

**W.T. COSGRAVE PAPERS**

**P285**



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## **CONTEXT**

### **Biographical history**

William Thomas Cosgrave was born on 6 June 1880 at 174 James' Street, Dublin. He attended the Christian Brothers School in Marino, and later worked in the family business, a grocers and licensed premises. His first brush with politics came in 1905 when, with his brother Phil and uncle P.J., he attended the first Sinn Féin convention in 1905.

Serving as a Sinn Féin councillor on Dublin Corporation from 1909 until 1922, he joined the Irish Volunteers in 1913, although he never joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood. During the Easter 1916 Rising, Cosgrave served under Eamonn Ceannt at the South Dublin Union. His was not a minor role, and after the Rising he was sentenced to death. This was later commuted to penal servitude for life, and he was transported to Frongoch in Wales along with many other rebels.

As public opinion began to favour the rebels, Cosgrave stood for election in the 1917 Kilkenny city by-election, and won despite being imprisoned. This was followed by another win the following year in Kilkenny North. Cosgrave took his seat in the First Dáil on his release from prison in 1919. He was appointed as Minister for Local Government, his long friendship with Eamon de Valera being key to the appointment, as well as his political experience from his years on Dublin Corporation.

The issue of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in 1921 divided Cosgrave and de Valera. Cosgrave surprised de Valera by siding with Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, and favouring the Treaty. After the Treaty was approved by the Dáil and de Valera resigned as President of the Irish Republic, a new Provisional Government was formed, headed by Griffith and including Cosgrave.

The country moved towards outright conflict in the wake of the acceptance of the Treaty, and the Civil War began in June 1922. The anti-Treaty IRA forces were defeated by the newly formed National Army over the course of the next few months. In August, both Collins and Griffith died within ten days of each other. With de Valera maintaining his anti-Treaty stance, the new dominion had lost all of its most senior figures.

Cosgrave was chosen by the pro-Treaty leadership over General Richard Mulcahy to lead the Government, in part because of his long experience as a politician. Cosgrave took the roles of President of Dáil Éireann and Chairman of the Provisional Government. On 6 December 1922, the Irish Free State was officially established and Cosgrave became the President of the Executive Council, the first prime minister.

One of Cosgrave's first decisions was to enact the Public Safety Bill, which allowed for the execution of anyone bearing arms against the state. Although he personally objected to the death penalty, he saw the elimination of guerrilla warfare as

essential to establishing the Irish Free State and maintaining law and order. Ultimately, seventy seven republicans were executed in this period, with Cosgrave's reputation suffering as a consequence. Retaliation from the anti-Treaty side took the form of attacking pro-Treaty politicians' homes. Cosgrave's own family home was burned down, and his uncle was shot and killed. In April 1923 Cosgrave's group of pro-Treaty politicians formed a new political party called Cumann na nGaedheal, with Cosgrave as leader, and in May 1923 the Civil War ended when the anti-Treaty IRA leaders announced a ceasefire and dumped their arms.

The new party faced several serious problems in their first years in power. Minister for Justice, Kevin O'Higgins, reduced the size of the army despite fierce opposition. In 1924 the Boundary Commission was established to look at redrawing the border between the Free State and Northern Ireland. Minister for Education Eoin MacNeill was the Free State's representative on the Commission. After the Commission's proposals were leaked to the press and consisted of only small transfers in both directions, the report was suppressed by all three governments in order to avoid further disputes. In return for this, the Free State was relieved of its obligation to pay a pro-rata share of the Imperial debt.

The June 1927 general election saw de Valera's new party, Fianna Fáil, win seats on an abstentionist platform. The following month Kevin O'Higgins was assassinated. Cosgrave enacted legislation to force Fianna Fáil to take its seats in the Dáil which, while successful, meant that Cosgrave did not have the freedom of action he had had previously.

The general election of 1932 led to Fianna Fáil forming a minority government, their election results buoyed by their offering the electorate a manifesto based on social reform. Cosgrave led Cumann na nGaedheal in opposition, becoming the first leader of the new Fine Gael party when his party combined with the National Centre Party and the National Guard in 1933. He served as leader until 1944, when he retired.

Cosgrave led the Irish Free State through its turbulent inception and through its earliest years. Widely regarded as a solid and effective politician rather than a charismatic leader, his role in the formation of the modern Irish state has perhaps been overshadowed by other figures. The work done under his leadership though stands testament to achievements. He oversaw the establishment of the formal institutions of the state, as well as the establishment of the Electricity Supply Board, the Irish Sugar Company, and the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Cosgrave maintained democracy in Ireland at a time when other European governments were moving towards dictatorship, handing power to de Valera after the 1932 general election, despite talk within the Irish Army of staging a coup to keep him in power.

W.T. Cosgrave died on 16 November 1965. He was awarded the honour of a state funeral, which was attended by the President, Eamon de Valera. On 24 June 1919 Cosgrave had married Louisa Flanagan, and they had two sons, Liam and Michéal. Liam Cosgrave succeeded his father as a TD in 1944 and went on to lead Fine Gael. He served as Taoiseach from 1973 to 1977. W.T. Cosgrave's grandson Liam also served as a TD, and his granddaughter Louise served as a councillor for Dun

Laoghaire-Rathdown from 1999 to 2009.

### **Archival history**

These papers were deposited by Liam Cosgrave in the Royal Irish Academy. The cataloguing of the papers took place in UCD Archives, with digitised images being created on completion of the descriptive catalogue and shared by both institutions.

## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence: general; sent on Cosgrave's retirement from politics; with Dr Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe; and with Bernard Forbes, Lord Granard. Letters are original, signed, and addressed to Cosgrave, unless otherwise noted.

Small amounts of political and personal material.

Some photographs and drawings.

Conservation note: P285/344 was originally an album, which has been disassembled for preservation reasons. The individual pages feature pasted-on postcards and other items. Loose items have been secured with document repair tape purely as an interim measure.

## **System of arrangement**

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## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

### **Access**

Available by appointment in UCD Archives to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in digital format.

### **Language**

English, with some Irish.

### **Finding Aid**

Descriptive catalogue.

## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

### **Archivist's Note**

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in August 2015.

## 1. CORRESPONDENCE

### 1.1 General, 1917–93

**P285/1** 17 March 1917

2pp

**Postcard from the ‘Undergrads in Oxford’**

Signed by nine people, including P. Mellows and Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh and sending greetings to Cosgrave along with ‘all the boys in Lewes’. Addressed to Cosgrave care of the Governor of Lewes prison and features a black and white image of Magdalen College, Oxford.

**P285/2** 11 August 1917

2pp

**Postcard**

Apologises for not writing sooner due to being busy. The postcard has been torn and the recipient’s and sender’s names are both missing. The postcard is addressed to Moneygall, county Tipperary, and features a black and white oval image of Cosgrave with the text ‘William T. Cosgrave, Candidate for Kilkenny’, overlaid with the Irish flag.

**P285/3** 1 January 1919

2pp

**Letter from Cosgrave to Oisín**

Discusses life in Reading prison, mentioning the health of Hurley, Daly and MacDonagh.

**P285/4** 24 May 1921

1p

**Letter from Cosgrave to D. O’H.**

Photocopy of a letter in which Cosgrave, as Minister for Local Government, discusses the employment prospects of a Miss Bulfin.

**P285/5** 12 January 1922

2pp

**Letter from Arthur Griffith to P. Cosgrave**

Letter from Griffith, as Chairman of the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries, requesting Cosgrave's attendance at a meeting at the Mansion House to formally approve the articles of agreement for the Treaty. Includes envelope.

**P285/6** 3 June 1923

3pp

**Letter from George Sigerson**

Reports to Cosgrave on the Pasteur celebrations in Paris, which Cosgrave requested Sigerson to attend as the representative of the Irish Free State.

**P285/7** 10 November 1925

2pp

**Letter from R. Ranaghan**

Informs Cosgrave that he will be arriving in Dublin shortly with a gift from His Holiness Pope Pius XI, and accompanied by Dr William MacNeely, Bishop of Raphoe.

**P285/8** November 1925

4pp

**Letter from Cardinal Pierre G[ai]pazzi**

Informs Cosgrave that Pope Pius XI has decided to confer the honour of the Grand Cross of the Pian Order on him as a mark of 'special consideration and benevolent affection'. In French, with a translation enclosed. Includes envelope.

**P285/9** 13 December 1926

1p

**Letter from George W. Turley to Mr Banim**

Writing from The Presbytery, 47 Westland Row, Dublin briefly discusses the Grand Cross of the Pian Order which Cosgrave is to receive. This letter is badly faded and illegible in places.

**P285/10** January 1928–September 1935

2 items

**Letters from Bryan Mahon**

Mahon writes to thank Cosgrave and his wife for their condolences, from the Kildare Street Club in Dublin (9 January 1928, 4pp), and writes to 'Master' Cosgrave enclosing a black and white photograph of a race meeting (9 September 1935, 2 items).

**P285/11** 23 December 1929

2pp

**Letter from [S].B. [Serokian]**

The Imperial Persian Consul for Ireland wishes Cosgrave a happy Christmas and New Year.

**P285/12** 23 August 1930

4pp

**Letter from McDunphy**

Discusses the possibility of placing civil servant Michael Keane in employment in Cosgrave's private office. Includes a summary work record for Keane.

**P285/13** 23 October 1930

4pp

**Letter from Richard Campbell to Oliver St John Gogarty**

Campbell (49 Wall Street) writes to Gogarty in Dublin to discuss the Irish Industrial Trust Company and mentions the American tour of AE (George Russell). Includes envelope.

**P285/14** 29 February–16 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from Liam Burke**

Burke encloses a receipt for £100 from the Cumann na nGaedheal Finance Committee and thanks Cosgrave for his contribution.

**P285/15** 7 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from Seamus P. Ó Donnghaile**

Writes from the English College in Lisbon to express regret that Cosgrave was not returned as leader at the recent election.

**P285/16** 7 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from [Caris] Davitt**

Written from 5 Argyle Road, Herbert Park, Dublin, Davitt thanks Cosgrave for his recent letter and for his service to the country.

**P285/17** 8 March 1932

4pp

**Letter from Father James Hughes**

Hughes, of the House of Retreat, Inchicore, Dublin, writes to Cosgrave discussing the recent election results, describing 'the outstanding advantages [and] prepared ground on which the new Government will begin its career in sharp contrast to what you and yours found'.

**P285/18** 8 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from Frank Duff**

Writes from De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin, 'to add my little tribute to those which have been showered upon' Cosgrave since the election.

**P285/19** 8 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from Kevin O'Shiel**

O'Shiel writes to commiserate with Cosgrave after the election results and states that Cosgrave 'will be always remembered with gratitude as the first great constructive leader we have had for many centuries'. O'Shiel writes from Newtown House, Blackrock, county Dublin.

**P285/20** 8 March 1932

1p

**Letter from [P.] Fitzgerald**

Writing from Mondellihy, Adare, county Limerick, Fitzgerald expresses regret at the recent election result.

**P285/21** 9 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from Paschal Robinson**

Thanks Cosgrave for his recent letter. Robinson writes from Collegio St Isidoro, via Degli Artisti, Rome.

**P285/22** 9 March 1932

1p

**Letter from Sean Murphy**

From 9 Leeson Park, Dublin, Murphy thanks Cosgrave for his recent letter and hopes to have the pleasure of working with him again.

**P285/23** 9 March 1932

1p

**Letter from E.P. [McCarron]**

Thanks Cosgrave on behalf of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for his recent letter.

**P285/24** 9 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from Alice Lyons**

Writes to thank Cosgrave for his letter of farewell. Lyons' address is Liffey Vale, Chapelizod Road, Dublin.

**P285/25** 9 March 1932

1p

**Letter from Sir Dunbar Plunket Barton**

Barton writes from Gray's Inn, London, with regrets that Cosgrave will not attend the Irish Club's St Patrick's Day dinner.

**P285/26** 9 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from Georg von [Dam]**

Writes from the German Embassy in Dublin to thank Cosgrave for his recent letter and 'most heartily for all the kindness and friendliness which I have always received from you'.

**P285/27** 9 March 1932

1p

**Letter from [M.M.] Dunphy**

Thanks Cosgrave for his 'kind note'. Written from the Department of the President, Dublin.

**P285/28** 9 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from McElligott**

Thanks Cosgrave for his letter, saying that 'it has been an honour and a privilege to me to be associated with you during the last eventful decade'. Written from the Department of Finance, Dublin.

**P285/29** 9 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from Lilian Cooper**

Writes from 7 Merrion Square, Dublin to express regret at Cosgrave's party's loss in the recent election, although she felt 'intensely proud in the dignified way you [and] your party took places in the seats of the Opposition'.

**P285/30** 10 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from [Ciligen]**

Thanks Cosgrave for his service to Ireland.

**P285/31** 10 March 1932

1p

**Letter from Denis Kenny**

Expresses gratitude for 'many favours received' from Cosgrave. Writes from the Royal Hospital.

**P285/32** 10 March 1932

1p

**Letter from Geo[rge] Anderson**

Writes from 25 Oakland Terrace, Terenure, Dublin, expressing regret at Cosgrave's loss of power in the recent election.

