financial agreement with Britain'; newspaper cuttings.
- 292 January 1929 Dead bank notes: review of the situation created by the absence of legal powers for Irish banks to write off notes not presented for payment within forty years of date of issue, with special reference to the claims of the British government in respect of Irish dead notes deemed to be part of the excess issue of the British Treasury.
- 293 January 1929 Coinage: memoranda dealing with British coinage in the Saorstat, the case for its redemption at face value by the British government, arguments in support of a national coinage system for the Saorstat, currency circulation, 1922-8, explanation of the high percentage of silver held by Saorstat banks, and objections to a prohibition on the return of British coinage.
- 294 1929 Tax relief on land purchase interest: correspondence with the Revenue Commissioners on this matter and on income tax on pensions; memorandum on Land Commission annuities; memorandum on the structure and operation of the Guarantee Fund established under the Land Purchase Act, 1891; memorandum from Sean FitzGerald, Accountant-General, dealing with the British Land Stock Account; accounts presented to the House of Commons on the Irish Land Purchase Fund; draft reply from the Land Commission to questions tabled for the Minister for Lands and Fisheries, Fionan Lynch, on the Land Purchase Guarantee Fund.
- 295 [c.1931] National debt: table showing the amount of the debt, excluding the Dail Eireann Loan, and the annuity payable to the British government.

296 1932 Anglo-Irish trade: various statements relating to the balance of Anglo-Irish trade, 1923-32.

c. On currency

- 297 August 1924 Currency situation in the Saorstát: confidential memorandum on the relationship of the pound with sterling, on the present legal position of the Irish pound, and on the Irish banking system, with reference to the necessity for the establishment of a Central Bank.
- 298 February 1929 Banking and currency: survey of the problems in banking and currency, as submitted to the Banking Commission in March 1926, with the recommendations of the Commission on the action to be taken under the Currency Act, 1927.
- 299 September 1931 Economic depression: memorandum on the correlation of depression and the effects of the Currency Act, 1927.
- 300 October 1931 Currency crisis: memoranda for the Minister on the crisis at domestic and international levels.

d. On education

- 301 [1929] Irish National Teachers' Organisation Pension Fund: I.N.T.O. pamphlet on the 'Actuarial Investigation of the Pension Fund'; memorandum on the the government's position with reference to the deficiency on the fund; comment on the accuracy of the actuarial investigation in relation to the anticipated 'peak load' of pension demand; various tables on teacher numbers, salaries, pensions, growth in fund deficit, and the option of cutting either salaries or pensions.

- 302 July 1931 Preparatory colleges: memorandum on the paucity of Gaeltacht students gaining places, with an analysis of secondary schooling in Gaeltacht areas and financial estimates for the construction of school extensions and libraries.
- 303 July - August 1931 Scholarships for students from Gaeltacht areas: list of applicants and their qualifications; memorandum on university scholarships; supplementary estimate of amount required in 1932 for the provision of scholarships for Gaeltacht students.
- 304 July - October 1931 Gaeltacht: memorandum on the provision of secondary school scholarships for Gaeltacht candidates; memorandum from the Department of Education on the problems of equipping the Irish language with a new vocabulary, the preservation of a living tradition, and arresting the decay of the language in the Gaeltacht; comments by Blythe on the views expressed.
- e. On taxation
- 305 [c.1928] Taxes on beer and spirits: memoranda and tables relating to the production and consumption of beer and spirits, prices and profits, exports, and duty paid, from the Revenue Commissioners and the Beer and Spirit Duties Relief Organisation; memorandum on the proposed reduction in the period of credit allowed to brewers for the payment of duty.
- 306 1928 Tax and duty on motor vehicles: memorandum on motor bus and charabanc taxation; details of bus traffic and comparison of bus and rail fares; statement of increased revenue from cycles, buses and goods vehicles.
- 307 [c.1928] Income tax: comparison of Saorstat tax levels with those in other European countries; memorandum from the British Solicitor-General on the legal position with regard to income tax payable by Saorstat citizens in 1924.

- 308 September 1931 Income tax: table showing comparative statement of income tax payable by Saorstat and British citizens on unearned income, 1931-2; statement of tax payable on a specimen earned income in the Saorstat, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland.
- 309 1931 Increase of Income Tax Act, 1931: notes for the Minister.
- 310 [c.1931] Tax allowances: comparative rates as between the Saorstat and Britain on earned, unearned and half-earned income.
- 311 1931 - 2 Tax allowances: table showing variations in allowances made under the British Finance (No. 2) Act, 1931.

iii. Memoranda prepared in conjunction with other Departments

- 312 [c.1928] De-rating of agricultural land: memorandum prepared by the Departments of Agriculture, Finance, Industry and Commerce, and Local Government with reference to the British system of de-rating and the cost of applying a similar scheme to the Saorstat; proposed supplementary grants to local government in lieu of rates; sources of alternative revenue; effect of de-rating on national production; the present valuation system and the effects of introducing the British system; the effects of de-rating on local administration.

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iv. Memoranda submitted by other
Departments to the Department of Finance

a. Department of Defence

- 314 December 1931 Defence personnel: memoranda on the pensions of officers, N.C.O.'s and privates, and on the Army Nursing Service.

b. Department of Education

- 315 Janaury 1930 Committee for the Publication of Irish Texts: list of original works in the process of being printed; list of entrants for the translation competition.
- 316 December 1930 -
January 1931 Committee for the Publication of Irish Texts: list of original works accepted, being printed, and already published; list of translations in progress, with the Stationery Office, and already published; list of competitors and their work for the Irish Literature Prize; list of school texts and general interest works published.
- 317 February 1931 Irish language: notes for the Minister for Finance on the Irish qualifications of national school teachers, the number of national schools in which Irish is not taught, and the revival of the language.

c. Department of External Affairs

- 318 January 1932 Cession of territory - international law and practice: memorandum concerning liability under international law for the discharge of public debt, contracts and private obligations in cases of cession of territory or dismemberment of states.

