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MSS 868-69 Papers of Major Henry C. Sirr

Henry Charles Sirr (1764-1841) was born in Dublin. He served in the British Army from 1778 to 1791. In 1798 he was appointed Town Major (chief of police) in Dublin. In that position he was responsible for the arrest of many of the rebels in the 1798 and 1803 uprisings. His post was abolished when the Dublin Police Force was reorganised in 1808.

MS 869/5

Select folios:

- 1-4 Information of Thomas Devoy relating to John Carroll later transported to Botany Bay, 28 May 1798.
- 59-60 Examination of Thomas Halpin Gardiner concerning Michael Dwyer's gang, 4 April 1801.
- 61-62 Information of Matthew McDaniel concerning Michael Dwyer, 21 June 1801.

MS 869/7

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- 8 Information referring to Michael Dwyer, 23 April 1803.
- 10 Henry Hayden (Dublin) to ?, 28 May 1803: terms under which he would undertake to take Dwyer or any of his party.

MS 869/8

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- 46a Information of Patrick Lynch, a prisoner who had been threatened by Dwyer and informed on him, n.d.
- 47 Note containing information about Dwyer.
- 85 H.C.S. List of prisoners to be sent on board.

MS 869/9

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- 120-23 Mathias McElray (prisoner on convict ship *Anne*, Cork) to ?, 9 June 1800: distress of his large family; does not know how soon he will sail for Botany Bay; his good character in the parish.
- 128 William Conna to ?, 1 July 1800: believes prisoner Laurence Jacob is a member of Dwyer's gang.
- 341 J. Bainbridge to G. Morrison, 13 March 1801: attack on two men by Dwyer's party. (copy)
- 351 Alexander McPherson (Kippure) to Sirr, 13 March 1801; John Harman and another member of Dwyer's gang passed through Ballynascorney on their way to Dublin.
- 368 John and Laurence Harman to Sirr, 23 April 1801: they are on board *Lydia* bound for America.

MS 872 Proceedings of courts martial, 1798

Volume containing copies of court martial proceedings at Drogheda, Slane, Trim, Dublin and Loughlinstown, including trials of prisoners sentenced to transportation, June-November 1798. (157 folios)

MSS 1469-73 Papers of R.R. Madden

Richard Robert Madden (1798-1886), who was born in Dublin, studied medicine in Paris and London. After several years practising as a doctor, he joined the British Colonial Service in 1833 and served in the West Indies and West Africa. He returned to Dublin in 1850 and was secretary of the Office for Loan Funds. He was the author of many books including *The United Irishmen, their lives and times* (7 vols., 1843) and *The life and times of Robert Emmet* (1847).

MS 1471

Papers relating to the United Irishmen.

Select:

- No. 802 Proceedings of trial of Michael Kehoe at Wexford Court Martial, sentenced to transportation for life, 12 July 1799. (2 folios)
- No. 808 Proceedings of trial of Michael Quigly at Wexford Court Martial, sentenced to transportation for life, 13 Sept. 1799. (2 folios)
- No. 810 Proceedings of trial of James Scully and Michel Kelly at Wexford Court Martial, sentenced to transportation, 19 Feb. 1800. (2 folios)
- No. 811 Proceedings of trial of John Bryan at Wexford Court Martial, death sentence commuted to transportation for seven years, 22 Feb. 1800. (23 folios)

Each document is signed by the presiding officer and the sentence confirmed by Lord Cornwallis, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

MS 959**Papeles de la Fundación de la Santa Prouya**

Papers relating to ecclesiastical, civil and military proceedings in Spanish America in the first half of the seventeenth century.

Select folios:

485-513 Relación de los pleitos de Manila, 19 June 1636.

MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS

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Conditional pardon of James Scully, sentenced to transportation for life, signed by Sir Charles FitzRoy, Governor of New South Wales, 31 December 1847. The accompanying document records that Scully was tied at Queen's County on 27 March 1832 and transported on the *Duvegan Castle* in 1832.

Note: A number of other collections held in Trinity College Library are described in Phyllis Mander-Jones. *Manuscripts in the British Isles relating to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific* (1972). On account of copyright considerations, the Librarian would not allow the Australian Joint Copying Project to microfilm them.