

**Limerick
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Introduction

The Custom House in Limerick was built on land leased from the merchant John Vincert by the Commissioners of Revenue. It was designed by Italian architect Daviso de Arcort, and building work started in 1765, and was completed in 1769.

The earliest material held by Limerick Archives dates from 1778. The collection relates mainly to the work carried out by the Collector of Customs at the port of Limerick in the nineteenth century. It includes letter books, general orders, financial records, and report books. It also includes some records relating to the staff of the Custom House in the early twentieth century.

In 1807, a Board of Customs for Ireland was established. This Board issued orders and regulated the work of all collectors of customs in Ireland. In 1823 the board was amalgamated with the Board of Customs for England and Wales, and the Board of Customs for Scotland to create a single board for the entire United Kingdom to whom the collector of customs of each port reported. The main responsibility of each collector was in the collection of customs revenue in his port. This work carried with it the prevention and detection of smuggling and other evasions of the revenue laws, and the collection of statistics of imports, exports and shipping.

Under the Finance Act 1908 the administration of excise and of work connected with the award of old age pensions was transferred from the Board of Inland Revenue to the Board of Customs, which thereupon became known as the Board of Customs and Excise.

The Customs House Papers are arranged in three sections, which are firstly papers emanating from the Collectors Office Limerick, secondly papers relating to Custom House Staff, and thirdly papers dating from 1923, which relate to the Office of the Revenue Commissioners.

The first part of section one consists of orders and correspondence between the Board of Customs (and it's successor the Board of Customs and Excise) and the Collector of Customs of the Port of Limerick. In addition to issuing general orders to all collectors of Customs in the United Kingdom, the Board also issued local orders to the Limerick collector, which related specifically to reports sent to them from Limerick and arising from issues local to Limerick This material therefore is useful for researching custom house employees and their families, activities at Limerick Port, and the merchants, ship owners, mariners and other persons who worked at Limerick Port. Information regarding collection of customs and custom officers at nearby smaller ports such as Kilrush, Kilkee and Tralee can also be found here.

The next part of the collection relates to work carried out at Limerick Port by customs officers on behalf of the Register Office of Merchant Seamen and its successor the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen and on behalf of the Royal Naval Reserve.

The 1835 Merchant Shipping Act required the owners of any ship in Ireland or the United Kingdom with a deck and of more than 15 tons burden to register it with the

Customs officers in its homeport. Registers of Shipping for the Limerick Port (1836-1901) have been deposited with the National Archives of Ireland, and a copy retained in microfilm by Limerick Archives (DM 10).

This section also includes a letter book (P16/122) date from 1851 to 1856 to the work carried out by the Limerick Collector, acting as shipping master for the Port of Limerick. These duties included ensuring that a ship's official logs which were required to be kept under the 1850 Mercantile Marine Act were in order; ensuring that death of seamen on ships and disposal of his property was carried out according to the requirements of the 1851 Seamen's Fund Winding Up Act, and ensuring that certificates of discharge and character which were required by the 1854 Merchant Shipping Act were signed by both the seaman and the master of the ship in his presence. Also included is a register and serving forms of royal navy reserve men recruited in Limerick Port c. 1912-1917.

The Board of Customs also expected the collector to carry out additional functions at his Port, which were unconnected with customs revenue. The third part of this section relates to appointment of Limerick Collector as Receiver of Wreckage and consists of report books (P16/127-132) and letters (916/126) relating to wreckage salvaged in Limerick Port and surrounding Ports

The final part of Section A (P16/134-137) consists of four volumes containing Acts of Parliament, which affected the work of the Collector of Customs.

Section B relates to staff records for Limerick Custom House dating from 1874-1922, and section C consists of records of stock stored in the Customs Ware Houses, (1903-1907)

In 1923 the Office of Revenue Commissioners was established by the Irish Free State, with a mandate to carry out all the functions previously exercised by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and Commissioners of Customs and Excise. The final section D relates to records created in the Custom House, Limerick after 1923. This includes a Register of Shipping dating 1933-1946 (P16/146)

The Custom House Papers are useful to researchers interested in Limerick Port, and Limerick merchants, and those researching the work carried out by the Collector of Customs and his staff such as revenue collection, detection of smuggling, enforcing of trade laws, impressments and registration of seamen, and protecting governmental interest in relation to wrecks, embargos and quarantines. The National Archives of the United Kingdom and the National Archives of Ireland holds additional papers relating to the Custom House Limerick and the work carried out by the Office of the Collector of Customs for Limerick Port. The collection does not hold any information relating to the collector of excise and the post office, which operated from the Custom House in the nineteenth century.