**P285/33** 10 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from Joe O'Reilly**

Cosgrave's former *aide-de-camp* thanks him for his recent letter, writing from 134 South Circular Road, Kilmainham, Dublin.

**P285/34** 15 March 1932

2pp

**Letter from George Wolfe**

Wolfe writes from Forenaughts, Naas, county Kildare expressing regret that his health prevented him from standing again in the recent election and thanking Cosgrave for his letter.

**P285/35** 16 March 1932

1p

**Letter from M. Brennan**

Thanks Cosgrave for his recent letter 'on behalf of the officers and men of the Army'. Written from the Department of Defence, Dublin.

**P285/36** 19 March 1932

3pp

**Letter from [M.M.] Dunphy**

Writes to apologise for the informal delivery of a hunting crop, a gift from the staff at the Department of the President, which was intended to be presented to Cosgrave at a formal ceremony. Dunphy also lists the names of those staff responsible for the gift. Writes from his home address of Kincora, 25 St Lawrence Road, Clontarf, Dublin.

**P285/37** 6 April 1932

4pp

**Letter from John F. [Hearne]**

Thanks Cosgrave for his recent letter, writing from 3 Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Dublin.

**P285/38** 11 February 1936

3pp

**Letter from H.S. Guinness**

Writes from the Royal Hotel, Monte Carlo to thank Cosgrave for introducing his son in law to the chairman of the ESB.

**P285/39** 21 December 1936

1p

**Letter from Francis J. Wall**

Sends Christmas wishes to the Cosgraves from St Mary's, Haddington Road, Dublin.

**P285/40** 2 January 1937

2pp

**Letter from Kevin O'Shiel**

Sends New Year greetings from Newtown House, Blackrock, Dublin.

**P285/41** 31 January 1937

4pp

**Letter from Roger Faherty**

Faherty writes from 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, to discuss a new magazine he has subscribed to called *Ireland Today*, as well as personal matters.

**P285/42** 14 February 1937

2pp

**Letter from Sir John Lavery**

Requests that Cosgrave commission a photographer to take a negative of a sketch by Hazel Lavery of Michael Collins, and send it to him at 5 Cromwell Place, London.

**P285/43** 16 February 1937

2pp

**Letter from Cosgrave to Sir John Lavery**

Cosgrave's reply to Lavery's letter, in which he states that he has come to the conclusion that he should never have accepted the sketch mentioned by Lavery and asks him to accept it back.

**P285/44** 19 February 1937

2pp

**Letter from Sir John Lavery**

Lavery thanks Cosgrave for his kindness in returning the sketch, and promises him another to replace it.

**P285/45** 24 February 1937

1p

**Letter from John W. Dulanty**

Dulanty, High Commissioner for the Irish Free State in London, writes regarding the transfer of the sketch of Michael Collins to Sir John Lavery.

**P285/46** 7 March 1937

1p

**Letter from Maud O'Connell**

Writes from St Catherine's Park, Leixlip, county Kildare, to thank Cosgrave for meeting with her.

**P285/47** 10–12 March 1937

2 items

**Letters from D. Murphy**

Two letters from Murphy, of Holy Christ Missionary College, Kimmage, Dublin, thanking Cosgrave for his letter on the death of Father Stafford, and a further letter sent after Cosgrave's reply to this.

**P285/48** 13 March 1937

1p

**Letter from Sean [Kilroy]**

Thanks Cosgrave for a subscription to a fund organised on his behalf. His address is 25 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.

**P285/49** 14 March 1937

2pp

**Letter from J. Hu[m] Dud[ley]**

Writes from Beaumont Barracks, Aldershot, to thank Cosgrave for his letter.

**P285/50** 19–29 March 1937

7pp

**Letters from General James A. Farley**

Farley, Postmaster General of the United States, sends Cosgrave two copies of his speech from a dinner of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of New York, with two separate cover letters.

**P285/51** 21–26 April 1937

2 items

**Letters from Lieutenant Colonel G. Stratford Burton**

Stratford Burton discusses two flags which he obtained after the 1916 Rising, one of which he took from Thomas Clarke, and the other from Countess Markievicz. He offers these to Cosgrave to present to a museum, and follows up in another letter saying that he will dispatch them to Cosgrave directly. Stratford Burton's address is Marle Hill, Cheltenham.

**P285/52** 4–19 May [1937]

2 items

**Letters from Lord Powerscourt**

Powerscourt discusses the flags held by Stratford Burton, whom he directed to contact Cosgrave in order to offer them to an Irish museum, and in the latter letter stresses that he has no strong opinion on the matter and that it is Cosgrave's decision to which institution to offer them.

**P285/53** 13 May 1937

3pp

**Letter from D. Murphy**

Sends Cosgrave a copy of the Official Requiem (not included) from Congrégation du Saint-Esprit, Paris, to assist in the many funeral services Cosgrave is obliged to attend.

**P285/54** 25 May 1937

1p

**Letter from J.J. Walsh**

Walsh writes from Ulster Bank Buildings, 3 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, to discuss his feelings about the 'Suffragette agitation', stating that 'their poisoned fangs were everywhere in evidence' during the Anglo-Irish war.

**P285/55** 6–14 June 1937

5 items

**Letters from Thomas Bodkin**

Three letters from Bodkin, writing from the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at the University of Birmingham, relating to the location of the statue of George I in Dublin, and which the trustees of the Institute have authorised Bodkin to purchase. Bodkin includes a letter sent to him by John P. Clarke, Dublin City Manager and Town Clerk, and a copy of the Director's Report of the Institute for 1937.

**P285/56** 14 June 1937

1p

**Letter from T.J. McArdle**

A letter of thanks to Cosgrave for recent good wishes sent to McArdle, who works at the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

**P285/57** 19 July–8 August 1937

2 items

**Letters from Paschal Robinson**

Two letters discussing Robinson's impending visit to Dublin from Rome, and a meeting with Cosgrave.

**P285/58** 8 August 1937

2pp

**Letter from Frank Duff**

Mentions an enquiry he made recently to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Children 'on the subject of the Ratcliffe case'. Duff's address is North Brunswick Street, Dublin.

**P285/59** 14 August [1937]

2pp

**Letter from Robert Nicholl**

Nicholl, a Buckfast monk, requests an interview with Cosgrave in relation to 'a certain project'. He writes from 9 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin.

**P285/60** 20 August 1937

2pp

**Letter from Bea[nsoth]**

Letter written from Marseille to inform Cosgrave that the writer has been posted as *charges d'affaires* of the Nunciature in San Salvador.

**P285/61** 31 August 1937

2pp

**Postcard from 'The Big Doc' to Liam and Michéal Cosgrave**

Written from Wiesbaden, the card briefly mentions the Mullingar Show and Punchestown Races, and features a black and white image of a bridled horse's head. The writer signs off as 'The Big Doc (as May C calls me)'.

**P285/62** 19 October 1937

1p

**Letter from Mrs [C]. Doyle**

Doyle writes from Melrose, Dalkey, county Dublin enclosing 'the "old master" I told you about' (not included here).

**P285/63** November 1937

3 items

**Letters from Joseph Brennan**

Brennan, of the Currency Commission in Foster Place, Dublin, makes arrangements to meet with Cosgrave (15 November, 1p) and discusses general matters in two further letters which are not fully dated.

**P285/64** 18 March 1938

2pp

**Letter from John Leonard**

Invites Cosgrave to the point to point races at Drumree, county Meath, and mentions his nomination to the Senate.

**P285/65** 1 May 1938

5pp

**Letter from H.S. Guinness**

A letter of congratulations after the recent negotiations with England 'for a settlement of the various outstanding contentious matters', sent from Hayes, Kent.

**P285/66** 6 May 1938

3pp

**Letter from H.C. [McNally]**

Thanking Cosgrave for his recent letter regarding a win by the writer's horse, Royal Danieli. Sent from Hollybrook Park, Clontarf, Dublin.

**P285/67** 11 June 1938

1p

**Letter from Christine Leigh Doyle**

Invites Cosgrave to tea at her home at 37 Dublin Street, county Carlow.

**P285/68** 22 June 1938

2pp

**Letter from Dick**

Writes from The Presbytery, St Mary's, county Limerick, thanking Cosgrave for his recent letter, mentioning that he was glad to see General Mulcahy returned in the recent election.

**P285/69** 20 July 1938

2pp

**Letter from J.D. Scanlon**

Having returned home to Dennistown, Glasgow, Scanlon thanks Cosgrave for his 'boundless generosity' to him.

**P285/70** 10 August 1938

5pp

**Letter from Geraldine Fogarty**

Fogarty writes from the Savoy Court Hotel in London to inform Cosgrave that she had a 'very enjoyably and interesting' visit to Leinster House.

**P285/71** 20 September 1938

4pp

**Letter from Robert [J.] Doyle**

Asks to borrow one hundred pounds from Cosgrave. Writes from Melrose, Dalkey, county Dublin.

**P285/72** 11 November 1938

2pp

**Letter from G.S. Roche**

Roche, writing from the O'Brien Institute, Malahide Road, Dublin, thanks Cosgrave for his letter and mentions a visit he had from Father P. Dunne.

**P285/73** 11 December 1938

2pp

**Letter from Francis J. Wall**

Sends Christmas greetings to the Cosgrave family from Haddington Road, Dublin.

**P285/74** 5 January 1939

1p

**Letter from G.S. Roche**

Roche is very happy with the photograph he received.

**P285/75** 9 January 1939

2pp

**Letter from Sean Murphy**

Letter sent from the Legation d'Irlande in Paris thanking Cosgrave for his congratulations, which Murphy greatly appreciates.

**P285/76** 10 January 1939

1p

**Letter from Frank Duff**

Thanks Cosgrave for the Christmas well wishes he sent.

**P285/77** 14 February 1939

2pp

**Letter from Mona Hogan**

Encloses a cheque for fifteen pounds (not included) and updates Cosgrave on personal news. Hogan's address is Kilrickle, Loughrea, county Galway.

**P285/78** 8 March 1940

2pp

**Letter from Father [Gervais]**

Writes from 4 Merchant's Quay, Dublin, enclosing some references on Irish Franciscan history as requested.

**P285/79** 7 March 1939

2pp

**Letter from Father O'Dwyer**

Writes from St Columban's, Navan, county Meath, discussing a recent visit of Cosgrave to St Columban's and O'Dwyer's regret at having missed him.

**P285/80** 23 January 1944

1p

**Letter from Cosgrave to 'My dear Minister'**

Cosgrave thanks the unnamed Minister for his recent letter and discusses briefly the Imperial Conference.

**P285/81** 19 June 1945

2 items

**Letters from Douglas Hyde**

Two letters, in Irish, from Hyde. One letter is written from Seanad Éireann and undated, and briefly discusses the office of President. The other is a letter of farewell written at the end of Hyde's term as President (19 June 1945, 2pp).

**P285/82** 1 January 1947

2pp

**Letter from Oliver St John Gogarty**

Gogarty writes to the 'High King' with general well wishes for the new year.

**P285/83** December 1946–January 1947

2 items

**Letters from Arthur H. Ryan**

Ryan, of the Department of Scholastic Philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast, writes to Cosgrave with his thoughts on post-Treaty Ireland and Cosgrave's role in it, writing that 'one of the finest things you ever did... was to hand over the well-designed and splendidly-run machinery of Government to the men who tried to wreck what you were building' (10 December, 6pp). Ryan also writes to thank Cosgrave for his reply to this first letter (8 January, 6pp).

**P285/84** December 1948–November 1951

6 items

**Letters from Richard Hayes**

Hayes, the Irish Film Censor, writes to Cosgrave mainly on personal matters, but also discusses the moral justification of the Rising. Cosgrave facilitates a meeting between Hayes and Dr Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, to discuss the Catholic Church's attitude towards the Rising and the Anglo-Irish War, the resulting memorandum of which Hayes sends to Cosgrave, writing that he intends to hand this, and a letter which Fogarty sent him, to the Bureau of Military History, 'to be sealed and not to be opened for ten years' (30 May 1949, 1p). Copies of the memorandum and Fogarty's letter are included here. He also later writes discussing the Rising in county Carlow (13 November 1951, 2pp).

**P285/85** 27 July–14 August 1949

2 items

**Letters from Oliver St John Gogarty**

Gogarty discusses plans to visit Cosgrave during a trip to Dublin (27 July, 1p), and thanks Cosgrave for notes given on a manuscript of Gogarty's (14 August, 1p). Both letters are written from Renvyle, county Galway.

**P285/86** 28 February 1951

2pp

**Letter from John M. Andrews**

Thanks Cosgrave for the condolences sent on the death of his wife and brother. Writes from Comber, county Down.

**P285/87** June 1951–January 1954

3 items

**Letters from J.P. Walshe to W.T. and Liam Cosgrave**

Walshe, writing from the Irish Embassy in Rome, congratulates Liam Cosgrave on his recent success (6 June 1951), sends W.T. personal greetings and discusses the health of Pope Pius XII (8 February 1953), and discusses life in Rome and current events (18 January 1954).