d. Department of Industry and Commerce

- 319 [c.1923] Commission on Prices: ad interim report from the Commission to the Minister for Industry and Commerce containing a general survey of prices and specific notes on porter and stout, flour and bread, milk and potatoes.
- 320 1927 Measures enacted: list of Acts passed and Bills before the Oireachtas, as prepared by the Department of Industry and Commerce; includes details of contents and effects, expected and achieved; subjects covered include transport, companies legislation, patents, unemployment insurance, financial assistance to industry, Shannon electification, and Electricity Supply Bills.
- 321 April 1931 Effects of tariffs on prices: memorandum detailing the effect on various commodities including foodstuffs, clothing, and furniture.
- 322 April 1931 Boot production: schedule of the output of Saorstat factories, 1922-30.

e. Ministry of Home Affairs

- 323 October 1923 - State of the Country: letter from
 May 1924 Patrick Walsh, Assistant Commissioner,
 Garda Siochana, to the Minister for
 Home Affairs, [Kevin O'Higgins], containing a report on
 labour unrest in Cork (October 1923); copy of a letter
 from Kevin O'Higgins to [Eoin O'Duffy], Garda
 Commissioner, concerning an extract from Iris an Gharda,
 reproduced in the Freeman's Journal, containing editorial
 comment critical of an alleged government decision to
 reduce garda pay (November 1923); extracts from the monthly
 report from the Garda Commissioner, sent by the Minister
 for Home Affairs to each member of the Executive Council
 in preparation for the forthcoming conference to consider,
 inter alia, the general police situation in the country
 (November 1923); 'Return of the more serious crime in the
 country for the six months ending 31 December 1923,
 analysed so as to show the extent to which members of the
 Army, serving or demobilised, are responsible or are
 believed to be responsible for such crime' (January 1924);

323 contd. confidential report [from the Garda Commissioner] commenting on the state of the country on a county by county basis (February 1924); correspondence between Blythe, the Monaghan Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal, and Eoin O'Duffy, Garda Commissioner, concerning a petition from Monaghan Cumann na nGaedheal that charges against certain local men not be proceeded with.

v. Miscellaneous Department of Finance Memoranda

324 [c.1924] National Health Insurance Acts: memorandum on their objects, scope and administration (1911-23); copy of the report of the Committee of Enquiry into their operation (1921).

325 January 1927 Suggested new system of representation: memorandum on the most suitable system of electoral representation for securing stable government, sent to each member of the Executive Council; copies of the draft and final version; copy covering letter to the Minister for Local Government [Richard Mulcahy].

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328 1927 - 8 Old age pensions: memorandum on the implications of a motion that the weekly pension be increased by 1/-; considers the increased revenue necessary and the taxation required; estimates the cost of alternative schemes; inc includes statistics of those in receipt of the pension and expenditure on pensions, 1921-8.

329 [c.1928] Third National Loan: note on the advantages of issuing the loan at a discount and the technical difficulties involved in its issue at a considerable premium.

330 June 1931 Sugar industry: memorandum on international subsidies to beet sugar industries; balance sheets for the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co.

vi. Reports and proceedings of Committees appointed by the Department of Finance

331 July 1923 Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee: first report detailing awards where more than £5,000 was recommended; correspondence between Blythe and the Committee concerning these awards.

332 October 1923 Belfast Boycott Committee: memorandum on applications for refunds of fines imposed by the Committee in 1921; copy of a letter from G. McGrath, Accountant-General, to President Cosgrave, Acting Chairman of the Committee, noting charges incurred and revenue received by the Committee.

333 1928 Committee on Economy in Government Expenditure: interim confidential report including a general review of numbers, salaries, and allowances of civil servants, primary teachers and Garda Siochana, and provision for old age pensions.

334 1929 Departmental Committee of Enquiry into Income Tax Allowances: report of the committee including a general review of the position with regard to allowances, submissions made to the Committee, and an examination of proposed changes; memorandum from the Revenue Commissioners proposing that allowances in the Saorstát be increased to existing British levels.

- 335 1931 Departmental Committee on Simplification of Income Tax: report of the Committee including a survey of the present system of taxation and assessment, and proposals for the implementation of a new system.
- Economy Committee: memoranda, tables and reports prepared by the Committee and presented to the Minister, outlining areas in which economies might be achieved.
- 336 1931 Public expenditure: memorandum by J.J. McElligot [Secretary to the Minister] on the necessity for a considerable reduction in public expenditure to help remedy the financial deficit; supplementary memorandum on the assumptions as regards revenue implicit in the conclusions of the main memorandum.
- 337 [c.1931] Garda pay: comparative rates of pay, Saorstat and N.I. police; note from the Committee on a proposed new system of basic pay carrying a cost-of-living bonus.
- 338 [c.1931] Public service pay: tables showing the possible economies to be achieved through reductions in public service pay.
- 339 September 1931 Teachers' pay: table comparing the effects of applying the Committee's proposed scales of pay for Saorstat teachers with the effects of the recent cut of 7½% in the pay of teachers in N.I.
- 340 [c.1931] Old age pensions: report in favour of a reduction in the rates of old age pension.
- 341 January 1932 Garda pay: memorandum including tables showing comparative rates of pay for the Garda Siochana and civil servants, 1922-31.

c. With University Colleges

- 352 December 1927 - University College Cork: correspondence
 September 1931 between Blythe and Professors John
 Busteed and Alfred O'Rahilly, on
 the latter's scheme for the gaelic-
 isation of the college by the establishment of a Chair
 of Gaelic Languages by the government; application for a
 grant for this purpose; memorandum from O'Rahilly on
 government policy on the recommendations of the Gaeltacht
 Commission; letter from O'Rahilly concerning '.. the
 complete failure of the Chair of Gaelic Languages you
 established here on my recommendation, the reason for the
 failure, and the possibility of my brother [Thomas
 O'Rahilly, holder of the Chair] being induced to apply
 for [Douglas] Hyde's chair [of Modern Irish at
 University College Dublin] and the extinction of the
 Chair here..' (September 1931).
- 353 April - May 1931 University College Galway: corres-
 pondence between Blythe and Rev.
 Professor Hynes, Registrar, University
 College Galway, concerning the implementation of a new
 subhead in the Miscellaneous Expenses Vote, 1931-2, to
 provide university scholarships for Gaeltacht students;
 refers to the possibility of students without Latin taking
 courses in arts and medicine; letter from the Department
 of Education forwarding a summary a summary of applications
 received for scholarships, with comments upon the eligi-
 bility of candidates.