Please note that the location of any material listed within square brackets is currently unknown, e.g. [5-6].

A. Office of the Collector of Customs, Limerick (1778-1922)

I. Correspondence and General Orders

(a) Letters and General Orders from the Board of Customs (1780-1908)

Letter books containing printed circular letters and general orders from the Board of Customs for England, Custom House, London to collectors in all out ports. Topics include instructions regarding duties of collectors and comptrollers, record-keeping practices, orders regarding registration of ships, notification of legislative changes, regulations regarding importing and exporting various categories of goods from various countries, and penalties to be applied for irregular activities by merchants. Includes subject index to letters.

2 volumes

1	26 September 1780-28 December 1813	c. 680 pp
2	4 January 1814-31 December 1823	c. 1200 pp

Letter books containing local orders letters relating specifically to issues arising in Limerick Port. Letters are from the Board of Customs to the collector of customs, Limerick. From 1822 to 1828 letters are from the Board of Customs of Ireland, Custom House, Dublin. From P16/11 onwards letters are from the Board of Customs for the United Kingdom, Custom House London. Topics include advice and guidance on implementing duties, the effect of legislative changes and international commerce treaties; penalties for smugglers and forms of smuggling, forms, registers and other records to be kept by the collector and Custom House officers; licenses for boats; memorials received from Limerick merchants regarding entry of cargos through Limerick Port, repayment of duties, return of goods seized, and other matters; repairs and building improvements to the Custom House Limerick and purchasing of equipment; review of accounts and half-yearly reports submitted by the Collector of Customs; approval of appointments, salaries, pensions, leave of absences for Limerick Custom House Staff and investigation of reports of staff misconduct; circulars and orders received from Privy Council, Treasury Chambers, and other Government Bodies, public notices and posters. Includes letters such as "having read your report...complaining of the conduct of Donald Cameron Boatman at that station (Talbert) in absenting himself from his duty without leave... we direct you to charge Cameron with the misconduct imputed to him proceeding in all respects agreeably to the printed rules for charging officers, suspending him from duty' (15 October 1835). Letter books include some general orders. Includes subject index to letters.

3	2 January 1822- 31 December 1823 Includes reference plans for improvements to Custom House submitted by James Pain, Architect.	c.1000 pp
4	1 January 1824-30 December 1824 <i>fragile handle with care</i>	c. 1200 pp
[5-6]		
7	1 January 1827-27 December 1827	c. 1300 pp
8	1 January 1828-31 December 1828	c. 1300 pp
[9-10]		
11	1 January 1831-31 December 1831	c. 1000 pp
12	2 January 1832-31 December 1832	c. 1000 pp
[13]		
14	1 January 1834- 27 December 1834 Includes drawings of garments worn by smugglers to conceal goods (23 May 1834) . <i>Fragile handle with care</i>	c.900 pp
15	1 January 1835-29 December 1835	c. 800 pp
16	1 January 1836-30 December 1836 No index included.	c.700 pp
17	2 January 1837-30 December 1837	c. 700 pp
[18]		
19	1 January 1839- 31 December 1839	c. 700 pp
20	1 January 1840- 31 December 1840	c. 700 pp
[21-22]		
23	1 January 1843-30 December 1843	c. 700 pp
24	1 January 1844- 31 December 1844	c. 700 pp
25	1 January 1845- 29 December 1845 <i>Fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
26	1 January 1846-30 December 1846 <i>Fragile handle with care</i>	c. 700 pp
27	1 January 1847-31 December 1847	c. 700 pp

28 1 January 1848- 30 December 1848 c. 700 pp

29 1 January 1830-31 December 1837 Handwritten alphabetical
index to general orders
issued by the Board of
Customs, Custom House London. Includes date, number and subject matter of order.
c. 40 pp

Volumes consisting of general orders and circular letters from the Board of Customs addressed to all Collectors of Customs and out ports. Topics include instructions regarding duties of collectors and comptrollers, record- keeping practices, orders regarding registration of ships, notification of legislative changes, regulations regarding importing and exporting various categories of goods from various countries, and penalties to be applied for irregular activities by merchants. General orders are numbered sequentially and by year. Some orders are annotated with stamp cancelling the order. Each volume includes index to the Orders.

