

Limerick Chamber of Commerce

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Introduction

The majority of the Chamber of Commerce collection held by Limerick Archives was deposited by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce with Limerick Archives in 1983. However volumes (P1/32-40) had been transferred to Limerick Archives from Limerick City Library in 1980. Whilst the earliest records held by Limerick Archives dates from the foundation of the Chamber of Commerce in 1807, the majority of this collection dates from the mid- nineteenth to early twentieth century.

The collection is arranged into ten sections. The first five sections are organized by category of record namely minute books, correspondence, ballot books, returns of goods, and financial records. All these records relate directly to the Chamber of Commerce. The next two sections relate to the records of the Chamber of Commerce Library, and the Limerick Arbitration Society, both which were established by the Chamber of Commerce. The final sections consist of records relating to the Limerick Employers Federation, the National Insurance Company, and the Limerick merchant Poole Gabett

Merchants in Limerick first began to hold regular meetings in the last years of the eighteenth century. In 1805 Limerick Merchants constructed the Commercial Buildings at Rutland Street, and constituted themselves as the Commercial Building Company. On 7 May 1807 the Chamber of Commerce was officially founded when at a meeting of merchants, it was resolved that 'it appears to this meeting that it would be serviceable to the trade of this city to establish a Committee of Merchants or a Chamber of Commerce' (P1/1). On 2nd June 1815, the Chamber was incorporated by a Royal Charter by King George III, under the title of 'the Chamber of Commerce of Limerick' and the Chamber moved to its present premises at 96 O'Connell Street, in 1833.

In order to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a merchant had to be nominated by an existing member and elected by receiving a vote from a minimum of fifteen other members. Once elected a merchant had to agree to pay the Chamber an annual import and export rate on all goods imported and exported through Limerick (P1/34-39). In order to qualify to vote at general meetings of the Chamber, a member had to have contributed a minimum of 40 shillings per annum. Hence the Chamber kept records of imports and exports of goods through Limerick Harbour and ballot books showing the election of members (P1/30-31).

Members of the Chamber met annually to elect a management committee. The 1815

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Charter required that the this management committee be made up of nine directors, at least three of which, had not served as directors the previous year. Five directors constituted a quorum and to qualify as a director, a merchant had to earn a minimum of £1500 per annum. The Directors were responsible for management of funds, disposal of property, and ordinary affairs of the Chamber. Also the directors regularly established sub-committees to investigate specific concerns. The sub-committees generally consisted of President, the Vice- President and secretary of the Chamber, and members with technical knowledge of the business at hand. Additionally general meetings of all members could be called if twelve members submitted a signed request to the president of the Chamber, outlining the matter that they wanted to discuss. This collection lists minute books, which date 1807-1946, and contain minutes of both directors meetings, general meetings and sub -committees of the Chamber (P1/1-20). These minute books are useful sources for researching the activities and functions of the Chamber of Commerce, and its internal organization. Minute books not held by Limerick Archives are identified in the list, and mainly relate to twentieth century. P1/20 includes abstracts of general meetings held between 1815 and 1870.

The function of the Chamber, from its inception was the 'promotion, regulation and protection of trade in all its branches' in Limerick City. To achieve this aim, the Chamber engaged with wide range of activities at local and national level.

These activities include the drawing up of regulations relating to industries such as butter, corn, and leather, and employing of various inspectors to examine the quality of goods before approving same for purchase by its members. From 1808 to 1822, the Chamber also leased the right to tolls on potatoes and corn from Limerick Corporation for a rent of £1,500 a year. During the first half of the nineteenth century, the Chamber played a key role in the development of Limerick Harbour and also assumed control over pilotage in the River Shannon and made payments to individual who salvaged vessels and marked hazards in the Estuary. The Chamber of Commerce also sought to influence national affairs relating to commerce. It submitted petitions to Parliament and engaged in correspondence with politicians on subjects such as railways, postal rates, and improvement of local infrastructure, foreign tariffs, and development of export trade.