d. With Northern Ireland

- 354 1926 - 8 Motor Car (Temporary Importation)
 Regulations, 1926: correspondence
 between President Cosgrave, as briefed
 by the Department of Finance, and Lord Craigavon, Prime
 Minister of Northern Ireland, concerning the effect of
 the regulations upon commercial vehicles from Northern
 Ireland trading in the Saorstat; correspondence relates
 to applications from Craigavon for amendments to the
 regulations for exemption for certain classes of vehicles
 in certain circumstances; also includes letters from
 individuals resident on both sides of the border concerning
 difficulties created by the regulations; copies of
 'Statutory Rules and Orders, 1927, No.44. Motor Cars
 (Temporary Importation) Regulations' and 'Notice from
 the Revenue Commissioners: Motor Vehicles passing
 temporarily between the Irish Free State and other
 countries'.

e. With Britain

- 355 1923 Financial assistance to the Saorstát:
correspondence concerning arrangements
for meetings between Blythe and
Montague C. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and
with the financial assistant to the U.S. ambassador to
Britain; included is a memorandum on the Scheme of
Financial Assistance [to Dominion countries] prepared
by the Committee of the Economic Conference on Financial
Co-operation, 1923.
- 356 June 1925 Proposed customs union of Britain
and the Saorstát: letter from Blythe
to Winston S. Churchill, Chancellor
of the Exchequer, concerning arrangements relating to
motor cars, motor cycles and replacement parts.
- 357 December 1925 Income tax: letter from Ronald MacN
MacNeill, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
London, to Blythe, concerning the
settlement of income tax on Irish land purchase annuities
by discussion between the two Departments, as agreed
between the two governments; requests details of the
amount due on sales of land in the Saorstát in November
and December; copy of Blythe's reply.
- 358 November 1928 Tate & Lyle, Sugar Refiners: letter
from Lord Birkenhead, 32 Grosvenor
Gardens, London, to Blythe, on behalf
of the firm which is seeking to compete on equal terms
with others; reply arranging an interview.

f. With the United States

- 359 1923 - 4 Foreign borrowing and representation:
correspondence with the Guaranty Trust
Co., New York on the establishment of
credit facilities for the Saorstát; copy of the report to
the company by Raleigh S. Rife, economist, on the financial
problems of the Saorstát; correspondence with Dillon, Read
& Co., New York, on the possibility of a substantial loan;
correspondence with the London office of Bernhardt, Scholle
& Co.; correspondence with Hornblower & Weeks concerning
their offer to act as fiscal agent and financial repres-
entative of the Saorstát in the U.S.

viii. Indemnity and compensation claims
submitted to the Department of Finance

a. From official bodies

360 October - Irish Treaty Pensioners' Association:
November 1927 correspondence with Lord Lovat, Under-
Secretary of State for Dominion
Affairs, concerning the enquiry received from the Assoc-
iation as to whether the Irish Department of Finance will,
when making compensation awards to civil servants under
Article X of the Treaty, take into consideration the
enhanced compensation laid down in the judgement of the
Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of
Wigg & Cochrane v the Attorney General of the Irish Free
State.

b. From private individuals

361 December 1923 - James O'Mara: correspondence as to
September 1924 the nature of monies forwarded by
O'Mara to the Provisional Government
in 1919, whether as a gift or loan;
correspondence between President Cosgrave and P. Sheehan,
Department of Home Affairs, with reference to the circum-
stances in which the money was lodged.

362 February 1925 Dan Breen: query as to the validity
of a reduction in the amount of pension
due to him in January 1925.

363 June 1925 Stolen money compensation: letter
from Blythe to Rev. E. Coyle, Beleek,
regarding a claim for compensation
from Mr. McHugh, Pettigo, Co. Donegal, for money stolen
from him.

364 June - Patrick Burke: correspondence with
July 1926 Peadar O Maille, Carnamona, Co. Galway,
concerning the payment of compensation
to the relatives of Patrick Burke, killed on active service
in 1922.

- 365 July 1927 Kevin O'Higgins: letter from Arthur Cox & Co., Solicitors, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, concerning proposed compensation to O'Higgins widow and family; includes an opinion from W.G. Shannon, K.C. regarding the legal machinery for the institution of such claims to compensation; includes condolences offered to the O'Higgins family and to the Irish Free State from the Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armaments, London, forwarded by the Department of External Affairs.
- 366 February 1931 Compensation allowance to R.I.C. constable: correspondence between Stephen McHale, ex-R.I.C. constable, the Home Office, Whitehall, the Departments of Finance and External Affairs, and General Sean Mac Eoin T.D., concerning the non-payment of MacHale's allowance.
- 367 December 1931 Pension re-evaluation: appeal from a doctor on the National Health Insurance Committee for an upwards adjustment of pension.
- ix. Applications for grants
- 368 November 1925 University College Cork: application by Tadhg O Donnchada for a grant for the introduction of a special Irish course; objections raised by Blythe with suggestions as to alternative means of obtaining funds [correspondence in Irish; translations of Blythe's letters supplied].
- 369 February 1929 - Folklore of Ireland Society: correspondence concerning the provision of a grant and premises for the Society; application by the Society for the use of ediphones belonging to the Stationery Office; memorandum containing a review of the Society's activities.