**P285/88** 22 November 1955

2pp

**Letter from Oliver St John Gogarty**

Writing from 45 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street in New York, Gogarty explains the failure of *Reader's Digest* to publish an article which Cosgrave had lent him some assistance on, and discusses personal matters and, briefly, current events.

**P285/89** 8 June 1956

1p

**Letter from [H. Gibson] to Liam Cosgrave**

[Gibson] writes from the Electricity Supply Board enclosing a photograph of mast 72 Inchicore/Bray line being removed, to be given to W.T. Cosgrave. The photograph is not included.

**P285/90** 29 January 1958

1p

**Letter from Proinseas Mac Aogán**

Mac Aogán, of the Office of the Minister for External Affairs, forwards a copy of the Irish translation of the Bible, which is not included here.

**P285/91** 23–28 January 1963

2 items

**Letters from Sean Lemass**

Lemass writes to Cosgrave regarding his proposals to open to historical researchers the documents in the archives of the Department of the Taoiseach concerning the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations (23 January, 2pp). A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included. Lemass responds to this reply to reassure Cosgrave that only bona-fide historians will be granted such access, and to clarify details around Frank Pakenham's access to the same documents in the 1930s (28 January, 1p).

**P285/92** 4 June 1963

1p

**Letter from Spencer Freeman**

A cover note for a letter Lord Beaverbrook sent to Freeman, which is not included here. Freeman writes from Knocklyon House, Templeogue, Dublin.

**P285/93** 15 April 1964

1p

**Letter from Sean [Mallon]**

Writing from Dáil Éireann, he requests permission to use Cosgrave's name on a National Committee to erect a memorial to Michael Collins in Cork city.

**P285/94** May 1963–June 1964

6 items

**Letters from Lord and Lady Beaverbrook**

Letters from Max Aitken, Lord Beaverbrook, to Cosgrave mostly discussing his research on Irish history. He asks Cosgrave if it would be possible to purchase the papers of O'Higgins, Collins, Redmond and Dillon (8 June 1963, 1p), and discusses the possibility of borrowing books from Liam Cosgrave to further the research (15 June 1963, 1p). Having read the Irish Parliamentary debates on the Treaty he writes 'what a confused speaker was Michael Collins... and yet he seemed to me quite a good talker' (1 July 1963, 1p). Beaverbrook writes from Cherkley, Leatherhead, Surrey. Also includes a note of thanks from Lady Beaverbrook to Cosgrave, thanking him for his condolences on Lord Beaverbrook's death.

**P285/95** 1 July 1964

1p

**Letter from Sean Lemass**

Thanks Cosgrave for sending him a Dublin Corporation publication of 1884 which features an ancestor of Lemass.

**P285/96** November 1964–June 1965

2 items

**Letters from P. Walsh**

Walsh writes from An Bord Rásaíochta (the Racing Board) regarding the resignation of J. McGrath from the Board (25 November 1964, 1p), and expresses regret that Cosgrave is not a member of the new Board (21 June 1965, 1p).

**P285/97** 25 January–12 February 1965

2 items

**Correspondence between Liam Cosgrave and Geoffrey [Tovy]**

A letter of condolence from Cosgrave on behalf of himself and his father to Lady Clementine Churchill on the death of her husband, Winston Churchill. A reply from the British Embassy in Dublin, thanking him for the message, is included.

**P285/98** 20 April 1965

2 items

**Letter from Padraic Colum**

Colum encloses an *Irish Times* cutting of a commemorative poem he wrote about Michael Collins and sends personal greetings to Cosgrave. Colum's address is 11 Edenvale Road, Ranelagh, Dublin.

**P285/99** 9–21 March 1990

2 items

**Letters from Liam M. Collins to Liam Cosgrave**

An invitation from Collins to the opening of a Michael Collins Memorial Centre in Clonakilty, county Cork, to be opened in October 1990 (9 March, 2pp), and thanks for Cosgrave's acceptance (21 March, 1p).

**P285/100** 2 June–28 July 1993

3 items

**Correspondence between Liam Cosgrave and Brian Maye**

Cosgrave and Maye correspond about the text of a proposed book on Fine Gael, with Cosgrave offering some factual corrections after having read the draft.

**P285/101** Not dated

2pp

**Letter from Clara M. Murphy**

Thanks the Cosgrave family for their condolences on the death of her husband, Daniel J. Murphy.

**P285/102** Not dated

1p

**Letter from Chris Shouldice**

Thanks Cosgrave for his condolences on the death of John F. Shouldice.

**P285/103** Not dated

3pp

**Card from Father Hubert [Queni]**

Christmas card written in Italian. Noted as being printed in Florence and features a colour illustration of a group of children and animals outside a church.

## 1.2 On retirement, 1944

**P285/104** January 1944

5pp

**List of letters received on retirement**

An alphabetical list of people who sent letters to Cosgrave on the announcement of his retirement in January 1944.

**P285/105** 15 January–3 February 1944

2 items

**Michael Hayes**

Hayes writes to 'Dear Boss' from Brighton Square, Rathgar. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/106** 17–23 January

2 items

**MacGillycuddy**

Writes from The Reeks, Beaufort, county Kerry. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/107** 19–21 January 1944

2 items

**William Haldane Porter**

Writes from 98 St James' Gate, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/108** 19–21 January 1944

2 items

**Cecil Lavery**

Writes from Carrickbrennan, Monkstown, county Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/109** 19–25 January 1944

2 items

**Lord Beaverbrook**

Writes from Leatherhead, Surrey. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/110** 19–21 January 1944

2 items

**Dan Breen**

Writes from Dáil Éireann. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/111** 19–23 January 1944

2 items

**Belgian Ambassador to Ireland, Monsieur Goor**

A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/112** 19–21 January 1944

2 items

**Dr [J.J. March]**

Writes from 71 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/113** 19–22 January 1944

2 items

**Lord Powerscourt**

Writes from Enniskerry, county Wicklow. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/114** 19–21 January 1944

2 items

**Professor Liam Ó Briain**

Writes from University Road, Galway. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/115** 19–23 January 1944

2 items

**Father E.J. Doherty**

Writes from St Kevin's, Glencree, Enniskerry, county Wicklow. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/116** 19–22 January 1944

2 items

**Major Kirkwood**

Writes from Bow Street Distillery, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/117** [19]–21 January 1944

2 items

**Arthur Cox**

Writes from 42-43 St Stephen's Green, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/118** 20 January 1944

4pp

**F.R. [Meening]**

The Dutch Ambassador to Ireland writes from 82 Harcourt Street, Dublin.

**P285/119** 20–22 January 1944

2 items

**Jane Bennett**

Writes from Rathaney, Knocklong, county Limerick. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/120** 20–22 January 1944

2 items

**[Jim] Eason**

Writes from Harvieston, Dalkey, county Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/121** 20–22 January 1944

2 items

**James Dwyer**

Writes from 29 Washington Street, Cork. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/122** 20 January 1944

2pp

**Frank Duff**

Writes from De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin.

**P285/123** 20–23 January 1944

2 items

**Patrick Lyons, Bishop of Kilmore**

Writes from Cullis, county Cavan and urges Cosgrave to take the opportunity to 'jot down some notes' about his memories of the struggle for independence. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included, in which he says that he does 'not like the idea of writing' such a memoir.

**P285/124** 20–21 January 1944

2 items

**George McGrath**

Writes from Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, county Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/125** 20–21 January 1944

2 items

**Gearoid McGann**

Writes from Dáil Éireann. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/126** 20–21 January 1944

2 items

**W.K. Cleere**

Writes from 8 Ormonde Road, Kilkenny. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/127** 21–22 January 1944

2 items

**Hilda Eyre**

Writes from Cliftonville, Bray, county Wicklow. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/128** 21–24 January 1944

2 items

**Dr J.P. McGinley**

Writes from Beechfield, Letterkenny, county Donegal. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/129** 21-23 January 1944

2 items

**Kevin O'Shiel**

Writes from Cherrywood House, Loughlinstown, county Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/130** 21-22 January 1944

2 items

**Eva Finlay**

Writes from 38 Wellington Road, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/131** 21 January 1944

1p

**Copy of Cosgrave's letter to 'Frank'**

Thanks him for his letter and for his friendship.

**P285/132** 21-22 January 1944

2 items

**Stephen Gwynn**

Writes from 23 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/133** 28 February 1944

5pp

**John J. Horgan**

Writes from Lacaduv, Cork. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/134** 22–25 January 1944

2 items

**Michael Ó Braonáin**

Writes from Carrowkiel, county Roscommon. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/135** 22–28 January 1944

2 items

**Tom Crosbie**

Crosbie writes from the *Cork Examiner*. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/136** 22–24 January 1944

2 items

**Sir John Maffey**

The 'United Kingdom Representative to Eire' writes from 50 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/137** 24–27 January 1944

2 items

**John Cohalan**

Writes from Ardmanning House, Togher Road, Cork. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/138** 25 January 1944

1p

**Mr Keane**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Keane, which thanks him for the tribute in the *Kilkenny People*.

**P285/139** 25–27 January 1944

2 items

**W.J. Meagher**

Meagher writes from Castleknock College, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/140** 26–29 January 1944

2 items

**Thomas Bodkin**

Writes from the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/141** 26–27 January 1944

2 items

**[Arianne] Fitzgerald Kenny**

Writes from Clogher, Claremorris, county Mayo. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/142** 27–29 January 1944

2 items

**Reverend John Donnelly**

Writes from Ara Coeli, county Armagh. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/143** 27–30 January 1944

2 items

**Sir George M. Franks**

Writes from Ryecroft, Bray, county Wicklow. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/144** [28]-29 January 1944

3 items

**Agnes Martin**

Writes from Greenroyd, Rathfarnham, county Dublin. Two copies of Cosgrave's reply are included, one typescript and one handwritten.

**P285/145** 28-29 January 1944

2 items

**Father Eugene**

Writes from St Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/146** 28 January 1944

2pp

**J.M. O'Sullivan**

Letter from O'Sullivan, written from Aberfoyle, Orwell Road, Dublin.

**P285/147** 29 January-2 February 1944

2 items

**Lord Glenscy**

Writes from Rockbook House, Rathfarnham, county Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/148** 29 January-2 February 1944

2 items

**McElligott**

Writes from Oak Lodge, Southill Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/149** 29 January–2 February 1944

2 items

**Father Hamilton**

Writes from Newmarket on Fergus, county Clare. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/150** [30]–31 January 1944

2 items

**Kathleen Moloney**

Writes to Louisa Cosgrave enclosing a cutting from the *Daly Telegraph* which briefly discusses her husband's retirement. A copy of W.T. Cosgrave's reply to this letter is included. Moloney's address is 15 Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin.

**P285/151** 31 January–4 February 1944

2 items

**Sir Shane Leslie**

Writes from Glaslough, county Monaghan, also mentioning condolences Cosgrave sent him on the recent death of his father. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/152** 1–2 February 1944

2 items

**David Frame**

Writes from 1 Shrewsbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/153** 1–2 February 1944

2 items

**Thomas Westropp Bennett**

Writes from Summerville, Kilmallock, county Limerick. A copy of Cosgrave's reply to 'My dear Caothoirleach' is included.

**P285/154** 2 February 1944

1p

**'My dear Professor'**

Copy of a letter sent by Cosgrave which discusses at length 'the years of service in public life which we had together' which Cosgrave sums up by writing that 'you could all have done without me. I could not have done without you'.

**P285/155** 4-8 February 1944

2 items

**James Joseph MacNamee, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise**

Writes from St Michael's, Longford. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/156** 5-9 February 1944

2 items

**Dean P. Sexton**

Writes from St Patrick's Presbytery, Lower Road, Cork. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/157** 5-8 February 1944

2 items

**Father Patrick Lavelle**

Writes from Rathnew, county Wicklow. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/158** 6-9 February 1944

2 items

**Joseph D. Rush**

Writes from 23 Victoria Road, Rathgar, Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/159** 8 February 1944

1p

**Helene FitzGerald Kenny**

Writes from Clogher House, Claremorris.

**P285/160** 8–9 February 1944

2 items

**James V. Dillon**

Writes from Ballaghaderreen, county Mayo. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/161** 9–28 February 1944

2 items

**Desmond FitzGerald**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to FitzGerald thanking him for his friendship and 'the honour of having been a colleague in an eventful period'. Also includes FitzGerald's reply, in which he writes that he 'cannot hope to express my indebtedness to you for the leadership you gave to us and for the inexhaustible kindness that I with all others experienced during so many years'.

**P285/162** 9 February 1944

1p

**[Patrick] McGilligan**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to McGilligan thanking him for his help and advice over the last twenty years.

**P285/163** 9 February 1944

1p

**[John A.] Costello**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Costello thanking him for 'the many services you so freely and generously gave my colleagues and myself'.

**P285/164** 9 February 1944

1p

**Dan Morrissey**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Morrissey expressing his 'keen appreciation' of several actions taken by Morrissey in the Dáil over the years.

**P285/165** 9 February 1944

1p

**Liam Burke**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Burke expressing his appreciation and thanks.

**P285/166** 9 February 1944

1p

**General Richard Mulcahy**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Mulcahy thanking him for his 'powerful assistance' which was 'indispensable to this country'.