Section two of this collection includes an outgoing letter book (1820-1833), and incoming letter books of the Chamber of Commerce (1823-1936). Along with the minute books, these correspondence records are useful sources for researching the role of the Chamber of Commerce in various local, national and international affairs. P1/21 includes a copy of a letter received from Daniel O' Connell, M.P.

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The third section consists of ballot books, which record the election of members to the Chamber of Commerce between 1830 and 1949.

The fourth section consists of records relating to returns of goods purchased, imported and exported by members of the Chamber of Commerce. P1/30-32 consists of returns of corn purchased by members of the Chamber of Commerce between 1818 and 1830. The Chamber of Commerce retained these records, as all buyers of corn were required by law to make weekly returns of their purchases. P1/33-39 consists of returns of ships cargos being imported and exported through Limerick, and were kept to calculate the contribution due by members to the Chamber each year. They represent a valuable source for researching trade in Limerick, and economic activities of individual merchants.

The fifth section relates to financial records kept by the Chamber of Commerce such as member's payments accounts, income and expenditure books, cashbooks, and general ledgers, which were kept by the Chamber of Commerce. These records demonstrates how the Chamber managed payments contributed by its members through import and export rates, and how the Chamber financed the promotion of many branches of trade in Limerick. For example P1/53 shows the role of the Chamber in the promotion of linen trade and includes accounts for the purchase of linen wheels, and the resale of wheels to poor weavers who made weekly repayments to the Chamber.

The sixth section consists of the registrar book of the Limerick Arbitration society (P1/59). This Society was established by the Chamber of Council to settle disputes mainly between members of the Chamber of Commerce. The Registrar records the rules of the organization and the records of two disputes settled by Limerick Arbitration.

The seventh section consists of records relating to the Library, established by the Limerick Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of its members.

The remaining sections relate to records, which were held by the Chamber of Commerce due to have been created by individuals or organizations with strong connections to the Chamber. P1/60 consists of a letter book of Limerick Employers Federation. See also P1/16 for joint meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and the Employers Federation.

William Carroll acted as secretary for the Chamber of Commerce and as agent for National Assurance Company. Section nine consists of William O' Carroll's letter book (P1/61), and a registrar of marine policies issued mainly to Limerick Merchants by the National Assurance Company (P1/62). Section ten consists of a letter book of Poole Gabett, which relates to imports from Limerick Harbour (P1/63).

Limerick Chamber of Commerce collection will be of interest to those researching

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the economic development of Limerick City, improvement of infrastructure such as railways, post routes, and roads in Ireland, the impact of foreign tariffs and laws passed in Britain on Ireland, and the role of individual merchants, specific companies and industries, and the Chamber itself in local, national, and international affairs.

Researchers may also wish to consult the Harbour Commission Collection (P2) held by Limerick Archives. Many of those elected as Harbour Commissioners also played key roles in the Chamber of Commerce. For example Sir Francis Spaight and Richard Russell both served as Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce and as Bridge Commissioners, and John and William Carroll both served as a collector of rates for the Harbour Commissioners and as secretary of Limerick Chamber. Additionally the Harbour Commissioners Collection contains records relating to import and export of goods through Limerick Harbour in the nineteenth and twentieth century, and includes minutes of a joint committee of Harbour Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce.

<http://www.limerickcity.ie/DigitalArchives/PrivatePapersandBusinessCollections/LimerickChamberofCommerce/>

Sources,

Daniel O'Conner, 'History and Functions of Limerick Chamber of Commerce', UCD Thesis