3 volumes

30 4 January 1843-30 December 1844 c. 600 pp

31 3 January 1845-26 December 1846 c. 600 pp

32 2 January 1847-29 December 1848 c. 600 pp

Letter books consisting of local order letters to Limerick port and Limerick collector of customs and general orders and circulars sent to all ports, from the Board of Customs. General orders are numbered sequentially and by year. Some orders are annotated with stamp regarding its cancellation. Local orders concern matters relating to collection of customs at Limerick and topics discussed are same as P16/3-27. Letters are also numbered sequentially by year. Each volume has two separate subject indexes for general orders and for local order letters.

24 volumes

33 1 January 1849-31 December 1849 c. 800 pp
Index to general orders incomplete.

34 11 January 1850-31 December 1850 c. 600 pp

35	4 January 1851- 30 December 1851	c. 600 pp
36	6 January 1852- 30 December 1852	c. 600 pp
37	11 January 1853- 31 December 1853	c. 600 pp
38	4 January 1854-30 December 1854	c. 600 pp
[39-40]		
41	7 January 1857-31 December 1857	c.400 pp
[42]		
43	3 January 1859-31 December 1859 Index incomplete for local order letters from the Board.	c.400 pp
44	4 January 1860-19 December 1860	c.400 pp
45	3 January 1861- 31 December 1861	c.400 pp
[46-47]		
48	12 January 1864-30 December 1864 No index to letters or orders	c. 300 pp
[49]		
50	11 January 1866- 27 December 1866	c.300 pp
[51-52]		
53	5 January 1869-31 December 1869	c. 300 pp
[54-55]		
56	1 January 1872-29 December 1872	c.300 pp
57	7 January 1873-24 December 1873	c. 300 pp
[58-59]		
60	1 January 1876-29 December 1876	c.300 pp
[61-65]		
66	12 January 1882-28 December 1882	c.300 pp
67	4 January 1883-29 December 1883	c. 300 pp
[68]		

69	2 January 1885- 28 December 1885 Includes Annual Report of the Board of Customs year ended 31 March 1885.	c. 350 pp
70	8 January 1886-22 December 1886 Includes Annual Report of the Board of Customs year ended 31 March 1886.	c.350 pp
[71]		
72	2 January 1888-21 December 1888	c.350 pp
73	2 January 1889- 19 December 1889	c.350 pp
[74-81]		
82	13 January 1898-30 December 1898	c. 250 pp
[83]		
84	3 January 1900-5 December 1900	c.250 pp

Printed volumes of general Orders issued by the Board of Customs to all Ports. Includes printed index to orders. Includes some handwritten annotations by the collector of customs, Limerick explaining the orders and regarding the cancellation of orders.

85	9 January 1901-30 December 1901	c. 300 pp
[86-87]		
88	7 January 1904- 31 December 1904	c.300 pp
89	5 January 1905-28 December 1905 Include also A Reprint of the Principal Memoranda of More Than Temporary Importance; A Résumé of London Port Orders 1905; Aliens Act 1905; Import and Export Lists 1905	c.500 pp
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(b) Letters to the Board of Customs (1832-1898)

See P16/115

Letter books with copies of outgoing letters from Collector of Customs Limerick to Board of Customs, Custom House, London. Includes occasional letters from the assistant collector writing from customs offices in places such as Tralee, Kilrush,

Ennis, Dingle and Tarbert. Topics discussed include submissions made by Limerick Merchants; cargos of certain ships; licensing of ships; smuggling; repairs to Custom House and other buildings in Limerick Port; matters relating to staff of Custom House Limerick and their conditions of employment, their duties, and disciplinary matters, record keeping practices. From P16/99 includes copies of local orders, boards minutes or correspondence received by the Collector which relate to subject matter being brought to the Boards attention such as medical cert from staff, applications from merchants, reports of various officers. Letters are also addressed to certain branches of the Board of Customs such as Assistant Secretary Branch, Long Room Branch, [Long Room and Seizures Branch) Payment and Store Branch. From P16/100 includes letters addressed to General Post Office and Surveyor General (Custom House include offices rented to the Department Of Inland Revenue and Post Office]. Letters occasionally annotated with references to local orders and general orders. Letter books were inspected annually from 1860, and signed and dated by the examiner. Index to letters include in all volumes.