**P285/167** 9–15 February 1944

2 items

**Sean MacEoin**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Mulcahy thanking him for his services to the country. Also includes MacEoin's reply from Ballinalee, county Longford.

**P285/168** 12 February 1944

2pp

**Senator James Crosbie**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Crosbie thanking him for his friendship and cooperation.

**P285/169** 13 February 1944

1p

**George Bennett TD**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Bennett thanking him for his friendship and 'kind help'.

**P285/170** 14 February 1944

2pp

**Fionán Lynch**

Writes from Orwell Park, Rathgar, county Dublin.

**P285/171** 14–16 February 1944

2 items

**[Bill?] Eyre**

Writes from Derwent, Churchtown Road, Dundrum, Dublin.

**P285/172** 12 February 1944

1p

**Tony Barry**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter to Barry acknowledging 'the good work you have done so efficiently on my behalf'.

**P285/173** 17–21 February 1944

2 items

**Lord Dunraven**

Writes from Adare Manor, county Limerick. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/174** 28 February 1944

5pp

**Mabel FitzGerald**

Writing from Lonsdale, Temple Road, Dublin, FitzGerald refers to Cosgrave's letter to her husband Desmond and writes that she has 'never known him question or complain about or grumble at anything you required of him, even here at home in privacy'.

**P285/175** 6 March 1944

2pp

**Flannan O'Neill**

Writes from the Franciscan Convent on Merchant's Quay, Dublin, acknowledging the debt of gratitude owed by the Franciscan Fathers to Cosgrave.

**P285/176** 17 March 1944

2pp

**Sean Ó Gruagáin**

Writes from 36 Elgin Road, Dublin, partially in Irish.

**P285/177** 20 March 1944

2pp

**Mr Anthony**

Handwritten draft letter from Cosgrave to Anthony, which is partially in shorthand.

**P285/178** [January?] 1944

4pp

**Draft thank you letter**

Cosgrave's handwritten notes drafting a thank you letter. Mainly in shorthand.

### 1.3 With Dr Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, 1920–55

**P285/179** February 1925–December 1929

5 items

**1925–29**

Fogarty congratulates Cosgrave on being awarded the Grand Cross of the Pian Order (19 November 1925, 4pp), and discusses Louisa Cosgrave's health (20 July 1926, 4pp). Also includes a letter to Robert in which Fogarty tells him he would make an excellent Senator (28 February 1925, 4pp), and a letter to Louisa Cosgrave (29 January 1928, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/180** April–December 1930

4pp

**1930**

Discusses a trip to Maynooth (30 April, 3pp), Cosgrave's health (25 July, 4pp), the 'depressing' harvest for farmers (4 September, 2pp), and thanks Cosgrave for a 'costly' vase the latter sent him (26 December, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/181** July 1931–October 1932

6 items

**1931–32**

Discusses a visit to Ennis by Cosgrave and his son Liam (26 July 1931, 1p), a recent visit by Cosgrave to Ennis (13 January 1932, 4pp), the 'monument of eternal gratitude' that Ireland owes Cosgrave (19 February 1932, 4pp), a visit to Dublin and Liam Cosgrave's health (4 March 1932, 2pp), the results of the general election (18 March 1932, 4pp), and another visit to Dublin (4 October 1932, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/182** January 1933–November 1935

4 items

**1933–35**

Discusses the general election (4 January 1933, 4pp), the possible nomination of an unnamed candidate (7 January 1934, 2pp), his desire to see 'Fine Gael co[me] out boldly for the farmers' (19 October 1935, 4pp), and some travel plans of his (2 November 1935, 3pp), as

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well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/183** July–August 1936

5 items

**1936**

Discusses the Dublin elections (2 July, 4pp), describes de Valera as ‘tepid’ (30 July, 2pp), sends two letters from the Grand Pump Room Hotel in Bath (7–13 August, 2 items), and regrets that he cannot see much of Cosgrave during a visit to Dublin ([1936?], 3pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/184** February–August 1937

7 items

**1937**

Discusses de Valera and the Spanish Civil War (5 March, 4pp), Cosgrave’s statement at a meeting of Fine Gael (24 March, 4pp), his own ill health (19 May, 4pp), the need for Cosgrave to rest (7 August, 4pp), and Michéal Cosgrave (16 August, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes two letters written on behalf of Fogarty by M. Hamilton which discuss a proposed memorial to Patrick Hogan and the Bishop’s misgivings about same (5–11 February, 2 items).

**P285/185** January–December 1938

16 items

**1938**

Discusses a visit to Dublin (18 January, 2pp), his own poor health (6 February, 4pp), his belief that de Valera will have to make a settlement (8 February, 2pp), the ‘tariff question’ (26 February, 2pp), horse racing (2 March, 2pp), the death of ‘poor Mick Collins’ (11 March, 2pp), visits made to him by Cosgrave (16 September, 2pp), his present disability (11 November, 2pp), and Cosgrave’s financial situation (26 November, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes two letters from Fogarty’s colleague M. Hamilton discussing the former’s health and a visit to Dublin.

**P285/186** January–December 1939

20 items

**1939**

Discusses horse racing (4 February, 2pp), a pilgrimage Cosgrave once led to Rome (1 March, 4pp), Desmond FitzGerald (5 March, 2pp), a horse show which Liam Cosgrave was due to attend (4 March, 2pp), the death of Liam Duggan (8 June, 2pp), the political situation in Germany (23 and 27 August, 2 items), and recent Dáil sessions (4 December, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes two letters from M. Hamilton on behalf of Fogarty (4 and 10 August, 2 items).

**P285/187** January–December 1940

13 items

**1940**

Discusses a visit to Dublin (1 February, 2pp), a letter from Leo Whelan (4 February, 1p), the Second World War (30 May, 4pp), a speech Cosgrave gave in honour of Fogarty in Dublin (24 July, 2pp), a gift purchased by Fogarty for Cosgrave at Reilly and Weldon antique gallery in Dublin (23 August, 1p), and de Valera and Seán T. O'Kelly who he describes as 'too fond of flourishing the shillelagh in the face of John Bull' (19 November, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/188** January–December 1941

21 items

**1941**

Discusses 'the "Grey Wolf"' (31 January, 2pp), the death of Denis [Givey] (21 February, 1p), Desmond O'Brien (24 February, 4pp), a visit to Dublin (16 April, 1p), the IRA (29 May, 3pp), a recent speech given by Cosgrave in the Dáil (14 July, 2pp), the portrait of Fogarty painted by Sir John Lavery (16 July, 2pp), an unnamed issue which Liam Cosgrave 'is so set on...their is nothing to do except let him have his way' (*sic*), (18 July, 4pp), a trip to Valentia, county Kerry (1 August, 5pp), an event for a select party which Fogarty wishes Cosgrave to attend (1 September, 2pp), and the 'Ennis case of Chapman' (24 November, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/189** January–December 1942

19 items

**1942**

Discusses Mrs Moloney's return to England (4 January, 2pp), the departure of 'Dillon' from the Fine Gael party (22 February, 4pp), Cosgrave's knee trouble (20 March, 4pp), Liam Cosgrave's passing of exams (10 June, 2pp), a visit to see the Bishop of Limerick and the health of same (7 August, 4pp), Liam Cosgrave's ill health (16 August, 2pp), a vacation he is to take with the Bishop of Limerick (4 September, 2pp), the trip which is to Caragh Lake, county Kerry (12–18 September, 2 items), the 'little Moloney child' (20 November 2pp), and Christmas and New Year well wishes (21 December, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/190** January–December 1943

23 items

**1943**

Discusses Patrick Howard, owner of a large farm at Drumcliffe who wishes to subdivide this land (15 January–25 February, 3 items), a visit from Archbishop Francis Spellman to Cosgrave (2 April, 2pp), a trip to Dublin 5 April, 2pp), a manuscript about Erskine Childers (24 May, 4pp), Edward [Monahan] who solicited the Bishop to speak to Cosgrave regarding a Senate nomination (5 July, 2pp), American activities in the Second World War (23 July, 4pp), Joe O'Reilly (9 August, 2pp), remarks which Fogarty has written to deliver at the unveiling ceremony for portraits of Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, and Kevin O'Higgins at Leinster House (17 November, 3 items), Cosgrave's Christmas gift to Fogarty (27 December, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/191** January–December 1944

16 items

**1944**

Discusses Cosgrave's wish to retire (14 January, 4pp), his subsequent public resignation (25 January, 4pp), the portrait unveiling ceremony at Leinster House (29 January, 2pp), the Second World War (12 March, 4pp), the Papal Nuncio (29 March, 4pp), his well wishes for Louisa Cosgrave in her ill health (27 April, 2pp), and horse racing (21 October, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/192** January–December 1945

14 items

**1945**

Discusses the death of Mr Hogan (9 February, 2pp), the month's mind of Dr Keane, Bishop of Limerick (23 April, 4pp), a trip to Dublin (16 June, 1p), the Galway Races (24 July, 2pp), a visit from Cosgrave and his son Liam (2 August, 2pp), the by-elections (25 November, 2pp), and Liam Cosgrave's appendicitis (21 December, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes a letter to Cosgrave from Denis Flannery on behalf of Fogarty, to let him know of a trip to Dublin (14 October, 2pp), and a note signed by J.P. Walshe, Secretary at the Department of External Affairs, which requests on behalf of the Minister that any concerned party give all assistance necessary to Cosgrave and Fogarty as they travel to the funeral of Cardinal MacRory in Armagh (16 October, 1p).

**P285/193** February–December 1946

13 items

**1946**

Discusses Mr Davitt (14 February, 2pp), horse racing (8 April, 4pp), Sir John Lavery (9 April, 2pp), Cosgrave's ill health (27 May, 2pp), Fogarty's ill health (13 August, 2pp), the death of Sean Milroy (2 December, 2pp), a 'Commemoration' which went well, except that Fogarty feels aggrieved that Cosgrave is not accorded the importance Fogarty feels he deserves (7 December, 2pp), his old age (19 December, 2pp), and a recent plane crash (30 December, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/194** January–December 1947

23 items

**1947**

Discusses Michéal Cosgrave's appointment as secretary to the National Stud (7 January, 2pp), the death of Mrs McKenna (13 January, 2pp), his thoughts on 'these Frenchmen [who] are a pack of thieves' (18 February, 2pp), Desmond FitzGerald (22 April, 4pp), a priests' retreat (14 July, 2pp), Louisa Cosgrave's health (7 August, 4pp), a donation for Liam Cosgrave's election expenses (25 October, 2pp), Fianna Fáil's 'routing' in the recent by-elections (5 November, 4pp), Liam Cosgrave's ill health (25 November, 4pp), and Michéal Cosgrave's ill health (11 December, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes a letter to Liam Cosgrave (7 April, 2pp).

**P285/195** January–December 1948

32 items

**1948**

Discusses Michéal Cosgrave's health (11 January, 2pp), a visit he had from General Richard Mulcahy (18 January, 2pp), visits by Cosgrave to Ennis (27 February and 27 April, 2 items), a visit from Louis O'Dea (11 May, 2pp), his ill health (9 June, 2pp), Cosgrave's appointment as Chairman of the Racing Board (11 June, 2pp), a trip to Dublin (15 June, 1p), the current heatwave (2 August, 2pp), a visit with Mr Cahill to Mountrath (10 September, 4pp), and the death of Lord Granard (15 September, 4pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/196** January–December 1949

25 items

**1949**

Discusses Father Flannery's death (30 January, 4pp), Cosgrave's visit to Aintree (21 March, 2pp), and cancellation of same (4 April, 4pp), upcoming travel plans (20 April, 1p), Mrs Leigh Doyle (19 October, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes a letter to Michéal Cosgrave (2 January, 2pp), and a letter from Brother Finbarr of Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea (12 January, 2pp).

**P285/197** February-December 1950

16 items

**1950**

Discusses Maynooth college (13 February, 2pp), a child murder in Templeogue (4 21 February, 2pp), the death of Mick Hehir (10 March, 2pp), a visit to St Vincent's Hospital (4 June, 2pp), and a birthday telegram he received from the Holy Father (17 October, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters. Also includes a letter from Joseph Rodgers (27 October, 2pp).

**P285/198** January–December 1951

15 items

**1951**

Discusses Cosgrave's ill health (1 February, 2pp), the general election results which he feels sees the country taking 'a sickening shape' (22 June, 2pp), Liam Cosgrave's engagement (19 September, 2pp), his nephew Father Matt Fogarty who is in hospital at St Vincent's (3 November, 2pp), and his 'feeble' health at Christmas (19 December,

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2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/199** April 1952–October 1953

6 items

**1953–55**

Discusses Liam Cosgrave's wedding (11 April 1952, 1p), his lack of energy (22 May 1952, 2pp), General Hayes (21 September 1953, 2pp), and memories of days spent at the races and at Beechpark (25 October 1953, 2pp), as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/200** 20 October 1955

1p

**D. Kelly**

Letter from Kelly relaying to Cosgrave the severity of Fogarty's illness, writing that 'it now seems fairly certain that this is the final phase'.