I. Minute Books (1807-1946)

Minute Books with handwritten minutes of general meetings and committee meetings of Limerick Chamber of Commerce. After 1815 Charter granted to Limerick Chamber of Commerce, committee meetings became known as Directors meetings, and were held several times a month. General meetings held annually to elect directors, and intermittently when summoned by the president which required the signature of 12 members, to discuss a single topic only, such as changes to bye laws of the Chamber. Minutes list date, names of attendees, and absentees, and resolutions passed at meeting. Matters discussed relate to the promotion, regulation and protection of trade in all its branches in Limerick City. Includes annual nomination of members, election of directors and officers of the chamber, appointment of sub committee, rules of the organization such as qualifications needed for membership, accounts of Chamber, employment, linen trade, corn trade, agriculture, trade laws, rates on imports and exports to be paid by members, relationship with other chambers of commerce in Ireland. Includes copies of Charter granted to Limerick Chamber of Commerce by King George III, copies of agreements with Limerick Corporation, and copies of memorials and petitions sent to parliament. Minutes from 17 October 1932 are typescript and include topics such as fire-fighting and public transport services. Minutes usually signed by secretary or president of Chamber. P1/16-20 consists of Directors meetings only.

10 volumes.

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1	7 May 1807-30 December 1812 Includes 'it appears to this Meeting, that it would be serviceable to the trade of this city, to establish a Committee of Merchants or a Chamber of Commerce' (7 May 1807)	c. 165 pp
2	1 January 1813-16 June 1815	c. 100 pp
3	23 June 1815-28 April 1820	c.280 pp
4	1 May 1820-29 August 1823	c. 300 pp
5	5 September 1823-4 October 1831	c. 200 pp
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7	9 November 1835-17 May 1841 Includes reference to the establishment of Arbitration Society	c. 200 pp
8	17 May 1841-10 October 1851	c.300 pp
9	13 October 1851-10 June 1874	c.250 pp
10	October 1874-August 1902 Not held by Limerick Archives	
11	29 September 1902-16 January 1917	c.400pp
12	January 1917-November 1948 Not held by Limerick Archives	

- 13 December 1948-October 1958
Not held by Limerick Archives
- 14 November 1958-December 1968
Not held by Limerick Archives
- 15 January 1969-march 1976
Not held by Limerick Archives
- 16 27 October 1919- 6 May 1946 c.280 pp
See P1/60 Includes minutes of meeting of Directors with
Limerick Employers Federation Ltd (11 June
1941).
- 17 May 1946- July 1952
Not held by Limerick Archives
- 18 September 1952- April 1961
Not held by Limerick Archives
- 19 May 1961-December 1973
Not held by Limerick Archives

Abstract of Minutes (1815-1870)

- 20 2 April 1815-21 April 1870 Minutes from general
meetings abstracted from
volumes P1/11-19. Includes
copy of 1815 charter, list of names and signatures of members of Chamber, and lists
of bye-laws and their amendments up until 10 February 1835.
c.80 pp

II. Correspondence (1820-1936)

- 21 18 September 1820-19 July 1833 Letter book with copies of
letters received by
Limerick Chamber of
Commerce from various correspondents including Thomas Spring Rice (M.P),
Daniel O'Connell (M.P), Standish O' Grady, James Roche (Irish Commercial Agent
in London), Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Belfast Chamber of Commerce,
Committee of Merchants of Cork, Committee of Merchants of Youghal, Post Master
Generals Office, Alexander Nimmo (engineer), Commissioners of Customs, Trustees

for the Encouragement of Industry, Royal Hibernian Academy, Limerick Agricultural Association and Limerick Relief Committee. Topics include application to Commissioners for the issue of money from the Consolidation fund for improvements to Limerick Port and Harbour, establishment of Irish Commercial Office in London, Dublin to Limerick mail contract, proposed railway company in Ireland, parliamentary bills effecting trade and commerce in Limerick, and a painting of Rice by Sir Martin Archer Shee. Includes considerable number of letters from Rice who feels it is 'my duty to communicate to you every circumstance that can be of importance to our city' (6 January 1825); letter from Daniel O' Connell relating to coal duties in Ireland, with comment 'it is however as a general rule absolutely necessary for the Irish people to demand redress with energy and perseverance as without exertions of a strong and powerful nature little impression can be made on a legislature removed from influence of popular sympathy with Ireland....I daily more and more feel and deplore the want of a resident legislature in Ireland.'(1 May 1830).
c.120 pp.

