

Dublin City Archives: Mansion House Fund for Relief of Distress in Ireland, 1880 Ch/1
(A) General Committee : (I) Meetings

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/1 | <p>Standing Orders Eleven Standing Orders (of which nos. 1-2 were adopted at general meeting marking establishment of Fund, 2 January 1880). Includes: draft list of grants issued to counties.</p> <p>January 1880</p> <p>1 bound vol.</p> |
| Ch 1/ 2-3 | <p>Rough Minute Books Draft unsigned minutes, general committee. Agenda of each meeting, with notes of decisions taken on each item.</p> <p>January - December 1880</p> <p>2 vols.</p> |
| Ch 1/2 | <p>Rough Minute Book <u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter from Benjamin Banks, Sec. Local Government Board, Custom House with enclosure: return of (Poor Law) Unions and electoral divisions scheduled under seed supply (Ireland) Act, 1880 (6 March).- Report, Examination Sub-Committee. Equalization of grants to local committees (9 March). With draft, as above. <p>8 January - 11 March 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/3 | <p>Rough Minute Book <u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter from George Sigerson, M.D. encl. memo on distress, Carrick-on-Shannon (July 1880).- "The Protestant", no. xx, July 1880. (Article <u>re</u> alleged misappropriation of funds, Aran Islands).- Letter, Rev. Edward Gibbons, P.P., Balla Relief Sub-Committee, Co. Mayo <u>re</u> distress (July 1880). Contd. Over -- Five draft resolutions, final meeting General Committee. Marked "passed" (December 1880). <p>13 March - 7 December 1880</p> |

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| Ch 1/4 | Minute Book Signed minutes of meetings of General Committee, containing full report of proceedings. Newspaper reports and original letters received by the Committee are pasted in and included as part of the minutes, where they have been discussed at meetings. | 3 January - 7 December 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/5 | Resolution of General Committee empowering Clothing Sub-Committee to spend £300 on clothes, skirts, blankets. - Signed by E. Dwyer Gray | 11 March 1880 | 1 item |
| Ch 1/6 | Draft resolutions of General Committee | N.D. (1880) | 3 items |
| Ch 1/7 | Register. Applications for relief received from Local Committees with record of recommendation of Examination Sub-Committee in respect of each; and action ordered by General Committee with regard to these recommendations. | 1880 | 1 vol. |

(A) General Committee : (ii) Correspondence : Outgoing

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/8 | Letter-Book. Copies of outgoing correspondence, with index to addresses. 12 January - 29 February 1880 | 805 pp |

(A) General Committee : (iii) Correspondence : Incoming

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/9 | Index to correspondence received by General Committee. Entered in alphabetical order under name of correspondent, and cross-referenced to index numbers G/1 to G/999. 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/10 | Bundles of indexed incoming correspondence. Each letter received was issued with index reference G/ and a number was entered in index to correspondence received (see Ch 1/9 above). 1880 | c. 1,000 items |
| Ch 1/11 | Bundles of incoming correspondence (not originally indexed). Located in bundles relating to United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India. 1880 | 5 bundles |

(A) General Committee : (iii) Correspondence : Incoming

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/12 | Bundle of letters received from private persons resident in Dublin, describing the distress experienced by them and assistance from Mansion House Fund. Several letters include character references and many of the correspondents claim to have suffered a decline in social standing. | requesting financial |
| | January 1880 | 32 items |
| Ch 1/13 | Bundle of letters of recommendation received from private persons resident in Dublin, and mainly addressed to the Lord Mayor. Recommending that destitute persons of their acquaintance should receive aid from Mansion House Fund. | |
| | January 1880 | 15 items |
| Ch 1/14 | Bundle of letters received from private persons resident in Dublin, inquiring as to the arrangements to be made for relief of distress in the city, and offering their services or the services of committees with which they are associated. Includes: anonymous note suggesting employment of charwoman as a means of relieving distress, with invective against wealthy. | |
| | January 1880 | 4 items |
| Ch 1/15 | Bundle of letters received from private persons resident outside Dublin. Description of distress and request for assistance from Fund. | |
| | January - April 1880 | 17 items |

(A) General Committee : (iii) Correspondence : Incoming

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/16 | Letters received from Duchess of Marlborough's Committee. Mainly relative to organization of administrative protocol as between the two Committees. Includes : 4 applications (individual) for assistance, referred by Marlborough Committee to Mansion House. December 1879 - January 1880 |
| | 8 items |
| Ch 1/17 | Letters from subscribers, complaining that their names have been incorrectly entered, or omitted, from subscribers' lists. January 1880 |
| | 2 items |
| Ch 1/18 | Letters received from Capt. G.J. Dyer, R.N., 79 Rathgar Rd., with enclosures: - Report of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1878. Dublin: H.M.S.O. 1879. - Friendly Societies Act, 1875 London: H.M.S.O. 1875 - Memorandum for the Guidance of Societies under The Friendly Society Acts. London: H.M.S.O. 1876 - Report of the Trustees for bettering the condition of the Poor of Ireland. (Includes mss. notes by Dyer). Dublin: 1825 - Mss. extracts by Dyer from "The Works of Count Runfard. Vol. 4". January 1880 |
| | 6 items |
| Ch 1/19 | Postcard from Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany to Lord Mayor Dwyer Gray. (In German). 18 January 1880 |