**P285/201** 4–21 November 1955

2 items

**Joseph Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe**

Fogarty's successor writes to Cosgrave regarding the late Fogarty and his succession.

**P285/202** April 1950–January 1954

4 items

**Aggie**

Fogarty's maid writes to Louisa and W.T. Cosgrave regarding the Bishop's health, as well as other general and personal matters.

**P285/203** November 1939–September 1941

41 items

**Portrait of Michael Fogarty**

File of correspondence relating to the commissioning of a portrait of Fogarty by Sir John Lavery. Correspondence is mostly from Arthur Houlihan, solicitor, of Mount Dudley, Roscrea, county Tipperary, who is coordinating fundraising with Cosgrave. Includes a list of those to be solicited for donations (not dated, 2pp), and two letters from Lavery (30 November 1939, 2pp, and 16 April 1940, 2pp).

**1.4 With Bernard Forbes, 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Granard, 1920–48**

**P285/204** 18–25 January 1923

7 items

**Correspondence for Robert Barton**

Correspondence relating to a letter sent by Granard to Cosgrave which he requests to be sent to Barton in Mountjoy Military Prison. Includes a letter from Cosgrave's brother Phil at the prison confirming that the letter was received by Barton.

**P285/205** 27 February 1923

1p

**Telegram**

Granard sends word to Cosgrave that part of Castle Forbes was destroyed by mine and he 'should be obliged if you would be good enough to arrange for the protection of what remains'.

**P285/206** 27 February–6 March 1923

8 items

**Destruction of Castle Forbes**

Correspondence resulting from the partial destruction of Castle Forbes and the instituting of a permanent guard there by General Richard Mulcahy. Also includes correspondence relating to a possible visit by Lord Granard to the castle.

**P285/207** 6–18 August 1923

7 items

**Joseph Shevlin**

Correspondence relating to a recommendation from Granard for the employment of Shevlin in a Government ministry.

**P285/208** 3 February 1924

3pp

**Income tax**

A letter to Granard from Lord Southborough at 17 Airlie Gardens, London, enclosing a cutting from *The Times* which discusses the situation regarding income tax in the Free State.

**P285/209** 11–15 February 1924

3 items

**Master of the Horse**

Granard writes to Cosgrave to inform him that King George V has appointed him Master of the Horse. Cosgrave's reply is included, as is a copy of Granard's letter written in a different hand.

**P285/210** July–November 1924

43 items

**Income tax and Peace Commissioner**

File of correspondence covered by a Saorstát Éireann file cover and titled 'The Earl of Granard, Castle Forbes, Newtown Forbes, Longford Income Tax and Miscellaneous'. The correspondence is between Granard, Cosgrave and other parties concerning Granard's income tax situation in the Free State. Also includes some correspondence relating to Granard's desire to become a Peace Commissioner.

**P285/211** September–October 1924

12 items

**Visit of the Duke of Northumberland**

File of correspondence covered by a Saorstát Éireann file cover and titled 'The Earl of Granard Visit of the Duke of Northumberland'. The correspondence is between Granard, Cosgrave and other parties regarding the possibility of the Duke visiting the Free State in his capacity as Chairman of the Irish Loyalist Relief Association. Northumberland has written to Granard expressing concern at the 'enormous suffering' of Loyalists in the Free State (1 September, 2pp). Cosgrave regards this as fraud and propaganda (5 September, 5pp). Northumberland, via Granard, makes enquiries as to the amounts of compensation paid in post-Treaty cases (24 September, 2pp), and Cosgrave replies with figures from thirty cases taken at random (28 October, 9pp).

**P285/212** September 1924–November 1925

12 items

**G.H.S. Jarratt**

File of correspondence regarding Jarratt, one of the two Veterinary Inspectors in Longford, who has contacted Granard with concerns about the Department of Agriculture's intentions to appoint a single Inspector for each county. Cosgrave makes enquiries at the Department, and is reassured by B. Fitzsimon that no such steps have been taken (22 September 1924, 1p). Similar enquiries are made in 1925 (22 October–7 November 1925, 4 items) with the same result.

**P285/213** 18–22 February 1925

3 items

**Colonel Richard Charteris**

A letter of introduction from Granard to Cosgrave for Charteris, of Cahir Park, and Cosgrave's reply. Includes a note from Charteris to Cosgrave written from the Kildare Street Club.

**P285/214** 22 April 1925

2pp

**Thanks for a gift**

Granard thanks Cosgrave for the offer of a gift of [Art's plate?] which he writes will 'remind me of a friendship which I greatly value'.

**P285/215** 8–16 May 1925

2 items

**Proposed visit of the King's Yacht**

Granard writes that the issue 'has been settled in accordance with your views' (8 May, 1p), and Cosgrave replies to thank him for his 'good offices in the matter' (16 May, 1p).

**P285/216** 16–24 November 1925

3 items

**Visit to London**

Cosgrave thanks Granard for an invitation to London but will not go,

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contd and also thanks him for some rosary beads Granard sent which were blessed by Cardinal Bourne.

**P285/217** January–February 1926

4 items

**Major John Astor**

Correspondence regarding the visit of Astor to Ireland and a meeting with Cosgrave.

**P285/218** 10 June 1926

2pp

**Taxes on alcohol**

Cosgrave outlines for Granard the details of wine and beer duty, and mentions the betting tax.

**P285/219** April–August 1926

12 items

**Sholto Douglas Estate and the McCann family**

Correspondence concerning the McCann family and their issues with the Land Commissioners, about which matter Granard makes representations and Cosgrave replies with information and clarifications.

**P285/220** 8–16 July 1926

3 items

**James McNeill, High Commissioner of the Irish Free State**

Correspondence regarding an assurance given by McNeill to Granard that a motor boat he is having shipped from France will not have to be inspected by customs. Includes a letter from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners detailing the steps to be taken, and requesting that McNeill be told not to make such promises to anyone in the matter of Customs examination of baggage or merchandise.

**P285/221** July–September 1926

4 items

**William Hoffman, Vice President of the National City Bank of New York**

Letters of introduction for Hoffman from Granard and from T.A. Smiddy, of the Irish Free State Legation in Washington D.C. Also includes a copy of Cosgrave's letter to Granard giving a brief account of their meeting.

**P285/222** 22–29 October 1926

4 items

**The King's Banquet**

Correspondence between Granard and Cosgrave regarding their respective trips to London. Cosgrave asks Granard if he should wear the Order which he received from the Pope to the banquet (29 October, 2pp).

**P285/223** February–March 1927

9 items

**Newtown Forbes and Lios Breac**

Correspondence between Granard, Cosgrave, and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the adoption of 'Lios Breac' as the Irish translation of Newtown Forbes by the postal authorities. Granard objects to this and ultimately the Department agrees that 'Baile MacFirbisigh' will be used instead, if approved by the local County Council.

**P285/224** 25–26 March 1927

2 items

**Hugh Garrahan**

Correspondence discussing candidates at the next election, including Garrahan, Chairman of the County Council, who Granard writes 'is certain to get in'. Cosgrave replies that 'the matter I spoke of to you is very likely to materialise within the next three weeks'.

**P285/225** March–April 1927

9 items

**Order of St Patrick**

Correspondence between Granard and Cosgrave discussing the Knights of St Patrick. Granard believes the matter should be left to rest for a year (6 April, 2pp), and requests that Cosgrave not mention this view to the British Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, should he contact Cosgrave (7 April, 1p). Includes a letter from Louis Purser to Granard which states that he can find no evidence that the Knights were 'dictated by any desire to bribe anti-Union peers' (31 March, 1p), and a cover letter forwarding this piece of correspondence to Attorney General John A. Costello from Cosgrave's secretary, Paul Banim (4 April, 1p).

**P285/226** May–July 1927

6 items

**Field Marshal Earl Haig's appeal for ex-Servicemen**

Correspondence between Granard and Cosgrave regarding a draft letter which Haig would like Cosgrave to approve before sending it to the press. The letter refers to 'the deplorable amount of distress which exists today in the Irish Free State amongst ex-Servicemen and their families'.

**P285/227** 6 July 1927

2pp

**King of Egypt**

Granard thanks Cosgrave for his letter and describes his recent experience looking after King Fuad of Egypt.

**P285/228** 18 July 1927

2pp

**Kevin O'Higgins**

Granard requests signed, undated permits to bring guns and ammunition into the country, which he says O'Higgins always gave him. He also mentions O'Higgins' services to his country.

**P285/229** 17 August 1927

3pp

**William Redmond and the National League Party**

Granard expresses satisfaction that William Redmond and the National League Party were defeated in their efforts to bring down Cumann na nGaedheal with the Labour Party and Fianna Fáil.

**P285/230** September–October 1927

4 items

**General Election**

Granard and Cosgrave discuss the results of the General Election.

**P285/231** 23–25 October 1927

2 items

**Chancellorship of Trinity College Dublin**

Granard informs Cosgrave that he has been asked to allow his name to go forward for election to the post Chancellor of the university, and asks his advice. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/232** October–November 1927

6 items

**Miss Wilson Slater of Whitehill, Edgeworthstown, county Longford**

Granard makes representations on behalf of Slater, whose county Meath farmland is to be acquired by the Land Commission. Cosgrave makes enquiries and replies directly to Granard.

**P285/233** 7–13 December 1927

2 items

**Agricultural Credits Bill**

Granard sends Cosgrave a memorandum on the Bill which was drawn up by a banker friend of his in Dublin. A copy of Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/234** March–June 1928

22 items

**Order of St Patrick**

Correspondence between Granard, Cosgrave and Cosgrave's secretary Paul Banim regarding the Order and the form it might take in the Irish Free State. Granard has been requested by the Prime Minister to solicit Cosgrave's views on the matter by means of a memorandum (1 April, 2pp), and he sends Cosgrave the specific points upon which the Prime Minister would like his views (30 April, 3pp). A memorandum written by John A. Costello on the matter is included (18 May, 14pp), as is Cosgrave's letter stating that the Order is 'purely Irish' and that 'all other matters connected with it would be for the Executive Council to decide' (21 May, 3pp).

**P285/235** 5–7 December 1928

3 items

**Sir Walter Nugent**

Correspondence between Granard and Cosgrave regarding the election of Sir Walter Nugent to the Seanad.

**P285/236** 9 January 1929

2pp

**Health of King George V**

Cosgrave writes to Granard expressing hope that the King's health continues to improve, and thanks him for a present of game which Granard sent to him.

**P285/237** 6–16 February 1929

3 items

**Death of Ogden Mills**

Correspondence between Granard and Cosgrave concerning the death of Mills, Granard's father-in-law. Also includes a letter of thanks from Beatrice Granard to Cosgrave for his sympathies.

**P285/238** 8–15 March 1929

6 items

**Dr F. McMenamin**

Cosgrave requests Granard write to Major Tryon in the British Ministry of Pensions to seek the appointment of Dr McMenamin to the staff of Medical Officers of the Ministry. Replies from Granard and Tryon are included, as is a letter from Cosgrave to Lorcan Sherlock of Ballsbridge, Dublin, informing him that the open position will be filled by other means.

**P285/239** 19 March 1929

2pp

**King of Afghanistan**

Granard briefly mentions his time with the King and makes plans to meet Cosgrave.

**P285/240** 10–14 May 1929

2 items

**Lady Norton and Lord Northumberland**

Granard forwards Cosgrave a copy of an invitation card to an event at Lady Norton's home at which Lord Northumberland is to speak 'on the lamentable position of the Ex-Servicemen and Southern Loyalists' in the Free State, to be followed by a ball to raise funds for same. Cosgrave's reply is included.

**P285/241** 25–29 June 1929

3 items

**Lord Hamilton and the Irish ‘Tote Bill’**

Granard forwards Cosgrave a note written by Hamilton on the Tote Bill. Cosgrave’s reply is included.

**P285/242** 8 July 1929

1p

**Health of King George V**

Granard briefly mentions the health of the King and arranges to meet Cosgrave.

**P285/243** 14 August [1929]

1p

**Shannon Poles**

Granard thanks Cosgrave for settling this matter ‘to our entire satisfaction’.

**P285/244** August–September 1929

3 items

**Arrangements to meet**

Arrangements to meet over the summer, including an invitation from Granard for Cosgrave to visit his sister, Lady Maurice FitzGerald, at Johnstown Castle.

**P285/245** 1 January 1930

1p

**Volume of Queen Victoria’s letters**

A note from Paul Banim thanking Granard for the volume on Cosgrave’s behalf, who cannot write personally as one of his sons has measles.

**P285/246** February–March 1930

7 items

**Transfer of Superintendent Liddy from Longford**

Correspondence regarding the transfer of Liddy from the district due to his wife having a dental practice in the vicinity, and Granard's objections. Includes a letter from the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána to Cosgrave explaining the decision to transfer Liddy but confirming cancellation of same.

**P285/247** March–April 1930

11 items

**Civil Service Lifeboat Fund**

Correspondence between Granard, Cosgrave and Lord Southborough discussing the possibility of the Free State Civil Service taking over the sponsorship of the Dun Laoghaire lifeboat, which had ceased due to the change in government.