Letter books containing copy letters sent by Limerick Chamber of Commerce. Letters relate to activities of Chamber in the protection and promotion of commerce in Limerick. Includes many letters to government agencies, to members of parliament of the House of Commons, Westminster, and after 1922 to members of Irish Free State parliament, generally relating to Bills or Inquiries effecting commerce before parliament, or appealing for support in improvement of Limerick City. Includes also letters to Limerick Corporation, various Limerick institutions and organizations, individual members of Limerick Chamber, and to other Chamber of Commences in Ireland on matters of common interest; Letters generally include reference to the meeting of Directors of the Chamber where issue discussed and are signed by secretary or president of the Chamber. Letter books include alphabetical index of correspondents. Letter book 1823-1865 consists of handwritten copies of letters, other letter books generally damp press letter books with typescript copy letters. Some letters illegible due to fugitive ink.

4 volumes.

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| 22 | 10 February 1823-12 April 1865
Index to correspondents incomplete. | c.500 pp |
| 23 | November 1892-May 1918
Not held by Limerick Archives | |
| 24 | 20 July 1917-18 April 1934 | c.500 pp |
| 25 | 16 April 1934-3 February 1934
Includes copies of speeches made by Denis O'Dwyer, President of Chamber of Commerce, at Directors Meetings on 11 November 1936, and 11 January 1934. | c.160 pp |

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| 26 | 19 January 1826-15 September 1840 | <p>Letter book consisting of hand written copies of letters sent by John Carroll as agent of the Atlas Insurance Company, London, as agent to Union Insurance Company, Cornhill London, as secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, and in the engagement of personnel business. Includes also letters sent by his son David who acted as agent to Union Insurance Company, and as secretary to Chamber of Commerce after his fathers death in 1832, and his other son William, who replaced David as secretary to Chamber on 20 October 1836. Includes many letters to Henry Desborough (Atlas Insurance Office, London) relating to administration of policies and claims sold by Carroll in the Atlas Insurance Office, Limerick; letters relating to shipping, noting names of ships, itinerary, and value of cargos; letters relating to newspaper subscriptions of the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">c.260 pp</p> |
| 27 | 20 January 1910-14 March 1911 | <p>File of correspondence consisting mainly of letters received by Limerick Chamber of Commerce from Chamber of Commerce Cork, and Chamber of Commerce of Dublin relating to co-ordination of efforts to improve mail services between Kingston, Cork, Limerick, and Holyhead Dublin.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">c.13 items</p> |
| 28 | 1 September 1915- 19 May 1922 | <p>File of correspondence relating mainly to the Irish Railways Commission (1922) and Great Southern and Western Railway Company (1916). Includes rough minutes of special railway committee formed by Limerick Chamber of Commerce; includes correspondence and circulars from the Irish Railway Commission regarding views on improving railway system; includes correspondence from Cork Chamber of Commerce regarding protest against Railway Companies for their practice of repudiating all responsibility for loss and damage to goods. Includes also letters and memoranda to James Mannix, Great Southern and Western Railway Company regarding malicious injury claims, public complaints, investigations into employee behaviour such as improper conduct and lateness, reports regarding damage to goods and wagons derailing. Includes also printed leaflets showing alterations to Great Southern and Western Railway train timetable from 1 October 1915.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">c. 63 items</p> |

- 29 9 November 1831-28 April 1936 File relating to charges for electricity in Limerick city. Includes copies of resolutions passed by Limerick Citizens and Rate Papers Association, Limerick Development Association, and Chamber of Commerce in opposition to proposed increases in electricity charges in 1932; letters received from Department of Industry and Commerce; letters relating to management and control of the Shannon Scheme and to electricity charges in Sligo and Cork.
- c. 23 items

III. Ballot Books (1830-1949)

Ballot Books for the election of members to Limerick Chamber of Commerce. Includes date, name of individual nominated, name of qualified members who proposed and seconded the individual, signatures of members who voted and whether individual admitted or rejected. Nominee needed vote of 15 members to be elected.

2 volumes.