- 381 February - Irish in the Civil Service:
 July 1931 correspondence between Blythe and the
 Civil Service Commission concerning
 the standard of Irish expected in
 examinations for Junior Executive Officers; memorandum
 from Blythe concerning his impressions of the Civil
 Service oral examination that he was allowed to conduct.
- 382 1931 Civil Service bonus: memoranda from
 H.P. Boland, Assistant Secretary,
 Department of Finance, concerning
 increased expenditure on garda, teacher, and army salaries
 as a result of the bonus.
- 383 1931 Public service pay: memorandum from
 H.P. Boland concerning expenditure
 on public service pay and salaries.
- 384 October 1931 Revenue Commissioners: memorandum
 from the senior civil servants in
 the Office of the Revenue Commission-
 ers, protesting against the rumoured reduction in their
 basic salaries.
- 385 October 1931 Department of Finance: memorandum
 from the senior civil servants in
 the Department of Finance, protesting
 against the rumoured reduction in their basic salaries.
- 386 [c.1931] Revenue Department: note for the
 Minister on necessary changes in
 the structure of the inspectorate,
 secretariat, and the income tax system.
- 387 [c.1931] Increased workload in the Department
 of Finance: memorandum for the Minister
 including a list of '...the more
 important legislative measures in each of the recent
 years (1927-31) that threw additional heavy work on the
 Department of Finance..'; recommends the creation of
 additional posts of Principal and Assistant Principal
 Officer.

- 399 May 1926 Judgement in the case of William Joseph Reade: copy of the judgement of the Supreme Court in the case of W.J. Reade, appealing against an adjudication of bankruptcy on the grounds that the government of the Saorstát had no right to sue for monies owing in respect of profits duty and income tax; sent for the use of the Minister for Finance by the Revenue Commissioners.
- 400 October 1928 Taxable nature of the Governor General's salary: minutes and correspondence between T.M. Healy, ex-Governor-General, W.T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, Blythe, and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, concerning claims for super tax made against Healy in respect of his salary while Governor-General, and the constitutional implications of such claims.
- 401 [c.1930] De-rating: memorandum on the additional customs and excise duties necessary to meet the costs of implementing a scheme for de-rating agricultural holdings; includes a Department of Finance memorandum on land purchase finance.
- 402 May - June 1931 Application for tax exemption: correspondence and supporting documentation in favour of an application by Michael Hickey, an ex-R.I.C. officer in receipt of a New York police pension, for exemption from income tax.
- 403 July 1931 Old age pension corrective orders: letter from A. Donnelly, Revenue Commissioners, to J.W. Morgan T.D., in reply to an enquiry from Morgan on behalf of a constituent, concerning the payment of old age pension corrective orders.
- 404 September 1931 Beer duties: table showing the rates of duty on beer brewed at various gravities in the Saorstát and in Britain.
- 405 October 1931 Protective duties: estimates of potential revenue from protective duties; summary of imports in 1930; memorandum on the probable results of an increase in income tax to 4/- in the pound.

- 406 October 1931 Imported silk goods: estimates of the value of imported silk goods.
- 407 December 1931 Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd.: letter from D.R. Blair, Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., to Blythe enclosing a statement of their case for exemption from income tax in the Saorstat in respect of a purchasing depot and bacon factory in Tralee.
- 408 December 1931 - Income tax and death duty: correspondence between Leon O Broin, Department of Finance, and F. Corr, Revenue Commissioners, concerning a case of false return of income and underestimate of estate for the purposes of death duties; points at issue concern the individual's liability to War Profits Tax and possible exemption under the double income tax agreement with Britain; includes a sample writ of subpoena for the recovery of money due to the Revenue Commissioners.
- 409 January 1932 Income tax relief: note for the Minister on the relief granted by the British tax authorities in respect of income taxed in the overseas dominions compared with the system which prevailed between Britain and the Saorstat in the period 1923-5.
- 410 January 1932 Preliminary estimate of revenue: letter from Sean MacGearailt, Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, to J.J. McElligott, Secretary to the Department of Finance, forwarding a preliminary estimate of nett revenue receipts for 1932-3 [not present]; he comments upon the difficulty of preparing estimates as early as January and adds that allowance has been made for the influx of visitors to the Eucharistic Congress to offset the anticipated fall in receipts.
- 411 October - Income tax - Lord Dunraven: correspondence, including a letter from Dunraven to W.T. Cosgrave, forwarded by Cosgrave to Blythe, concerning the tax liabilities of Dunraven and the general implications of a loss of revenue to the Saorstat from people with property in both the Saorstat and Britain, should a higher level of tax pertain.

d. Office of Public Works

- 412 1925 - 6 River Barrow drainage scheme: report by Professor Meyer-Peter, Zurich, on his proposed scheme, including an estimate of costs; report by Mr. Batchen, Engineer, Office of Public Works, on the drainage of the river [both reports submitted to the Executive Council]; memorandum on the flow of the Barrow and work to be carried out.
- 413 May - Buildings and premises: correspondence between the Departments of Finance, Education, and the Board of Works, concerning the finance necessary for renovating and equipping 6 Harcourt Street for use by the Christian Brothers as an Irish-speaking school; correspondence between the Law Department and the Board of Works concerning the purchase of Wilton House, Wilton Place, as accommodation for a garda station.

e. Tariff Commission

- 414 December 1931 Linen and cotton goods: report from the Commission on various types of linen and cotton goods; detailed critique of the report.

- 421 October 1928 Seanad election: letter of recommendation from the clergy in Charlestown, Co. Mayo, for the candidature of James Morrisroe.
- 422 April - May 1931 Garda Siochana: correspondence between H.P. Boland, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance, S.A. Roche, Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice, and F.J. Feeney, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Justice, concerning the re-employment of dismissed Gardai, the reasons for their dismissal, and the possibilities of alternative employment; correspondence concerning the application of a former Garda for the post of Custome Preventative Officer; note in Blythe's hand concerning the submission of the file to the Executive Council.
- 423 — Note concerning a suitable candidate for a vacant position for a caretaker.

II. CORRESPONDENCE ON GAELTACHT AND IRISH LANGUAGE MATTERS

- 424 November 1926 Note from Louis J. Walsh, District Justice, inviting Blythe to stand as a candidate for a Gaeltacht constituency; reply from Blythe explaining his reasons for declining the offer.
- 425 1926 - 32 Irish language publications: correspondence on various aspects of publishing in Irish; with the Department of Education concerning Irish text books in secondary schools; with the Civil Service Commission concerning examination papers in Irish; with the Educational Company of Ireland on its publications; with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs concerning simplification of Irish spelling on official forms.