**P285/248** April–July 1930

11 items

**Irish Exhibition in Brussels**

Granard writes to enquire who the Government's representatives will be at the Exhibition. Also includes correspondence from Paul Banim, Cosgrave's secretary, owing to confusion over where Lord Granard's letter to Cosgrave had been addressed. Lord Granard also briefly discusses the raise in income tax in Great Britain.

**P285/249** June–September 1930

3 items

**Shredded Wheat**

Granard forwards Cosgrave a report by the Managing Director of Shredded Wheat which outlines the poor business prospects for the company in Ireland. Cosgrave's reply is included, as is an interim reply from Paul Banim.

**P285/250** 7 July 1930

1p

**Granard's accident**

Copy of Cosgrave's letter enquiring after Granard's health.

**P285/251** 14–18 September 1930

3 items

**Imperial Conference**

Granard and Cosgrave discuss the Conference and the fact that Cosgrave has been medically advised not to attend.

**P285/252** October–November 1930

8 items

**Arrangements to meet**

Granard and Cosgrave make arrangements to meet at Beechpark, the President's home.

**P285/253** 2–4 December 1930

2 items

**General Franks**

Granard forwards Cosgrave a letter received from Franks, of Ballyscaddane, Knocklong, county Limerick, which requests Granard's support for his candidature for the Senate. A note by Paul Banim indicates that the letter was responded to, but the copy reply is not present.

**P285/254** 5–19 December 1930

5 items

**Export of horses for slaughter**

Correspondence between Lady Eva Forbes and Cosgrave, who replies to a letter Lady Forbes sent to Mrs Cosgrave discussing the issue of exporting horses for slaughter. He writes that he has contacted Minister Patrick Hogan on the issue.

**P285/255** December 1930–January 1931

3 items

**Arrangements to visit Lady Forbes**

Lady Forbes writes to Mrs Cosgrave, inviting the couple to tea at Castleknock. Paul Banim writes on behalf of the Cosgraves to say they must postpone their visit due to one of their sons having measles.

**P285/256** 7–8 January 1931

2 items

**State Lotteries**

Granard forwards Cosgrave a letter from Lord Southborough who writes that if the Free State had one or two State Lotteries a year, there would be no need for income tax.

**P285/257** February–March 1931

3 items

**Margaret Fitzgibbon**

Cosgrave writes to Granard on the subject of Fitzgibbon, who has been dismissed from her position in the Bank of Ireland. Granard replies to say that he will look into the matter. A handwritten note with Fitzgibbon's details is included.

**P285/258** March–April 1931

10 items

**Land Commission**

Correspondence between Granard, Cosgrave, and Martin Roddy of the Commission, discussing those properties exempt from the operations of the Land Act of 1923.

**P285/259** 1 April 1931

2 items

**Betting Tax**

Cosgrave replies to a letter from Granard in which he mentioned the possibility of instituting a 6d stamp on betting tickets in place of the Betting Tax. A document with copies of letters from Lord Southborough to Granard, from Granard to Cosgrave, and from Cosgrave to Ernest Blythe on this topic is included.

**P285/260** May–June 1931

7 items

**William White and Forbes' demesne**

Granard writes to Cosgrave about a tenant of his, White, for whom the Land Commission was to find alternative land, about which matter Cosgrave writes to the Land Commission. Granard also mentions a secret trip to Dublin by Lady Lavery for the purpose of 'sounding the question of her husband succeeding the present G[overnor]. G.[eneral].' (3 May, 2 pp). Also included is a pamphlet, reprinted from articles from *The Times*, titled *The Russian Conscripts*.

**P285/261** May–June 1931

12 items

**Lowering of Lough Ree**

Correspondence between Granard, Cosgrave, and the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding Granard's concerns that the Electricity Supply Board will lower the level of Lough Ree. Also includes brief mentions of the Bill to abolish the Appeal to the Privy Council.

**P285/262** May–July 1931

3 items

**Raising of Death Duties**

An extract from a letter in which Granard writes that he was told by Baron Edouard Rothschild that the Death Duties in the Irish Finance Act are to be brought up to British levels. Two documents from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners discussing the rise in Death Duties are included.

**P285/263** June–August 1931

8 items

**Colonel Wilfrid Ashley**

Correspondence concerning Ashley's income tax issues and Classiebawn Castle, which he wishes to make inhabitable again as an Irish home for his daughter, Lady Louis Mountbatten, and Cosgrave's enquiries about same to the Revenue Commissioners. A report from the Commissioners on Ashley's situation is included.

**P285/264** 4–21 July 1931

3 items

**Shannon flooding**

Granard sends Cosgrave a memorandum on the flooding around Longford, which Cosgrave's secretary forwards to the Building Research Committee and the Office of Public Works.

**P285/265** 12 July 1931

2pp

**Arrangements to meet**

Granard suggests meeting, and mentions the 'serious' conditions in Germany.

**P285/266** October–November 1931

4 items

**Captain Arthur Fosbery Holmes**

Documents relating to the status of Captain Holmes, soon to retire from his position as Harbour Master in Dun Laoghaire, which follow a query made on Homes' behalf by Granard.

**P285/267** 27 December 1931

1p

**Gift of a book**

A cover letter for Granard's gift of a book on the first Home Rule Bill, sent to Cosgrave.

**P285/268** 31 December 1931

1p

**John W. Dulanty**

A letter from Cosgrave's secretary to Granard informing him of Dulanty's (High Commissioner of the Irish Free State, London) marital status and address.

**P285/269** 8 March 1933

3pp

**Greetings**

Granard thanks Cosgrave for his recent congratulations, and hopes to see him in the near future.

**P285/270** 22 August 1933

1p

**Cosgrave on holiday**

A short letter from Cosgrave's secretary letting Granard know that his recent letter has been forwarded to Cosgrave, who is on holidays at Carna, county Galway.

**P285/271** 9 June 1934

3pp

**Settlement between Great Britain and the Irish Free State**

Granard writes of the unlikelihood of a settlement between 'de Valera and his friends' and the British Government.

**P285/272** 1 July 1934

3pp

**Local elections**

Granard requests Cosgrave's views on the elections.

**P285/273** 8–14 August 1934

2 items

**Arrangements to meet**

Two letters from Granard concerning plans to meet.

**P285/274** August–October 1934

8 items

**Lady Granard's inheritance and taxation**

Correspondence concerning the issues surrounding Lady Granard's domicile status and her sizable inheritance from her father, Ogden Mills.

**P285/275** 17–29 September 1934

2 items

**Senate Election**

Granard, in two letters, asks Cosgrave's wishes as regards Granard's vote for the Senate.

**P285/276** September–October 1934

2 items

**Arrangements to meet**

Cosgrave will remain at home to receive Granard (20 September, 2pp). Granard will be in Dublin to meet Carey and wishes to see Cosgrave (23 October, 1p).

**P285/277** 16 November 1934

2pp

**Senate Election**

Granard will vote in accordance with Cosgrave's instructions and writes about his daughter Moira's forthcoming marriage to Comte de Brantes.

**P285/278** 23 November 1934

2pp

**Prince George's wedding**

Granard outlines who is invited to the forthcoming royal wedding, and is of the opinion that the High Commissioner in London would be, while the Governor General of the Free State would not.

**P285/279** 19 January 1935

1p

**Merrion Square**

Granard very briefly discusses the plans to build a cathedral in Merrion Square, and mentions that Runciman wants to see him.

**P285/280** February–March 1935

5 items

**Memorandum on the Irish Free State**

Granard forwards Cosgrave the memorandum, which discusses the coal and cattle issue, and which he has circulated to the British Cabinet, and requests his views. Cosgrave replies with his opinion, and two pages of handwritten notes are included here. Granard further writes to say that he has no objection to Cosgrave sharing the memorandum with some of his colleagues, and then briefly mentions Eoin O'Duffy.

**P285/281** 1–17 April 1935

2 items

**Arrangements to meet**

Two letters from Granard suggesting meetings.

**P285/282** 21 September 1935

3pp

**Mussolini and Germany**

Granard briefly discusses Mussolini and Granard's hope that the war will be localised in Africa. He mentions that it 'is hard to know what Germany may do' and that British defences are very weak.

**P285/283** March–April 1936

3 items

**Irish settlement**

Granard writes two letters on the subject of a settlement in Ireland. An empty envelope from Granard is also included, which is stamped with the date 14 April 1936.

**P285/284** 16 April 1936

1p

**Ernest Blythe**

A letter from Cosgrave's secretary, John Kent, inviting Granard to meet with Blythe. The letterhead reads 'Fine Gael United Ireland'.

**P285/285** May–June 1936

3 items

**Finance Bill**

Three letters from Granard requesting copies of the Bill.

**P285/286** 23 January 1936

3pp

**Death of King George V**

Granard writes briefly from Buckingham Palace thanking Cosgrave for his letter sent on the death of King George V.

**P285/287** 7-21 March 1937

2 items

**Coronation of King George VI**

Granard writes two letters discussing the Coronation, at which he is to look after the Papal Nuncio.

**P285/288** 19 May 1937

2pp

**Irish Constitution**

Granard briefly discusses the Constitution along with other general matters.

**P285/289** 9 June 1937

2pp

**Imperial Conference**

Amongst other general matters, Granard writes that it was a pity that the Free State Government did not take part in the Conference.

**P285/290** 14 June 1937

2pp

**General Election**

Granard sends a short note about the recent Irish General Election.

**P285/291** 8 August 1938

1p

**Death of Lord Granard's brother**

Granard thanks Cosgrave for his sympathies.

**P285/292** 28 October 1939

1p

**Sir John Maffey**

Granard asks if he could bring Maffey to meet Cosgrave, as the former would like to make Cosgrave's acquaintance.

**P285/293** 17 January 1944

2pp

**Johnstown Castle**

Granard writes that his nephew is to make the Castle over to the county.

**P285/294** 23 April 1944

1p

**Greetings**

Granard hopes Cosgrave is well and encloses some items which he thinks might be of interest.

**P285/295** [1920]

3pp

**Royal St George Yacht Club**

Granard is sorry he missed seeing Cosgrave. Written from the Yacht Club in Kingstown.

**P285/296** September–November

5 items

**Partially dated letters**

Five partially dated letters from Granard to Cosgrave, discussing general matters.

**P285/297** Not dated

1p

**Lord Granard's address**

A sealed, empty envelope bearing Granard's London address.

## 2. POLITICAL MATERIAL

**P285/298** 4 May 1916

5pp

**Proceedings against W.T. Cosgrave in relation to his activities in the Easter Rising**

Original copy of the proceedings against Cosgrave at the Field General Court Martial convened by General John Maxwell after the 1916 Rising. Includes transcripts of prosecution witness Major J.A. Armstrong and defence witnesses James Michael Gallagher (Lord Mayor of Dublin) and D.L.G. Sherlock (former Lord Mayor of Dublin), as well as evidence and charge sheets.

**P285/299** 25 October 1917

1p

**Sinn Féin Ard Fheis**

Ticket to the Ard Fheis, held at the Mansion House on Dawson Street, Dublin. Features a green border of Celtic design and a small purple Celtic cross in the upper right corner. In Irish.

**P285/300** [25 October 1917]

2 items

**Sinn Féin Constitution**

Two copies of the Constitution adopted at the 1917 Ard-Fheis. One copy features the text in both English and Irish, while the other is only a partial copy of the English text.

**P285/301** April–June 1919

3pp

**Weekly contribution card**

Cosgrave's contribution card for the Eamonn Ceannt Sinn Féin Club in Dublin.

**P285/302** October 1920–July 1921

12 items

**Minister for Local Government**

File of correspondence dating from Cosgrave's time as the Minister. The correspondence is copy and mainly from Michael Collins. The topics are appointments to positions in the Department and a donation, possibly made to the Self Determination Fund. Also includes a circular publicising the work of the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund.

**P285/303** [1921]

2pp

**Cosgrave election poster**

Two photocopies, each featuring different halves of an election poster for Cosgrave which bears the slogan 'We Got Him Out To Put Him In Vote for Cosgrave A Felon Of Our Land'.

**P285/304** 17 January 1922

4pp

**Sinn Féin Extraordinary Ard Fheis**

Circular sent by Austin Stack and Harry Boland to Sinn Féin committee members discussing the Ard Fheis which has been called by the Ard Comhairle.

**P285/305** 27 May 1922

3pp

**Conference on Ireland**

An aide-memoire of notes taken at a meeting of the Conference at which the Treaty was negotiated.

**P285/306** 12 August 1922

2pp

**Statement by W.T. Cosgrave**

Cosgrave, as Minister for Local Government, makes a statement after the death of Arthur Griffith on 'the news that members of the Government are on the list to be shot'.

**P285/307** 21 August 1922

2pp

**Pages from Michael Collins' diary**

Photocopy of three pages of the diary which are addressed 'To Mr Cosgrave' and discuss 'the bank position' and the decision to postpone a Dáil meeting.

**P285/308** 30 August 1922

3 items

**Draft Constitution of the Irish Free State**

Copy of the Constitution, within which was contained a list of lectures for 1921-22 held by Cumann Léigheacht an Phobail (the Dáil public information service), and a printed three verse poem titled 'We'll Remember'.