11 volumes

91	11 August 1832-25 June 1835	c. 500 pp
92	29 June 1835-23 March 1838	c.500 pp
93	26 March 1838-24 December 1840	c.600 pp
94	4 January 1841-17 June 1843	c.600 pp
[95]		
96	23 March 1847-13 November 1849	c.600 pp
97	16 November 1849-20 October 1851	
98	25 October 1851-9 November 1853	c. 600 pp
99	27 January 1856-30 June 1858	c. 550 pp
100	2 July 1858-9 October 1863	c. 550 pp
[101-104]		
105	21 October 1886- 19 May 1892 Includes additional index with chronological list of letters and summary of subject matter.	c. 550 pp
106	20 May 1892-21 December 1898 Includes additional index with chronological list of letters and summary of subject matter.	c. 500 pp

(c) General Orders from Board of Customs and Excise (1908-1915)

107 4 January 1911-24 April 1912 General Orders and circular letters issued by the Customs Department of Board of Customs and Excise. Circulars occasionally annotated. Includes handwritten index. c. 200 items.

108 2 January 1912- 5 September 1912 General Orders and circulars letters relating to the collection of customs and of excise duties issued by the Board of Customs and Excise. Circulars occasionally annotated with notes regarding implications of orders. Includes handwritten index. c. 200 items

109 16 March 1914-8 January 1915 General Circulars from the Secretary of Customs and Excise. Includes additional circulars not contained in P16/109. Includes handwritten index. c. 200 items.

Guard books of general orders and circular letters relating to the collection of excise issued by the Board of Customs and Excise to collectors of customs and excise. Includes also circular letters from the Accountant General to the collectors of excise, and a small number of memoranda between the Board of Customs and Excise and the collector in Limerick. Topics include Old Age Pensions; forms and other record keeping practices; liquor licences; Royal Visit to Ireland. 2 volumes

110 (27 March 1908-) 4 January 1911-22 December 1911 c. 200 items

111 25 April 1912- 16 May 1913 c. 200 items

112 30 November 1910-30 November 1912 Volume of circulars consisting of circulars to Collectors of Excise from Board of Custom and Excise.

113 11 January 1914-30 December 1914 Printed General Orders,
and circulars from the
Excise Department issued
by the Board of Customs and Excise, . Includes printed index.

c.150 pp

(d) Other Correspondence (1895-1912)

114 2 March 1895-8 May 1902;
8 April 1905-c. 27 July 1910 Damp press letter book
consisting of copies of
letters to various
individuals from the collector of customs acting also as shipping master and receiver
of Wrecks for Limerick Port. Includes letters to Limerick Harbour Commissioners;
the Customs Officers' Mutual Guarantee Fund; Chief Officer of Coast Guard; Board
of Customs; and the manager of Limerick Steamship Company. Topics discussed
include repairs to warehouses rented by the Custom House; quarantine of pilots and
cholera outbreaks; responsibility to bury animal and fish carcasses; superannuation
claims of Custom House staff. Includes letters such as 'the Custom Officers having
yesterday seized 3 lb tobacco (and) ¾ lbs cigars concealed in a casing covered with
linoleum in masters room, the said goods having being acknowledged by H. Williams,
Steward to be his property. I have to request that the side of the casing in question
may be securely fixed prior to the vessel leaving port.' (Letter to the manager,
Limerick Steamship Company Ltd, 8 May 1902). From 8 April 1905 the volume is
used as a general letter book. Includes letters from assistant collector, Custom House
Limerick, regarding payment of income tax; letters to Board of Trade; letters
regarding the Royal Naval Reserve and the registration of seamen; letters regarding
receivership of wrecks such as letters to Harbour Department, Board of Trade
regarding the burial of fish “ the fish is stated to be 30 f (ee) t long and 20 f (ee) t
round, and the man who found it, Mr. John Crotty, farmer, wants £10 for burying it...”
(26 May 1905). Some letters include stamp showing date and whether letters written
from the Marine Mercantile Office Limerick or Collector Customs, Limerick.
Includes index to letters.

c.550 pp

115 6 June 1907-17 September 1912 Damp Press letter book
consisting mainly of
copies of correspondence
between Collector of Customs, Limerick and Board of Commissioners of H.M
Customs. Includes reports and queries sent by collector and related instructions from

the Board such as reference to general orders, local orders, or copies of Board's minutes. Includes index to letters.

c.530 pp.