- 426 November 1928 - Irish language publications: corres-
January 1930 pondence with the Department of Edu-
cation concerning the official scheme
for the publication of secondary
school texts and general works in Irish; recommendations
from Blythe on texts suitable for publication, on alterat-
ions in type face, and on improvements in the advertising
of publications; includes a list of publications forwarded
by the Publications Committee of the Department.
- 427 April 1928 - Irish speakers in the Garda Siochana:
February 1930 schemes proposed by Blythe and by
Commissioner Eoin O'Duffy for the
recruitment of Irish speakers to the
Garda; includes newspaper cutting from the Anglo-Celt,
forwarded by O'Duffy to Blythe, containing a denial by
the Rev. James Marron, Errigal, of reported remarks
attributed to him that '..Mr. Blythe was not fit for his
job..'
- 428 1930 Irish language periodicals: copy of a
memorandum from Blythe to J.M. O'
Sullivan, Minister for Education,
concerning subsidies to encourage the revival of Irish
language periodicals; copy sent to Richard Mulcahy,
Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
- 429 1928 - 9 Irish Names Bill: draft of a bill,
prepared by Michael Og MacPhaidin
and F. Fahy T.D., on behalf of the
Gaelic League, to give legal effect to the rendering of
personal and family names in an Irish form; includes a
memorandum from John A. Costello, Attorney-General.
- 430 1928 - 31 Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe: correspon-
dence with Geraldine Dillon, Model
School, Galway, and Professor Liam
O Briain, University College, Galway, concerning improve-
ments in the grant to An Taibhdhearc [theatre for works
in the Irish language founded by Micheal MacLiammoir],
the secondment of N.C.O.'s from the Irish-speaking
battalion to the theatre, and the reconstruction of the
theatre committee.
- 431 January - Irish language schools in Galway:
February 1929 correspondence with J.M. O'Sullivan,
Minister for Education, concerning
proposals by Blythe that instruction in Galway schools
should be given in the Irish language.

- 432 March - May 1929 Irish Academy: correspondence between Blythe, J.M. O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, Michael Hayes, Ceann Comhairle, and Professor D.A. Binchy, University College, Dublin, concerning the need for an Irish Academy, as proposed by the Gaelic League, with special emphasis on the supervision of the translation of technical terms into Irish.
- 433 January - September 1929 English-Irish vocabulary for the Dail: copy letters from Blythe to Michael Hayes, Ceann Comhairle, recommending the publication of the technical vocabulary in use for the translation into Irish of Acts, statutory orders and regulations.
- 434 October 1929 - December 1931 Irish-speaking battalion: correspondence with the Department of Defence concerning the battalion, suggestions from Blythe that Gardai in Gaeltacht areas should act as recruiting officers, that a band be provided for the battalion, and that there be co-operation between the battalion and Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe.
- 435 1929 -31 An Gum: correspondence with officials of An Gum mainly concerning the assumption by the Stationery Office of responsibility for the publication, distribution and advertisement of Irish translations and works of general literature in Irish produced by An Gum; includes a statement of sales, 1929-31, and a list of publications.
- 436 July 1930 Irish-speaking school in Galway: correspondence between Blythe and Professor Liam O Briain, University College, Galway, concerning an application by Brighid Bean Ui Chonaighaile for permission from the Department of Education for the establishment of an Irish-speaking school in Galway; includes copies of correspondence with the Department concerning the application; summary of discussions between Blythe and the Minister for Education on the subject, sent by Blythe to O Briain.
- 437 June 1930 English-Irish dictionary: memorandum from the Department of Education on the proposed dictionary.

- 444 April 1931 'Irish language and the linguistic struggle': article submitted to Blythe for comment, written by Seosamh O'Neill, Department of Education, writing in an unofficial capacity for the Yearbook of Saorstát Éireann; copy of Blythe's comments.
- 445 October 1931 Army School of Music: letter from Blythe to Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister for Defence, on means of encouraging boys from Gaeltacht areas to enlist.
- 446 October 1931 An t-Oileanach: correspondence between Blythe and Jonathan Cape Ltd., Bedford Square, London, on the possibility of publishing a translation of An t-Oileanach; Blythe recommends Liam O'Flaherty as translator.
- 447 December 1931 Gaelic type: letter from W. Lombard Murphy, Independent Newspapers Ltd., to Blythe, explaining that the reversion to Gaelic type in his publications had come after a demand for this had arisen in schools.
- 448 1931 - 2 An Gum: correspondence between Blythe and officials at An Gum concerning various aspects of book production, sales, translations, and staffing at An Gum.
- 449 March 1932 University College, Dublin: letter from Denis J. Coffey, President, on greater provision for the teaching of Irish in the college.
- 450 — Galway: memorandum, in Irish, on the Gaelicisation of Galway and the means of attaining this.

III. CORRESPONDENCE ON MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

- 451 1924 Under-Secretary's Lodge: correspond-
ence with W.T. Cosgrave concerning
the possibility of leasing the lodge;
statement on the matter from the Office of Public Works;
report on the premises from the Valuation and Survey
Office.
- 452 October 1924 Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle:
letter from Chief Justice Hugh Kennedy
concerning the loss of objects of
historical interest and of written records from the
Genealogical Office, these probably having been bought
by Americans;- also mentions the return to his former
office of Ulster King-at-Arms of [Major Sir Neville]
Wilkinson, which Kennedy sees as a contravention of a
clear understanding reached at London with respect to
the office; note in Blythe's hand, 'No official record
of any such undertaking'.
- 453 September 1924 Old age pensions: correspondence with
Cumann na nGaedheal Headquarters, 5
Parnell Square, concerning complaints
against the revision of the old age pension scheme in
accordance with the Old Age Pension Act, 1924.
- 454 November 1924 Slander of Blythe: correspondence with
Cumann na nGaedheal, 5 Parnell Square,
concerning slanderous statements
about Blythe made by a Donegal T.D.; minutes of the Nov-
ember meeting of the Cork Branch of the party concerning
municipal reform and the resignation of T.D.'s from the
branch; invitation to Blythe to attend the preliminary
meeting of Mullan Mills Co.
- 455 November 1924 By-election voting: lists prepared by
Sean Lester, Director of Publicity,
containing an analysis of voting in
by-elections in the constituencies of South Dublin, North
Mayo, Cork City, East Cork, and Donegal.
- 456 January 1925 Victory of Sinn Fein: extracts from
the work by P.S. O'Hegarty, forwarded
by Sean Lester; requests Blythe's
opinion as to the suitability of the extracts as a basis
for a pamphlet for general distribution on the subject.