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| 30 | 24 April 1830-27 March 1896 | c.130 pp |
| 31 | 1 May 1813-14 February 1949
Includes printed notices of ballot for membership | c.350 pp |

IV. Returns of Goods (1807-1854)

(a) Corn Returns (1818-1830)

Corn returns books recording amount of corn purchased weekly. Entries note name of purchaser, the ledger folio and duties paid on 'wheat', 'barley', 'oats', and weekly totals. Notes in margin calculate average weekly returns, and record details of 'flour sold'.

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| 32 | 2 January 1818-24 November 1820 | c.130 ff |
| 33 | 20 July 1826-29 August 1830 | c.300 pp |

Exports Foreign and Coast Aways (1807-1854)

- 34 1 May 1807-31 October 1815 Volume with details of
'Exports Foreign' and
'Exports Coast ways'
recorded chronologically at reverse ends of volume. Name of vessel, destination,
merchants and details of cargo are recoded. Cargo details arranged by headings such
as 'beef', 'pork', 'bacon', 'lard', 'butter', 'wheat', 'oats', 'barley', 'rapeseed', 'beans',
'oatmeal', 'hides', 'skins', 'feathers' and 'quills'. Destinations of 'exports foreign'
include ports such as London, Lisbon and Portsmouth. Details of coast ways exports
to ports such as Belfast and Dundalk, are recorded only until 1 May 1811.

c. 50 ff

Volumes recording cargos exported on ships from Limerick to Irish and foreign ports
between 1815 and 1854. The volumes are arranged chronologically, and the date, the
name of vessel and master, tons, ports (destination) and shippers are recorded. Details
about the type and size of the cargo of each ship are also recorded under headings such
as pork, beef, butter, bacon, lard, oats, beans, rape seed, flour, oatmeal, hides, skins,
feathers, quills, spirits, cuts of ham, bones, linen and 'miscellaneous' or 'observations'.
Total exports are calculated at end of each page, and carried forward, and annual total
exports are generally noted at year-end at 1 September. The first volume is titled
'Limerick Exports, Foreign and Coast ways', and subsequent volumes titled 'Limerick
Exports'.

5 volumes.

- 35 20 June 1815-27 August 1829 262 ff
Fragile handle with care
- 36 2 September 1829-31 March 1836 253 ff
Includes summary of total exports 1829-1836
Fragile handle with care
- 37 1 April 1837-31 August 1846 c.300 ff
- 38 1 September 1846-6 September 1850 c.100 ff.
- 39 January 1847-September 1854
Not held by Limerick Archives

V. Financial Records (1809-1886)

(a) Income, Expenditure and Members Payments Accounts (1809-1886)

- 40 27 April 1809- [] 1843 Volume of accounts
recording cargo duties
paid by individual

merchants and companies as members of the Chamber and payment of subscriptions by members. Volume arranged by name with entries recording date, name of ship, summary of cargo, and duties paid. The second half of the volume has accounts arranged per member, with entries recording total subscriptions paid per annum. Includes index to accounts.

c.250 pp

- 41 2 October 1865-6 October 1908 Income and Expenditure ledger which records the, date, sum, and description of payments made and sums received by the secretary of the Chamber. Income includes items such as subscriptions, rents and dividends. Payments include items such as 'wages', 'cleaning window', 'magazine', and 'repairing burst pipe. Includes annotations such as 'lodged' and 'no receipt'. Includes also list-detailing insurances effected on property of chamber of commerce, list of rents payable to the chamber, and list of members names and dates subscriptions received between 1890 and 1893.

c.280 ff

Volumes with annual receipts and expenditure, and members payments accounts of the Chamber of Commerce. Annual receipts and expenditure note income received and payments made by chamber. Entries under income include items such as 'subscriptions', 'dividends', and 'rents'. Expenditure includes items such as 'newspapers', salary', 'general charges', and taxes. 'Members payments account lists name of member, and sum of subscriptions received from member, and annual total subscriptions received. Includes occasional notes relating to members retired or admitted, or subscriptions over due. Member's payment account for year ended 29 September 1862 is not recorded. Accounts are annotated with 'examined and found correct', and the signatures of auditors, which generally include the President of the Chamber and the secretary.