II Registration of Shipping and Seamen

(a) Shipping Registers (1836-1926)

Registers of Shipping for the Port of Limerick. Originals have been transferred to National Archives of Ireland. Microfilm copy held by Limerick Archives. See DM 10

2 volumes

[116] 1836-1855

[117] 1855-1901

(b) Overseas Clearance Book (1906-1924)

120 8 January 1909-6 February 1924 Overseas Clearance Book. Details of ships and cargos sailing from Limerick are recorded under the following headings: date of clearance, cargo, ballast, ship's name, destination, nationality, steam, (cargo, part cargo, ballast); Sailing (cargo, part cargo, ballast); quantity of coal shipped (cargo, bunkers); specifications etc (british goods nu, foreign goods nu, banker coal notices no., date sent to statistical office, date returned).

c. 40 ff

Closed for conservation

(c) Arrivals Book (1920-1926)

121 3 April 1920-30 April 1926 Arrivals Book for Limerick Port recording date of arrival, name of vessel and whether sailing or steam, the master of vessel and how vessel was laden. Also recorded is when light duties are paid, and details of vessels out ports such as whether foreign trade or coasting trade, and weight and number of ship. Includes annual summaries of total tonnage and number of ships from 1920 to 1925.

c.150 ff

(d) Mercantile Marine Acts (1851-56)

122 24 January 1851-5 November 1856 Outgoing letter book of the collector acting as Shipping Master for the Mercantile Marine Office of the port of Limerick, and his responsibilities under the

Mercantile Marine Acts. Includes letters to Naval Department, Board of Trade; to clerks of Justice of Limerick City and County Courts; to coast officers of Kilrush; to shipping agents, and masters, to shipping masters of other ports and to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen. Letters relate to administration of ships and seamen's papers; payment of penalties under the Mercantile Marine Acts and quarterly remittance to Naval Department; to breach of contracts and discharge of seamen; certificates of service showing competency of crew; clearing of vessels to sail from Limerick; disputes between various shipping agents in Limerick; deceased seamen. Includes occasionally copies of letters received by the Shipping Master. Includes copy of letter from Robert Jordan, Master of Minnet to Fredrick W. Trevor (shipping master, port of Limerick) commenting 'I have to solicit that you will allow the vessel to clear out (to New York) as any detention will be fatal to the interests of the poor passengers' (23 April 1857). Includes letter to G. F. Porter 'I have delayed replying to your letter...in hopes by making enquiries amongst people connected with shipping at this port that I might get some information respecting your missing brother (20 May 1856).

c.120 pp

(e) Registration of Naval Reserve Men (1912-1917)

123 Undated (c.1912) List of royal naval reserve men on register arranged alphabetical. Entries recorded under headings titled 'name', 'number', 'district number' and 'reports, retainers, and training etc'. Retainers are entered in red ink. Reports include entries such as 'removed to Liverpool', and 'deserted "Luisitania" at New York 6 August 1912'.

c. 30 ff

124 2 August 1914-6 November 1917 Book of Actual Service Forms of Royal Navy Reserve Men from the Port of Limerick. The forms were issued by the Admiralty and Board of Trade. The date and port at which form was completed is noted. Details are entered by the Registrar of the Royal Naval Reserve regarding the men under headings such as 'certificate R.V.1 2 Numbers and Letters', 'R.N.R Rating', 'Surname', 'Christian name', 'Present Employment', 'Registration Port and Con. No', 'Date and Hour of Departure from Home to Join', and 'Number of Meal Orders issued in respect of journey to R.N Barracks'. Details are entered by the naval officer regarding the men under columns titled 'Date and Hour of Arrival at Depot' and 'drafted to H.M Ship'. Also recorded is the naval barracks the men listed have been directed to, means of travel, departure and estimated arrival time. Forms were completed in quadruplicate with original and duplicate sent to the Commadore Royal Naval Barracks, triplicate sent to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, and quadruplicate carbon copy retained in book.