**P285/309** 13 October 1922

3pp

**Letter to Padraic Uasail Colum**

Cosgrave writes to Colum regarding the incident concerning Mr Devoy and Judge Colahan.

**P285/310** December 1922

2 items

**Timothy Healy**

Two newspaper cuttings of photos of Healy, the first with a Free State soldier after his appointment as Governor General, and the other with Commanders Magruder and Styles of the American destroyers *Breck* and *Toucy*.

- P285/311** c1923  
6pp  
**Speech on Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins**  
A speech in praise of Griffith and Collins. Neither the author nor the venue of the speech is included.
- P285/312** 1923  
2pp  
**Drawing of W.T. Cosgrave**  
Newspaper cutting of a sketch of Cosgrave.
- P285/313** 10 September 1923  
2pp  
**Notification to attend Dáil Éireann**  
A notification sent to Cosgrave after the 1923 election at which he was elected for Carlow-Kilkenny, and signed by Dáil Clerk Colm Ó Murchadha.
- P285/314** 26 January 1924  
2pp  
**Irish Times article**  
Newspaper cutting of a short article, part of a series on 'Our Rulers', which discusses W.T. Cosgrave.
- P285/315** 26 November 1925  
4pp  
**Notes on trip to London**  
Handwritten notes on a trip to London at which Cosgrave met Stanley Baldwin.

- P285/316** c1926  
2pp  
**Liam and Michéal Cosgrave**  
Newspaper cutting featuring a photograph of the two boys on horseback.
- P285/317** August 1927–June 1999  
6pp  
**Defence of Beechpark House**  
Copies of documents from 18 August 1927 which detail National Army plans to defend Cosgrave and his home from an attack by Irregulars. Includes a covering letter from Commandant Peter Young of the Military Archives in Rathmines, Dublin, to Liam Cosgrave.
- P285/318** 15 June 1927  
1p  
**Notification to attend Dáil Éireann**  
A notification sent to Cosgrave after the 1927 election at which he was elected for Carlow-Kilkenny, and signed by Dáil Clerk Colm Ó Murchadha.
- P285/319** 20 September 1927  
1p  
**Cartoon of W.T. Cosgrave**  
Copy of a cartoon from the *Star* in which Cosgrave attempts to move a pig which is labelled 'Irish Electorate'.
- P285/320** 27 August 1927  
2pp  
**Cartoon of W.T. Cosgrave**  
Newspaper cutting of a cartoon from the *Daily Mail*. It depicts Cosgrave jumping off a cliff into a sea labelled 'General Election', pulling Eamon de Valera along with him.

**P285/321** 11 June 1928

9pp

**Visit of Cosgrave to Holyhead**

A commemorative booklet produced for Cosgrave's visit to Holyhead, on which he was accompanied by his son Liam.

**P285/322** c1927

2pp

**Cosgrave photograph**

Newspaper cutting of an image of Cosgrave delivering a speech. Credited to Times World Wide Photo.

**P285/323** 9 September 1928

1p

**Cartoon of W.T. Cosgrave**

Cartoon from the front page of the *Sunday Independent* in which he is depicted as fishing with a fish labelled 'Private Enterprises' about to take the bait. Signed by Gordon Brewster. A separate page lists the details of the newspaper from which the cartoon was taken.

**P285/324** 1928

9pp

***Boston Sunday Post* article**

Copy of an authorised complete life story of Cosgrave, published in advance of his visit to Boston. Stamped as having been copied from documents in the Military Archives, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines, Dublin.

**P285/325** 5 January 1928

7pp

**Programme for a 'Fleadh'**

Lists of attendees and a seating plan for a banquet for Cosgrave before his visit to America.

**P285/326** 4 July 1928

2pp

**The Bremen**

Two copies from the *Irish Times* relating to the transatlantic flight of the *Bremen*, the flight crew of which included Irishman James Fitzmaurice.

**P285/327** 1929

2 items

**Election leaflets**

An original and copy of a leaflet for Dr Thomas F. O'Higgins' election campaign, making note of the support of Cosgrave and Captain James Fitzmaurice of the *Bremen*. Features photographs of each man as well as copies of their signatures.

**P285/328** 1 December 1930

4pp

**Programme for the Cumann na nGaedheal Annual Reception**

Held in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. The back cover is signed by Cosgrave in Irish.

**P285/329** 21 June 1931

4pp

**'The Kildare Bye-Election Bulletin'**

Copy of the bulletin, produced to promote Conlan for Kildare and featuring an image of Cosgrave at a ship's wheel with the title 'Stand By The Man At The Wheel!'

**P285/330** 12 March 1932

1p

***The Kilkenny People***

A cutting from the newspaper of an article titled 'Changing The Pilot' which discusses the change in government and Cosgrave's role over the last ten years in power.

**P285/331** [1934]

2 items

**Analysis of the 1934 local elections**

Two copies of an analysis of the election, one typed and one handwritten. The author is not noted, but the handwriting appears to be Cosgrave's.

**P285/332** c1940

15pp

**Lord Craigavon**

Handwritten account of Cosgrave's first meeting and recollections of the late Lord Craigavon. The account is partial and fragmented.

**P285/333** 1940

2pp

***The Life of a Painter***

Copied extract from Sir John Lavery's autobiography in which he discusses Hazel Lavery's admiration of Cosgrave.

**P285/334** 8 April 1940

15pp

**Cork Chamber of Commerce speech**

Text of a speech given by Cosgrave at a meeting of the Chamber, which discusses employment.

**P285/335** 21 January 1944

2 items

**Unveiling of portraits of Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, and Kevin O'Higgins**

Two programmes for the unveiling ceremony at Dáil Éireann.

**P285/336** 1949

52pp

**Cosgrave's statement to the Bureau of Military History**

Statement which covers Cosgrave's activities 'in the movement for Irish Independence in the years 1913 to 1921, including the Rising of Easter Week 1916, the organisation and operation of Dáil Éireann Department of Local Government 1920, and other matters'. Outsize.

**P285/337** [1949]

7pp

**Statement by Cosgrave on Michael Collins and Cathal Brugha**

Noted as to be kept under seal until 30 May, 1979, these are likely to be additional excerpts from Cosgrave's statements to the Bureau of Military History. Only part of each statement is represented here.

**P285/338** c1958

2pp

**Notes to [Mary] Cosgrave**

Typed notes on the achievements of the first Government of the Irish Free State and subsequent political developments in Ireland, up until 1957. The author is not noted.

**P285/339** 20 April 1958

3 items

**The O'Higgins Memorial in Stradbally, county Laois**

Copy of W.T. Cosgrave's speech from the unveiling of the Memorial, along with a note from Ita McCoy to Liam Cosgrave which encloses a copy of Niall O'Higgins' speech, for which W.T. Cosgrave was unable to stay.

**P285/340** 8 May 1960

1p

**Receipt from the South Dublin Union**

Receipt for £1 for Cosgrave, from the 'South Dublin Union, Marrowbone Lane, Roe's Distillery 1916 Garrison'.

**P285/341** 17 November 1965

1p

**Newspaper cutting**

A tribute to Cosgrave from Joseph McGrath titled 'The Man Who Stepped Into The Breach...' from the *Irish Independent*. Card mounted.

**P285/342** November 1965–January 1967

87pp

**Newspaper cuttings**

A collection of newspaper cuttings relating to W.T. Cosgrave's death and his legacy. Also includes a handwritten transcription of Eamon de Valera's remarks on Cosgrave's passing, and the text of the thank you card sent by the Cosgrave family to those who sent expressions of sympathy.

**P285/343** c1966

4pp

**W.T. Cosgrave's Government positions**

A list of the positions held by Cosgrave from the First Dáil through to the end of his career.

**P285/344** 1973

29pp

**Album of postcards and photographs**

A collection of card-mounted historical postcards, photographs, and other ephemera which were originally stored in plastic sleeves within a green hardback album, the cover of which has been retained. This cover bears the title 'Memories of Sinn Féin' in gold print, with the name 'J.L. McAdams' similarly noted. The inside of the front cover has attached a black and white postcard which features the main participants of the 1916 Easter Rising seated around a table. Also attached is a small label which reads: '2<sup>nd</sup> May 1973 with the compliments of J. Leo McAdams, 62A St. Fintan's Crescent, Sutton, Co. Dublin (formerly Kilkenny)'. The details of the individual pages are outlined below, and are estimated to date from c1913–1957.

Includes:

- four black and white postcards featuring photographs of Padraig Pearse, Sean McDermott, The O'Rahilly, and Thomas MacDonagh. The reverse of this page contains four black and white picture postcards of Michael Mallin, Edward Daly, Eamon de Valera, and Countess Markievicz (2pp);
- four black and white postcards featuring photographs of Sean Connolly, Sir Roger Casement, Austin Stack, and Thomas Ashe. The reverse of this page contains two more postcards featuring Ashe, and a third which has a black and white image of the Irish Volunteers firing a volley over Ashe's grave (2pp);
- four black and white postcards featuring photographs of Arthur Griffith, Reverend Dr O'Dwyer, Thomas Whelan (whose image is surrounded by a full-colour tricolor), and Captain Sean E. Hartley. The reverse of this page contains three black and white picture postcards. The first has an illustration of three policemen searching a room with the caption 'Searching For Arms And Ammunition In Ireland', the second's illustration features John Redmond hovering over a First World War graveyard of Irish skeletons with the caption 'Join An Irish Regiment Today', and the last is illustrated with an image of Redmond blowing on flames under a cauldron, from which Irish and British soldiers are pouring forth. The caption for this last card reads 'Keeping The Pot Boiling In Ireland' (2pp);
- three colour picture postcards, the first featuring a peace conference of European countries to which Uncle Sam is inviting an Irish soldier. The second features 'Erin' personified as a lady

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holding the tricolor and riding a horse labelled 'Sinn Féin'. The third shows an Irish soldier aiming a cannon at a rising sun labelled 'General Election', with the caption 'The Gun To Win The Day'. The reverse of this page contains three more colour postcards, the first showing John Redmond holding a bag marked '£400 per year' and being chased by a wasp labelled 'Sinn Féin' in the direction of the general election. The second shows a parrot marked 'Irish Party' being given orders by John Bull, and the third features David Lloyd George dangling a carrot marked 'Promises' in front of an 'Irish Party' donkey (2pp);

- a postcard featuring a black and white image of Dr Patrick McCartan, Sinn Féin candidate in the 1918 election, a colour postcard showing John Bull being force-fed by 'Dr Sinn Féin', and a colour postcard featuring John Redmond walking behind John Bull with the caption 'Following In Father's Footsteps'. The reverse of this page contains three colour postcards which each feature Christmas themed Irish political cartoons (2pp);
- three black and white photographs: John Redmond receiving the Freedom of Kilkenny City (1913), Papal Nuncio Paschal Robinson receiving the Freedom of Kilkenny City (1930), and Kilkenny County Council (1934). The reverse of this page contains black and white photographs of St John's Brass Band and Joe Devlin, MP for West Belfast, as well as a black and white postcard featuring an image of Castle Junction, Belfast (2pp);
- a black and white card mounted portrait photograph of W.T. Cosgrave as Sinn Féin MP for Kilkenny City in 1917. The reverse of this page features a cutting from the *Kilkenny Leader* which lists the lyrics for a song called 'Kilkenny Cats - New Style', also from 1917 (2pp);
- three black and white photographs: the Victoria Hotel (1917), Cosgrave delivering his election speech after the 1917 by-election, and a group of people including Dan McCarthy, Darrell Figgis, Tom Kelly, Eamon de Valera, Sean Milroy, Laurence Ginnell, Cosgrave, and Countess Markievicz. The reverse of this page contains three black and white picture postcards of various sites in Kilkenny (2pp);
- three black and white photographs: a group of Kilkenny men arrested after the 1916 Rising, the Governor, Clerk, Head Warder and warders of Kilkenny Gaol circa 1920, and the 'Hunger Strike Group' which is captioned to point out the Kilkenny men in the group, Thomas Treacy and Michael Loughman. A caption is included for an image of a road trench the Callan-Mullinahone road in 1921, but the photo is not present. The reverse of this page contains three more black and white photographs: the 'Suppression of the "Kilkenny People" by British Authorities' (1920), a 'Black and Tan wedding group at Woodstock' (1920), and 'Kilkenny men in our National Army' (1927);
- a black and white photo postcard of Michael Collins, surrounded by twelve small black and white photographs of Collins' funeral. The reverse of this page contains three black and white photographs: Ministers of the Executive Council at the funeral of Alderman Peter de Loughry (1931), 'Internment at

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- Thornbeck', and Liam and W.T. Cosgrave at Glenmalure (1957); some items which were stored loose in the final plastic folder of the album: a memoriam card for Michael Collins ([September] 1922, 1p), a newspaper cutting of a photograph of Local Defence Force officers and men training at Pickerstown, Tramore, county Waterford (1941, 2pp), a Christmas card featuring the memorial at Beal na Bláth to Michael Collins and signed 'from one Collins admirer to another' (not dated, 3pp), and finally a sepia toned, card mounted photograph of a woman and three children playing cricket on the lawn in front of a large detached house. The reverse of the photograph features the caption 'Woodstock' not dated, 2pp).