3 volumes

- 42 29 September 1849-29 September 1861 c. 25 pp
- 43 29 September 1862-29 September 1883 c. 80 pp
Includes Assets and Liabilities Account for years ending 29 September 1862 and 1863.
- 44 29 September 1884-30 September 1886 c. 12 pp
Includes index to the accounts

45	1818-1843	Volume summarizing payments made by members to the Chamber
	between 1818 to 1843. Organized by members name.	18 pp

(b) Cash Books (1808-1865)

Cash Books of Limerick Chamber of Commerce recording date, sum, and purpose of cash paid out or received. Credit entries include sub headings such as 'by butter fund paid this month', 'by toll and custom fund paid', 'by hide and skin fund paid', by general fund' and entries relate mainly to payment of wages. Credit entries also include items such as 'by commercial building concerns paid waiter, coals, candles for coffee room' and 'by Maunsell and Kennedy (treasurers for the Chamber) – lodged'. Debit entries include items such 'collection for two weeks, toll and custom fund', and 'to butter find, contributions for September', and 'import and export fund-contributions from 1 Decem[ber] to August'.

6 volumes

46	1 May 1808 – 8 April 1814 Includes signed accounts of payments made to inspectors employed by Chamber, butter trade account, and account with Maunsells and Kennedy	c.65 ff.
47	1 October 1814-30 June 1821	83 ff.
48	1 October 1818-9 July 1820	87 ff
49	1 July 1821-30 September 1836	179 ff.
50	3 October 1822-1 October 1826	c. 80 ff.
51	1 October 1832-24 April 1843	c.80 ff.
52	1 October 1836-29 September 1865	c. 160 ff.

(c) General Ledgers (1817-1843)

53	19 April 1817-28 April 1842	Account book of the
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Chamber with various accounts relating mainly to promotion of linen trade, the corn trade, and payments made by the Chamber for newspapers, publications, and improvements made to river. Includes account titled 'Linen Trade-premiums for encouragement of trade' which notes the date, the manufacturers name, and premiums paid. Includes statement of 10 Looms purchased by the Linen Board and given to poor weavers, which records names to whom loom granted, and weekly repayments. Includes also accounts titled 'wheels and reels purchased', 'wheels and reels delivered as premium', 'wheels sold at reduced prices to poor persons recommended', 'flax purchased for schools', 'flax bought to supply spinning schools-how disposed of', 'gas light expenses'. 'Expenses attending gas lights', 'sales of Dutch brew oats', 'imported for seed from London', 'New Lined Hall', Sales of Barwick Seed Oats and Barley for vesral', 'receipts for weighing flax', 'Books binding', 'payments on account of buoys and improvements in the river', 'payments on account of newspapers and periodical publications'. Includes annotations with reference to folios in cashbooks.

c.200 pp

54 29 September 1820-29 September 1843 General Ledger with various annual accounts of Limerick Chamber of Commerce. Accounts include 'Stock a/c', 'Profit and Loss a/c', 'General Fund a/c', 'Toll and Custom Fund a/c', 'Import and Export Fund a/c', 'Government Stock a/c', 'Commercial Buildings Concerns a/c', 'Linen Hall a/c', 'Shannon Fishery a/c', 'Butter inspector a/c', and 'pilot boat a/c'. Ledger divided chronologically per year ended 29 September and page numbers begin at '1' for each year.

c.165 ff

55 19 February 1825-29 September 1838 Miscellaneous volume recording imports and exports (1834-8); monthly fees on grain (1825-32); newspaper subscriptions (April 1837). The imports and duty accounts are arranged by purchasers name and include details of the date, the vessel, and the cargo. The fees on grain arranged chronologically by month and records purchasers name, amounts of wheat, barely, and oats purchased, and fees pages are devoted to listing and newspapers and periodicals to which the Chamber subscribed in 1837. Newspaper account notes name of paper and cost of annual subscription of newspapers and magazines received at the chamber of commerce as at April 1837.