- 457 January 1925 Votes of Censure: note from Michael Hayes, Ceann Comhairle, enclosing a copy of a memorandum prepared by him at the request of President Cosgrave, concerning the constitutional position of the Executive Council in regard to votes of censure. 'You may remember that we had some talks on the matter'.
- 458 February 1925 Income tax arrears: letter from J.P. Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to Blythe, suggesting less vigorous action in the collection of arrears of income tax until after the forthcoming election.
- 459 November 1925 Ancient Order of Hibernians: copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the A.O.H. concerning reports in the press and semi-official statements that some portion of Donegal might come under the authority of Northern Ireland.
- 460 1926 - 7 International Labour Office: correspondence between Blythe and Patrick McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, and E.J. Phelan, Irish representative at the League of Nations, concerning the positioning of a stained glass window designed by Harry Clarke, intended as a gift from the Saorstát to the International Labour Office at Geneva, and concerning the choice of two designs submitted.
- 461 January 1927 Colonel Maurice Moore: correspondence with Canon Cummins, Sacre Coeur, Roscommon, concerning allegations by Senator Moore that the provisions under the Boundary Commission and the Ultimate Financial Settlement tended to contribute to the impoverishment of the country; reply from Blythe outlines the steps taken by the government to counteract Moore's allegations.
- 462 March 1927 League of Nations: correspondence with E.J. Phelan, Irish representative at the League of Nations, concerning a statement at the Council of the League by Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, on the status at the League of Dominion countries.

- 463 April 1927 Tommy Burns, former World Boxing Champion: letter from Burns to Blythe requesting any possible assistance in the establishment by him of a restaurant in Dublin; forwarded to P. Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, '..in view of your interest in boxing..'
- 464 June 1927 Letter of introduction from Lady Lavery, 5 Cromwell Place, London; Professor Emil Ludwig, a distinguished German historian, wishes to see the Dail and Seanad.
- 465 July 1927 Currency Bill, 1927: letters from James MacNeill, High Commissioner, York House, London, and from H. Parker Willis, Paris, proposing modifications in the Currency Bill.
- 466 December 1927 Letters from Senator James G. Douglas, 18 Wexford St., Dublin, enclosing a copy of the report of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland which President Cosgrave might find useful on his visit to the U.S.
- 467 — Broadcasting: letter from President Cosgrave to Blythe containing criticism of 2 RN with reference to music, lectures, and the Irish-Ireland content of the station's programmes; reply to criticisms by 2 RN including a memorandum from E. Cussen, Officer in Charge.
- 468 January 1928 Installation of the Governor-General: correspondence between Blythe, Vice-President, the Department of External Affairs, and Michael Hayes, Ceann Comhairle, concerning the procedure to be followed at the installation; memorandum on the installation of the Governor-General of Canada.
- 469 July - October 1928 Irish Academy of Literature: correspondence with Dr. Walter Starkie, Trinity College, Dublin, concerning proposals for the establishment by government charter of an Irish Academy of Literature, for the purpose of awarding medals for Irish literary works.

- 470 1928 Academy of Literature: correspondence with W.B. Yeats, 42 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, concerning Yeats' proposals for the establishment of an Academy of Literature to act as an appeals body against the decisions of the Censorship Board.
- 471 August 1928 Kellogg Pact: letter from Sean O Murchada, Department of External Affairs, with reference to the proposed visit of President Cosgrave to Paris to sign the Kellogg Pact, and the visit of Lellogg to Dublin; marked 'confidential'.
- 472 September 1928 League of Nations: letter from Michael MacWhite, Irish delegation to the League of Nations; regrets that he was unable to take formal leave of Blythe at the end of his visit to the League as he had to be present for the vote on the League budget; he comments upon the favourable impression created by the Irish delegation: 'With better preparation next year we could manage that no important negotiations could go on during the Assembly without our views being considered'.
- 473 October 1928 American War Debt Policy: correspondence with F.A. Stirling, Americal Legation, Dublin, concerning the pamphlet on American policy [missing] forwarded by him to Blythe.
- 474 December 1928 Eisteddfod: correspondence with Joseph Jones, Council School, Bodedern, Holyhead, concerning the visit of Blythe and his wife to the Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Mon Bodedern in May 1929.
- 475 1929 Industrial Trust Company of Ireland: correspondence between James J. Phelan, Boston, Massachussets, shareholder, and Senator James J. Douglas, director, submitted by Blythe to President Cosgrave, concerning apparent speculation in the Stock Market as shown in the Company's annual report.

- 483 1930 Anglo-Irish relations: 'secret' report from J.P. Walshe [Department of External Affairs] on his discussions with British representatives concerning the use of seals by Dominion countries as defined by the Imperial Conference; report on the progress of negotiations towards the abolition of Saorstad dependence upon the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; report upon the Lough Foyle case; memorandum containing proposals for the independent use of a modified seal by the Saorstad to secure external autonomy.
- 484 February 1931 The Plough and the Stars: letter from Michael McDunphy, Department of the President, to Blythe, forwarding copies of German press reviews of the first German production of the play, as sent by Dr. R. Hugle, Osnabruck; refers to Hugle's offer of photographs of the production.
- 485 May 1931 Tax on course betting: letter from Blythe to Mr. Justice Wylie, Clonsilla House, Co. Dublin; '..I have your note of the 7th inst. [note enclosed] and am glad to learn that you are in agreement with the views I expressed in my Budget speech regarding the effect of the tax on course betting..'
- 486 May 1931 Petrol tax: correspondence between Blythe and J.J. Walsh, Dublin Gas Co. [former Minister for Posts and Telegraphs]; Walsh complains about the over-taxation of petrol and Blythe points out the necessity for such level of taxation to offset the derating of agricultural land.
- 487 September 1931 Sugar: letter from P.H. to President Cosgrave, reporting on the conference between the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co. and the Irish Sugar Beet Growers' Association.
- 488 January 1932 Garda pay: memorandum from Garda Commissioner Eoin O'Duffy to the government on proposed further reduction in the pay of gardai; copy sent personally by O'Duffy to Blythe.