**P285/345** Not dated

12pp

**'Arthur Griffith'**

The text of a talk by Oliver St John Gogarty on Griffith.

**P285/346** Not dated

22pp

**Irish Governments 1919-33**

Modern photocopies of details of the members and pertinent dates of each Government within the date range above.

### 3. PERSONAL MATERIAL

**P285/347** 1891–2005

10 items

#### **Genealogical material**

A file of documents relating to the life of W.T. Cosgrave and the Cosgrave family generally.

Includes:

- 'The Genealogical History of The Cosgrave Family of Kilrush, County Wexford', an article by Anthony Ryan (not dated, 5pp);
- 'The Cosgraves of Graigueamore', a photocopied article by Rory Murphy and Denis Hanlon (1993, 4pp);
- Inscriptions from the tombstones of several ancestors of Cosgrave's (not dated, 4pp);
- a colour drawing on card of the Cosgrave coat of arms. The name William Smith and the address 153 Clonliffe Road are written on the reverse of the card (not dated, 2pp);
- copy of a marriage certificate for Thomas Burke and W.T. Cosgrave's mother Brigid Cosgrave, formerly Nixon, a widow, both resident at 174 James' Street in Dublin (20 September 1891, 1p);
- copy of a handwritten curriculum vitae for W.T. Cosgrave (not dated, 1p);
- an account of Cosgrave's life and career by an unknown author, seemingly an extract from a larger work (not dated, 7pp);
- a timeline of important events in Cosgrave's life and career, with dates included for some events (not dated, 2pp);
- a sheet containing eight examples of Cosgrave's signature, written both as 'Liam T. McCosgoir' and 'W.T. Cosgrave' (not dated, 1p);
- a note from S. de Búrca of the Government Secretariat regarding some queries made about W.T. Cosgrave. The enquirer is not noted (23 October 1996, 1p);
- typescript copy of *Recollections of the Life of W.T. Cosgrave* by Liam Cosgrave, as told to Dr Pat Wallace. Sent to Liam Cosgrave from the National Library on Kildare Street, Dublin (2004, 73pp);
- correspondence relating to the *Recollections of the Life of W.T. Cosgrave* as mentioned in the previous item, consisting of letters from Anne Holliday, Directorate of the National Museum of Ireland which discuss payment for a sound recordist (June–July 2005, 4 items).

**P285/348** 1923–1954

7 items

**Programmes**

A file of programmes and other material for events attended by Cosgrave.

Includes:

- programme for a reception at the Metropole Hotel, Dublin. This programme's back cover has 13 signatures inscribed, including Sean McCann and Vincent O'Brien ([14 September 1925], 4pp);
- an invitation to the reception in honour of Cosgrave at the Metropole Hotel for Peter Flood (September 1923, 2pp);
- programme for a reception and banquet to 'Overseas Delegates' under the auspices of the Publicity Club of Ireland, of which Cosgrave was Chairman. Held again at the Metropole Hotel in Dublin (21 July 1924, 11pp);
- programme for a 'Complimentary Banquet to John F. McCormack' in the Council Chamber at University College Dublin (5 August 1925, 6pp);
- a programme for the Irish National Pilgrimage of the Catholic Truth Society (30 October 1925, 4pp);
- a programme for the inaugural meeting of the 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Literary and Historical Society of University College Dublin (13 November 1935, 4pp);
- an invitation to the Episcopal Golden Jubilee of Dr Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe (29 August 1954, 1p).

**P285/349** 1922–1956

11 items

**Religious material**

File of religious pamphlets, pastoral letters and other material of a religious nature.

**P285/350** 22 November 1926

5pp

**Honorary Doctorate from the University of Cambridge**

Programme for the ceremony at which Cosgrave awarded an Honorary Doctorate.

**P285/351** 1837–October 1844

6 items

**Historical interest material**

File of material of historical interest collected by Cosgrave.

Includes:

- copy of a letter sent by Daniel O’Connell to the editor of the *Pilot* stating that he is not a Freemason (19 April 1837, 2pp);
- certificate stating that John Cosgrave is a Volunteer in the Volunteers of 1782 Revived. The certificate is decorated with images of nine famous Irishmen, including O’Connell, Brian Boru, Owen Roe O’Neill and Hugh O’Neill (17 June 1844, 1p);
- copy of a letter sent by O’Connell to Thomas Davis (30 October 1884, 4pp);
- ‘O’Connell’s Wit And Humour’, a printed collection of tales and anecdotes attributed to O’Connell (not dated, 18pp);
- copy of Isaac Butt’s admittance into the Society of Kings’ Inns as a student barrister (1835, 1p);
- copy of Edward Carson’s admittance into the Society of Kings’ Inns as a student barrister (1875, 2pp).

**P285/352** 9 May 1963

1p

**Headquarters Active Service Unit Association**

Receipt for one pound for a subscription to the Cullen-Kehoe Memorial Fund.

**P285/353** c1973

3 items

**Stamps**

Three rubber stamps with attached handles, each to stamp the name ‘Liam Cosgrave’.

**P285/354** Not dated

1 item

**Brass silhouette paperweight**

Brass paperweight featuring a male silhouette, possibly a portrait of Michael Collins.

#### 4. PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS

**P285/355** 22 August 1926

1p

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave at Leinster House**

An image of Cosgrave delivering a speech to a seated audience in the grounds on Leinster House. Cosgrave is standing on the steps holding his speech and looking to his right, while some of the audience can be seen on his left. Noted as being the copyright of the *Irish Times*.

**P285/356** c1928

2pp

**Photograph postcard of W.T., Liam and Michéal Cosgrave**

The image shows W.T. and Michéal crossing a bridge, sheltered by an umbrella, and preceded by Liam under an umbrella with an unidentified man. A woman follows, her face obscured.

**P285/357** c1926

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave and Michéal Cosgrave**

Cosgrave holds his son on his shoulder under a tree, in a garden.

**P285/358** c1928

2pp

**Newspaper cutting of W.T., Louisa and Liam Cosgrave**

An image of the three Cosgraves together with Cosgrave's aide Colonel O'Reilly returning from Nice, with the caption 'Back in Dublin to Face the Crisis of a Famine'.

- P285/359** c1930  
3pp  
**Photograph of Liam and Michéal Cosgrave**  
Portrait photograph of the Cosgrave brothers seated together on a large chair. The photographer is Werner & Son of Dublin.
- P285/360** [1920s]  
2pp  
**Newspaper cutting of W.T. Cosgrave**  
Features an image of Cosgrave posing for a life-size portrait bust by George T. Waters in his Paris studio.
- P285/361** [1920s]  
2pp  
**Photograph postcard of W.T. and Louisa Cosgrave**  
The image features the Cosgraves standing on the deck of a ship, wearing winter clothing.
- P285/362** [1920s]  
2pp  
**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave giving a speech**  
Cosgrave is standing on a podium with the upper half of his body visible, and is extending his right arm and index finger. There are several figures in the background. The photographer is noted as J. Cashman, Sporting Press Studio, 21 Capel Street, Dublin.
- P285/363** [1920s]  
1p  
**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave at a banquet**  
Card mounted photograph showing Cosgrave seated at a dinner party. General Richard Mulcahy is seated to his right, and Ernest Blythe is seated on the same side of the table. Eoin MacNeill can be seen in profile on the right hand side of the image. The gathered guests are in evening dress. A portrait of Michael Collins can be partially seen, hanging over the fireplace behind Cosgrave.

**P285/364** [1920s]

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave, Eamon de Valera and others**

Image of a group of nine men and two women, with two men and the women seated and the rest standing. One of the women holds a bunch of flowers.

**P285/365** [1920s]

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Image of Cosgrave standing at a desk with his hands placed on it, with some papers lying in between them. The photographer is noted as Keogh Brothers of St Stephen's Green and Dorset Street, Dublin.

**P285/366** c1916

2pp

**Photograph postcard of W.T. Cosgrave**

An oval portrait of Cosgrave titled 'Irish Rebellion, May, 1916' and captioned 'Captain William Cosgrave, Sentenced to Death. Commuted to Penal Servitude for Life'.

**P285/367** [1920s]

5 items

**Photographs of W.T. Cosgrave, Eoin MacNeill and Hugh Kennedy**

Two photographs of Cosgrave delivering a speech to a gathered crowd from a raised platform on which flies a tricolour, and where he is surrounded by a large group of men. Also included are photographs of MacNeill, Kennedy, and an unidentified third man giving speeches at the same event.

**P285/368** [1920s]

2pp

**Newspaper cutting of W.T. Cosgrave and Margo Couzens**

A photograph of the two at Wardmen Riding Club.

**P285/369** February 1927

2pp

**Newspaper cutting of W.T. Cosgrave, Tim Healy and Frederick Sterling**

The three are pictured after Sterling, the first American Minister to the Irish Free State, presented his credentials.

**P285/370** [1920s]

2 items

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Image of Cosgrave with another man, possible Frederick Sterling, on a street with several people gathered behind them. The photograph is credited to Independent Newspapers Limited, Dublin. This photograph is in two pieces.

**P285/371** [1920s]

1p

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Photograph of Cosgrave mounted on a black horse in full riding gear. The photograph is stored in a small white card sleeve.

**P285/372** [1920s]

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave, Joan Burke, and Hugh Kennedy and wife**

Noted as having been taken on the 'Anniversary [of] Wolfe Tone', the four are walking across a field, followed by a small group of other people.

**P285/373** September 1923

2 items

**Photographs of W.T. Cosgrave and others in the League of Nations Delegation**

The first image features Cosgrave with Hugh Kennedy (Attorney General), Eoin MacNeill (Minister for Education), Michael MacWhite (Permanent Delegate to the League of Nations), Desmond FitzGerald (Minister for External Affairs), the Marquis MacSwiney of Macshanaglass (Irish Representative accredited to the League), Kevin O'Shiel (Assistant Legal Advisor), Sir Osmond Esmond (Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs), Diarmuid O'Hegarty (Secretary), Joseph O'Reilly (Assistant Private Secretary to Cosgrave), and Gearoid McGann (First Private Secretary). The second photograph gathering.

**P285/374** [1930s]

1p

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Portrait photograph of Cosgrave which has been card-mounted (now loose) and features a handwritten inscription from Cosgrave to Professor Smeddy. Outsize.

**P285/375** [1930s]

1p

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Portrait photograph of Cosgrave showing his face and upper body.

**P285/376** [February] 1982

3 items

**Photographs of W.T. Cosgrave and others in Paris**

Three photographs of a crowd of people leaving a building. The first prominently features Cosgrave walking with a priest. The photographer is noted on each as Agence Rol, 4 Rue Richer in Paris.

**P285/377** [1940s]

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave**

Image of Cosgrave walking with a small group of people, mainly clergymen, while holding an umbrella and wearing formal dress. Noted as being copyright of Independent Newspapers, Dublin.

**P285/378** [1940s]

2 items

**Photograph of W.T. Cosgrave and Dr Michael Fogarty**

Image of the two men standing outdoors, side by side. Enclosed in a small card folder. Also included is a photograph of Liam Cosgrave arm in arm with Bishop Fogarty.

**P285/379** [1940s]

1p

**Photograph of W.T. and Louisa Cosgrave**

Image of the Cosgraves seated at a formal event in evening dress, surrounded by a group of people similarly attired.

**P285/380** [1940s]

1p

**Photograph of W.T., Louisa and Liam Cosgrave**

Photograph of Liam Cosgrave standing outdoors in his barrister's gown and wig, flanked by his parents.

**P285/381** [1950s]

2pp

**Photograph of W.T. and Liam Cosgrave**

Image of the two men in formal dress, standing in front of a muralled wall, alongside two other unidentified men. The photographer is noted as G. Felici of via del Babuino, Rome.

**P285/382** 1936–April 1940

1p

**Sketch of W.T. Cosgrave**

By Sean O’Sullivan. Also included is another sketch by the same artist of another, unidentified, man.

**P285/383** 2003

2pp

**Sketch of W.T. Cosgrave**

By Mark O’Keeffe of Artane, Dublin 5.

**P285/384** [1930s]

2 items

**Photographs of three priests**

Image of three priests in a garden, with two seated and one standing. One priest bears a strong resemblance to W.T. Cosgrave.

**P285/385** [1930s]

2pp

**Photograph postcard**

Postcard featuring the portrait photograph of a young woman, who is looking to her right.

**P285/386** [1950s]

1p

**Photograph of street scene**

A laminated photograph of an elderly man in a trench-coat walking past a small group of other men while cars pass by on the road beside him.

**P285/387** Not dated

1p

**Photograph of a meeting**

Image of ten unidentified men seated around a long meeting table, with most looking directly at the camera.

**P285/388** 28 February 1932

1p

**Cartoon of Cosgrave**

Published in the *Sunday Independent*, it features Eamon de Valera as the new captain of the ship 'Saorstát Éireann' as Cosgrave bids it farewell. Outsize.