c. 45 pp

125 7 September 1917-6 November 1917 Printed Navy Meal Order form book for men travelling to the United Kingdom which contains receipts for order forms issued by the Customs and Excise Department, Limerick. Details recorded include number of order, number of party, name of Officer or rating in charge and his rank, name of ship, service, value of meal ordered, and location of refreshment room Also recorded is the date ordered issued, and rank and signature of issuer. Also includes blank Navy Meal Order Forms with receipts attached.

c. 25 pp

III Receiver of Wrecks (1857-1917)

126 1 January 1857-2 February 1866 Letter book with copies of outgoing letters from Collector of Customs, Limerick regarding wreckage in his district. Includes letters appointing custom officials and coast guards as receivers and instructing them in their duties. ; wreckage reports to Board of Trade, London, Limerick, letters to parties claiming ownership of salvage. Letters to registrar general of seamen Subject matters include a of wreckage; wreckage of named ships; guarding of wreckage; sale of timber and other salvage; light dues and deserters of ships; Letter from James Ross , Collector to William Parkinson, Ennis “ I beg to inform you that the Assistant Solicitor of Customs will shortly visit Ireland to investigate Titles to unclaimed wreck “ (27 January 1857). Includes queries to Board of Trade regarding administration of duties and responsibilities and copies o f replies received. Includes letter to Marine Department, Board of Trade from Thomas Avery regarding charges against the Coast Guard at Seafield “ Lieut(enant) Parke ...states that the names of Micheal O' Conner and John Shanahan ought not to have been returned as salvors, for on enquiry he learnt that they attempted to destroy the cask for the purpose of plunder...” (3 August 1863).

c. 550 pp

Receivers Report Books recording details of wreckage salvaged and sold. Each report consists of four sections. Each wreckage is given a reference number, the first section records the date of receipt, estimated value, name and address of owner, the name, official no., and port of registry of ship, and description of property. Description of property includes 'a piece of wood apparently the side of a ladder', and 'cask of paraffin oil about 30 gallons'. The second section is titled 'particulars of salvage' and records the date items found, exact spot where found, services rendered, name of salvor, and address of salvor. 'Services rendered' includes entries such as 'towed on shore and reported'. The third section is titled 'transactions in respect of reference number...' and records details of category and sum of charges on the Wreck,

and account of money received from the wonders. The third section is titled 'particulars of wreck sold' and records the date of sale, to whom sold, amount realized by the sale, and net proceeds to be paid out. The last section is titled 'wreck or proceeds delivered or paid to Owners or Lords of Manors'. It records details such as date of payment or delivery, to whom paid or delivered, whether agent, owner etc, reference to vouchers and correspondence. Also noted is the district of the wreckage such as Seafield, Kilkee, etc.

6 volumes

127	10 December 1889- 15 January 1892	c. 70 ff
128	16 May 1897-16 November 1899 Includes letters relating to execution of Guarantee and Salvors warrant receipt.	c.70 ff
129	15 October 1903-14 September 1905	c.70 ff
130	21 December 1905-15 January 1906	c. 70 ff
131	10 December 1907-26 March 1910	c. 70 ff
132	27 December 1916-4 April 1917	c. 70 ff

IV Financial Records (1910)

133	21 January 1910-30 November 1910	Receipt book of H.M Customs, Port of Limerick consisting of carbon copies of receipts issued for monies received which were not duties. Details recorded include date, from whom received, sum, and purpose of payment, signature and rank of recipient, and signature of payer. Money received for items such as 'certificate of handling of sugar', 'deposit for merchants venture', and 'deposit change of name of ship Lillie to Ayewarroo'
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c. 100 pp

V Acts of Parliament (1830-1888)

Volumes containing various Acts of Parliament, which were sent to Collectors Office, Limerick All acts relate to collection of customs and other duties of the Collector. Includes annotations with reference to General Orders

134	29 May 1830-21 June 1841	4 volumes c. 600 pp
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| 135 | 10 May 1844-5 September 1848 | c. 400 pp |
| 136 | 26 June 1849-29 July 1856 | c.400 pp |
| 137 | 3 July 1882-24 July 1888
Includes handwritten index showing general Acts and acts relating specifically to Limerick Harbour which were passed between 1823-1895 | c.600 pp |

B Limerick Custom House Staff (1874-1922)

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| 138 | 31 December 1874-31 December 1920 | Annual returns of ages and capacities of the port of Limerick officers.