- 489 February 1932 Judicial salaries: letter from Chief Justice Hugh Kennedy, to Blythe, stating his position on the question of contributing to the relief of the national financial difficulties by cutting judicial salaries, marked 'strictly confidential'; copy of an earlier letter from Blythe to Kennedy on the same subject.
- 490 — Criminal Investigation Department: letter from the Director General, C.I.D. enclosing a copy of a report on the Department's activities and achievements; letter (1922) concerning the transfer of the C.I.D. to the Provisional Government.
- 491 — Council of Ireland: memorandum, undated and unsigned, on the establishment of the Council of Ireland, provided for by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920; proposals for consideration with special reference to legislative status and administrative functions.
- 492 — Tyrone and Fermanagh election: memorandum, undated and unsigned, on the election, with details of present members, confusion in the register of electors, and the need for cooperation among anti-partition candidates.
- 493 — Army retirement pay: memorandum from Michael Brennan, Chief of Staff, submitted to the Minister for Justice.
- 494 [pre October 1927] Allegations of government extravagance: letter from J.J. Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, to Blythe; '..If you are speaking anywhere in the near future, I suggest that it may be advisable to tackle this cry of government extravagance so frequently alleged..'
- 495 — Passenger traffic to the U.S.A.: letter from Jmaes C. Douglas with special reference to the Hhite Star Line.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS

- 496 August - September 1925 Medical Register: correspondence received from Russell McWilliams, Holly Lodge, Monaghan, protesting against the proposed separation of the Irish Medical Register from the British; memorandum from W.E. Thrift, Trinity College, Dublin, on medical registration.
- 497 October 1925 Boundary question: correspondence with Rev. E. Coyle, Beleek, concerning the probable results if the wishes of the people are to be made the predominant factor in the terms of reference of the Boundary Commission.
- 498 August 1925 - April 1926 Carrickmacross Hosiery & Knitting Co.: correspondence with Dr. Brian McCaul, Shirley House, Carrickmacross, concerning premises for the firm.
- 499 November 1926 - January 1927 Interference with the mail: correspondence with Fr. T. Maguire, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan, concerning his allegation of interference with his mail at the local post office.
- 500 December 1930 - January 1932 Land Commission in Monaghan: representations from constituents concerning 240 acres near Carrickmacross, in a congested district, to be taken over by a single purchaser; requests that the Land Commission purchase the land and divide it among its present tenants; correspondence concerning the prospective purchaser allegedly acquiring other with the intention of evicting the present tenants; letters from the tenants concerning the hardship they will suffer and from the purchaser concerning the outrages perpetrated upon him; copy of the Land Commission report on the administration of the latter estate.
- 501 August 1926 - January 1932 Dromore and Glyde River Drainage: correspondence with the Office of Public Works concerning the inclusion of the Spring Lake area in the Glyde River scheme; correspondence with the Dromore Drainage Committee, Monaghan; submission to the President of the Executive Council and the Minister for Finance, on behalf of the residents in the locality of Ballybay and Cotehill concerning the drainage of the Dromore; O.S. 1 inch to 1 mile map indicating drainage proposals on the Rivers Dromore and Annalee and Loughs Oughter and Erne.

- 502 June - Housing grant: correspondence between
November 1931 Blythe and the Department of Local
Government concerning an application
by one of Blythe's constituents for
a grant, the delay by the Department in inspecting the
newly-built house, and the difficulty experienced in
cashing the grant cheque.
- 503 December 1931 - Clones Post Office: letter from
February 1932 Edward Brady, Clones, Co. Monaghan,
representing the Clones Chamber of
Commerce, deploring the reduction
in the status of the local post office to a sub-office;
correspondence between Blythe and the Department of Posts
and Telegraphs.

V. GENERAL ELECTION, 1927

- 504 1927 Election handbill for Blythe and
Eoin O'Duffy in the Monaghan constit-
uency.
- 505 1927 Election address from Blythe to the
electors of Co. Monaghan, affirming
his support for the government's
policy of internment and its resolution to carry into
effect the provisions of the Boundary Clause.
- 506 June 1927 Blythe's copy of the summons from
Colm O Murchada, Clerk of the Dail,
to all T.D.'s to attend at his office
'for the purpose of complying with
Article 17 of the Constitution'.

- 507 1923 - 4 Local government organisation:
 memorandum on local government organisation with special reference to Monaghan County Council and the proposed Bill to abolish Rural District Councils; correspondence with Thomas Toal, Chairman, Monaghan County Council; statistics on the number of meetings of Monaghan Rural District Councils, supplied by the Department of Local Government; circular letter from Macroom Rural District Council announcing a suspension of meetings in support of the hunger strikers, Mountjoy Gaol.
- 508 1925 - 8 Arterial drainage in Monaghan:
 memorandum on arterial drainage in the Monaghan area; list of petitions received by the Office of Public Works from Monaghan County Council, submitted by townlands requesting formation into drainage districts under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925; memorandum from the Office of Public Works, annotated by Blythe, on the procedure for inspection under the Act, with special reference to the difficulties in areas on the border; typescript report from the Office of Public Works on operations under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924; list of proposed drainage districts in Co. Monaghan and report on the proposed Tyholland Drainage District; statement showing the present position of petitions received from Co. Monaghan under the Arterial Drainage Act.
- 509 January 1932 Old age pensioners: table showing the numbers of old age pensioners in Co. Monaghan, 1923-31.
- 510 October 1934 Copy of a manifesto issued by E.J. Cronin, Director General of the League of Youth, concerning the resignation of Eoin O'Duffy [from the Presidency of Fine Gael] and criticising O'Duffy's policies.