c. 90 pp

VI. Chamber of Commerce Library (c. 1830-1860)

56 February 1830-7 May 1860 Minutes of General
see P1/55 meetings and committee
 meetings of the Chamber
of Commerce Subscription Library. Generally meetings held annually, and attended
by subscribers to elect committee for year. Committee meetings held several times a
year. Minutes record date and attendance, and are generally signed by chairman or
secretary of the committee. They include details of rules of the library,
correspondence with booksellers, and lists of books ordered for the library.
c.80 pp

57 c. 19th Century Undated index to the
 holdings of library. Index
 arranged alphabetically
according to title of book, and number of volumes held by library also recorded.
Author not always recorded.
c.50 pp

58 1902 Printed copy of Bye-Laws
 of Limerick Chamber of
 Commerce, enacted, 1
January 1902. Printed by O'Conner's and Company, Printers and Publishers. 123
George Street, Limerick.
6 pp.

VII. Limerick Arbitration Society (1840)

59 20 April 1840-24 September 1840 Register of Limerick
 arbitration society
 consisting of abstracts
from Limerick Chamber of Commerce Directors Meetings relating to establishment
and rules of the society, and details of two disputes referred to the society. Disputes
relate to importing of goods, and to terms of a lease.
c.10 pp

VIII. Limerick Employers Federation (1913-1919)

- 60 19 March 1913-23 May 1919 Outgoing letter book of
see P1/16 Limerick Employers
Foundation. Includes copy
letters from J. A. Place, (Secretary, Limerick Employers Federation) to companies, to
trade unions and to organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. Topics
discussed include membership of the organization, registration with Irish Stock
Company, articles and memorandum of association, appointment of auditor and
lawyer, resolution of strike of Steamship company employees and other matters.
244 pp.

IX. National Assurance Company (1856-1866)

- 61 24 September 1856- [] June 1866 Damp press letter book of
William Carroll consisting
mainly of copy letters sent
to letters sent to Joseph Todhunter, (National Assurance Company of Ireland)
relating to Carroll's work as agent for the Company. Includes also copy letters sent
by William Carroll as secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, as secretary to
Athlunkard Bridge Commissioners, and as Collector of Harbor Duties. Many letters
faded and illegible.
c.550 pp.

- 62 16 July 1849-17 July 1858 Volume titled 'Marine
Policies issued' with details
of merchants insurance of
cargo with National Assurance Company. Entries arranged under headings noting the
date and number of the policy, the person insuring, name of vessel, the cargo insured,
ports of arrival and departure, ledger folio, sum for which insured and premium.
Entries include items such as 'Richard Power on 629 B(arrel)s oats for "The
Resolution", Limerick to Glasgow, £400, Prem(ium) £8, Duty 8/' .
c.200 pp

X Poole Gabett Letter book (1828-31)

- 63 8 August 1828-15 April 1831 (-1842) Letter book with copies of

outgoing letters from Poole
Gabbett (Limerick merchant)

relating to shipping goods to and from Limerick Harbour. Includes letters to merchants in Ireland and England requesting payment for shipping and loading of goods such as flour and oats. Includes comments such as 'in answer to your letter respecting the oatmeal delivered for use of city gaol, I beg to inform you that it is impossible better can be manufactured (letter to Mr. Gibson, 16 October 1828).' Includes comments such as 'you make no mention of your being doing anything in the flour and as your sales always guide me as to shipping, I would like you acquainted...I think as soon get a small vessel I will try a cargo of oats' (letter to Mr. Burton, London, 9 April 1829). Also enclosed is letter from Thomas Leland to Gabbett regarding the impropriety of Mr. [Blancaine] (4 October 1827); cheques signed by Gabbett as treasurer of the Grand Jury (4 August 1842); Receipt from the Office of Public Works for £250, paid by the Athlunkard Bridge Commissioners (2 August 1842); letter from C J Williams & Son, Dublin to Gabbett regarding purchase of exchequer bills at 2 ½ % interest (26 December 1839)

c.250 pp