Details are entered under the following columns: number, name, present office, station, age, capacities, character and conduct (whether efficient and meritorious or remiss in their conduct or are inefficient) , number of days absent, by leave, by sick, other causes, total, general attendance, former offices held by the party(description of each office and salary etc, date of admission to each, total period of service.)

c .80 ff. |
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| 139 | 1892-1895 | Check Book and Uniform Roll
Details recorded include
Officers Name (outdoor officers, boatsmen) ; Abstract of Employment in a senior capacity, description of duty, number of days on which employed for six hours and up, number of days on which employed for less than six hours, and total number of days employed

250 pp |
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| 140 | 20 February 1902-12 February 1908 | Appearance book of Limerick Port Outdoor Staff with daily entries recording time each staff member started and finished work. Entries are recorded under headings titled 'Date', 'Rank', 'Signature', 'Morning', 'Afternoon', 'Initials', 'Station' and 'Observations'. 'Station' generally is 'Dock'. From 27 February 1902- 4 January 1903 additional columns are added relating to 'tide attendance' by staff at 'am' |
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and 'pm' tides. From 6 January 1903 to 31 December 1905 book includes additional column recording 'meal hours' 'Observations' column is generally used to record the daily number of 'vessels in charge'

c. 400 pp.

141 5 June 1906-8 October 1910 Appearance book of Limerick Port Indoor Staff with daily entries recording time each staff started and finished work at the Limerick Custom House. Entries are recorded under headings titled 'Date', 'Rank', 'Signature', 'Morning', 'Afternoon', 'Initials', 'Station' and 'Observations'. 'Station' refers to area in Custom which staff worked such as 'long room', 'No 1', 'No 2'. Observations include entries such as 'Mr. Kennedy on leave 5 days', or other explanations for not signing book such as 'on landing duty'. The collector initials each daily entry.

c.440 pp

142 10 October 1910-31 December 1914 Appearance book of Limerick Port Indoor Staff with daily entries recording time each staff started and finished work. Entries are recorded under headings titled 'Date', 'Rank', 'Signature', 'Morning', 'Afternoon', 'Initials', 'Station' and 'Observations'. Includes list of addresses of employees

c.400 pp

143 31 April 1917-31 March 1922 Record of Emoluments received by staff of Limerick Port. Entries arranged under columns which include 'name', 'rank', 'salary', 'nature of emolument', and the sum received each month. Also included are monthly totals of each kind of emolument shown at foot of pages, and summaries at year end.

c. 45 ff

C. Customs Warehouse Records (1902-1909)

Volumes consisting of record of deductions and additions to stock in Limerick Port warehouse, number 2 Patrick Street. Entries are arranged by year and by category of goods such as 'British Plain Spirits', 'Brandy', 'Imitation Rum' 'Raw Coffee' and 'White Wine au Spain (in cask)'. Details generally recorded are the register and folio entries of goods are made, increases, deficiencies (duty free), and initials of checking officer. Includes index.

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144 1903-1906 c. 80ff
145 1907-1910 c. 55 ff

D. Office of the Revenue Commissioners (1933-1946)

I. Register of Shipping (1933-1946)

146 11 June 1933-19 June 1946 Register of Ships with entries arranged by month. Details recorded include date, rotation number, ship, tonnage, cargo, file received and observations. 'Observations' generally includes reference to destination of ship. Includes additional columns from January 1937 titled 'file sent to Jerquer' and 'file returned from Jerquer'.
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147 3 June 1933-1 July 1946 File of material from Customs and Excise, Fenit County Kerry to Collector, to Limerick Custom House regarding administration of shipping returns and ship's import files. Includes minutes and correspondence. Correspondence relates to lists of import files forwarded from Fenit to the Collectors Office. List includes rotation, place of report ship name, place, and cargo.
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II Customs and Excise Deposits and Miscellaneous Cash Book (1939-1944)

148 29 August 1939-14 December 1944 Customs and Excise Deposits and Miscellaneous Cash Book
Details recorded regarding deposits include the date, number, name or description of ship or other conveyance, date of report, name, address, why held over, customs and excise (licence duty, anticipatory receipts, entertainments duty, miscellaneous) cheques in lieu of bond, daily total. Details recorded regarding miscellaneous cash include date, number, when deposited, station, name, how disposed of, customs and excise
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II. Index NHI Claims (1947-1954)

149 1947-1954 Index to National Health Insurance Claims. Entries are

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