- 511 1926 Typescript copy of a speech by Blythe to the Assembly of the League of Nations.
- 512 [c.1927] Draft of a speech in defence of the Ceann Comhairle on his declared principle of not engaging in newspaper controversy; with specific reference to the publication without his consent, in Revue des Deux Mondes, of an informal interview with the Ceann Comhairle, Michael Hayes.
- 513 January 1932 Text of a speech in refutation of accusations made by Sean MacEntee with reference to a recent memorandum on land annuities issued by the government, that the government had collaborated with a 'Unionist lawyer' in the compilation of the memorandum.
- 514 February 1932 Texts of two speeches by Blythe in refutation of Irish Press statements on land annuities; copies of the press cuttings; notes for speeches.
- 515 1932 Text of Blythe's speech on the coming to power of Fianna Fail.
- 516 — Rough notes [?for a speech] on 'Becoming British subjects'.
- 517 — Draft handwritten speech on 'The Fenian Faith'.
- 518 — Draft handwritten speech on 'The Irish Free State and King George'.
- 519 — Draft handwritten speech on 'Rattling the Chain'.

- 520 — Draft handwritten speech on 'The meaning of the Republic'.
- 521 1928 Legal Practitioners (Qualifications) Bill, 1928: as amended ; among amendments moved by the special committee on the Bill is one by Blythe that intending barristers and solicitors should satisfy the Chief Justice as to their competence in Irish; pamphlet, 'Why the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland objects to the Legal Practitioners (Qualifications) Bill, 1928'.
- 522 1933 - 5 Galway Harbour Bill, 1933: as amended; correspondence with Galway Harbour Commissioners and Harbour Development Board concerning Blythe's proposed amendment concerning the use of Irish by the Commissioners.

PRINTED MATTER and MISCELLANEOUS, 1923 - 31

I. OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

- 523 1923 Double Taxation (Relief) Order; includes memorandum by the Minister for Finance [W.T. Cosgrave].
- 524 1923 Provisional Collection of Taxes Act: Adaptation Order with reference to the Act of 1913.
- 525 1923 Revenue Commissioners Order.
- 526 1923 Inland Revenue (Adaptation of Taxing Acts) Order.

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| 527 | 1923 | Official Import List. |
| 528 | 1923 | National Health Insurance Act. |
| 529 | 1926 | Report of Comisiun na Gaeltachta. |
| 530 | [1926] | Statement of government policy on the recommendations of Comisiun na Gaeltachta. |
| 531 | 1926 | Estimates for Public Services for the year ending 31 March 1927. |
| 532 | 13 October 1931 | <u>Iris Ofigiuil</u> , No. 82. |
| 533 | October 1931 | Irish Free State Trade Statistics. |
| 534 | 1931 | Saorstát Eireann Financial Accounts, 1930-1. |
| 535 | 1931 | Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31 March 1932. |
| 536 | April 1932 | Text of Notes exchanged between Irish Free State and Great Britain on the Oath and Land Purchase Annuities. |
| 537 | 1932 | Revised abstract of estimates for Public Services for the year ending 31 March 1933. |
| 538 | — | Memorandum of Heads of Agreement to be made between the government and railway companies of Saorstát Eireann. |

II. NEWSPAPERS and CUTTINGS

- 539 1925 - 7 Typescript copies of interviews with Eamon de Valera in the Irish Independent and Manchester Guardian concerning his party's policy on protection, partition and the Irish language; includes extracts from Blythe's Budget Speech concerning cuts in Civil Service salaries.
- 540 May 1927 North Dublin Election News containing publicity for the government candidates in the Dublin North City constituency in the general election; Election News, Monaghan, containing a statement to the electors of Monaghan from Blythe.
- 541 June 1927 Northern Standard containing a report of the Monaghan meeting endorsing Blythe's general election candidature.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 542 [c.1923] Orders issued by Irregular H.Q., Cork, to O/C 6 Battalion, concerning tactics to be adopted with regard to the forced closure of post offices; orders issued by Brigade H.Q., Dublin, to O/C 3 Battalion, on the execution of the enemy and the destruction of property.
- 543 January 1925 Table showing the position of parties in the Dail; list of present members of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party.
- 544 [c.1926] Grades and scales of pay in the Civil Service.

- 545 [1927] Statement of the position to be adopted by Mayo County Council'..to prevent MacVeigh taking shelter .. in a false issue.. about the condition of the Mayo County Council..' ; includes a description of Gerry MacVeigh, Chairman, Four Provinces Club, London and a candidate in the general election in Monaghan for '..the votes of the extremist element..'.
- 546 October 1929 Letter from John A. Costello, Attorney-General, to John Marcus O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, reporting on discussions with Canadian and South African delegates to the Imperial Conference.
- 547 October 1931 Constitution (Amendment No.17) Bill, 1931: extracts from debates on the Bill including criticism by Eamon de Valera that an interview given by Frank Ryan to foreign pressmen was used as an excuse for the introduction of the Bill.
- 548 [c.1931] Memoranda on the wheat, pig, and bacon curing industries.
- 549 1931 Memorandum on Young Communist recruitment activities in Ireland, prepared for the Committee of Revolutionary Workers' Groups, London.
- 550 1931 Seanad election: notes on outgoing Senators and their allegiances.
- 551 — List of addresses of prominent figures in Ireland, particularly members of the aristocracy.
- 552 — First page of a memorandum advocating that the Saorstát become a member of the League of Nations.

- 553 [c.1925] Text of a speech [by Blythe] on 'Democracy and its enemies, Oligarchy and Anarchy', with special reference to Republicans and anarchists.
- 554 — Memorandum, undated and unsigned, on the claims of persons interned by the N.I. government.
- 555 — Despatch from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to the Heads of Dominion countries, excluding Ireland, on the appointment of Dominion ministers at foreign capitals.
- 556 — Extract from Hansard, 23 March 1903, on the second reading of the Midland and Belfast and Northern Counties (Railway) Bill.
- 557 — 2 memoranda, undated and unsigned, on Irish land purchase.
- 558 — Dail Supreme Court Judges - pensions: Diarmuid O Cruadhlaioich's case; a list of questions that '..may be useful in settlement of the matter'.
- 559 — Rates: handwritten memorandum from the Department of the President, on the present position as compared to that under British administration.
- 560 — Memorandum on recruitment to the Army School of Music.