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| Ch 1/20 | <p>Letter from W. Neilson Hancock, L.L.D., 64 Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin. As circulated to all Relief Committees (ie. Marlborough, Land League, etc.). Recommends that Relief Committees pay train/boat fares of labourers from distressed districts who wished to journey to Britain for the Harvest. Includes: Extracts from minutes of meeting, Midland Great Western Railway Co. with resolution that charitable institutions be approached on above recommendation. Includes: W. Neilson Hancock. <i>Papers read at meetings of Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.</i> Dublin : 1880 (9 copies)</p> <p>March 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/21 | <p>Letter, Mayor of Rouen, France to Lord Mayor of Dublin. Municipal Council at Rouen have voted 1,000 francs to be sent to Mansion House Committee for purchase of potatoes and meal for poor of Ireland. (In French).</p> <p>8 May 1880 1 p</p> |
| Ch 1/22 | <p>Letters <u>re</u> formation of "Clogher Diocesan Central Relief Committee" in Co. Monaghan. Includes: letter from Fr. D. O'Connor, C.C., Sec. Kilmore and Drumsnat Relief Committee, stating that his local committee expect fairer treatment under this new scheme.</p> <p>May 1880 2 items</p> |
| Ch 1/23 | <p>Letter from Bartholomew Woodlock, D.D., Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. In reply to letter received from General Committee asking his opinion on the desirability of a fresh general appeal for funds.</p> <p>23 July 1880 2 pp</p> |

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| Ch 1/24 | Bundle of letters received by Lord Mayor of Sheffield from distressed persons in Ireland, and forwarded by him to Mansion House Fund. Arising from Sheffield's enquiry as to whether it was necessary to raise additional funds for the relief of distress. |
| | August 1880 3 items |

(A) General Committee : (iv) Correspondence with Relief Committee, Paris

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/25 | Letter, J.P. Leonard, Comite de Secours aux Irlandais, 1 -bis Rue de Montaigne, Paris to P.J. Smyth. Describing composition of Comite and work undertaken by it. |
| | 20 February 1880 4 pp |
| Ch 1/26 | Letter. Comte de Flavigny, Sec. Comite de Secours, Paris to Lord Mayor E. Dwyer Gray. Relative to winding up of affairs of Comite. Marked "confidential". |
| | 13 May 1880 4 pp |

(B) Examination Sub-Committee : (I) Meetings

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-------------------------|---|
| Ch 1/27 | <p>Minute Book. Marked "sub-committees". Minutes of meetings of examination sub-committee, occasionally called "applications committee". List of attendance, followed by list of applications from local committees for assistance with notes of decision taken in respect of each application. Vol. includes minutes of meetings of Publications Sub-Committee. 5th, 10th and 21st January 1880.</p> <p>January - February 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/28 - Ch 1/32 | <p>Minute Books (5 vols.) Sole business of meetings: to consider applications from local committees and make recommendations on payment of grants.</p> <p>[Several minute books were maintained simultaneously. The Examination Sub-Committee met at least three times each week. It appears likely that at the conclusion of each meeting, the minute book was forwarded to the General Committee for approval of recommendation on grants. (See also Ch 1/7). Presumably, in the absence of the minute book, minutes of next meeting were entered in a different book].</p> <p>January - September 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/28 | <p>Minute Book. (Marked : "Examination") Includes: Report on increase in number of applications for relief at a time when contributions are falling off (28 April).</p> <p>26 January - 28 April 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/29 | <p>Minute Book (Identified from attendance).</p> <p>28 February - 12 August 1880</p> |

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| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/30 | Minute Book (Marked : "Examination") 3 March - 7 August 1880 |
| Ch1/31 | Minute Book (Identified from attendance) 25 March - 31 July 1880 |
| Ch 1/32 | Minute Book (Identified from attendance) Includes: Flour Account, May - June 1880 8 May - 2 September 1880 |
| Ch 1/33 | List of Local Committees. [Each local committee was given a number by the Examination Sub-Committee in order of reception of completed "Quere Sheets" (see Ch 1/36). These numbers were thereafter quoted in all transactions with each individual local committee]. Includes for each local committee : - name, post town and county, with names of Chairman, Secretaries, Treasurers and of Committee members. Local Committee Nos: 1 to 841 1880 2 vols. (3 copies of each vol. available) |
| Ch 1/34 | Index to List of Local Committees. Maintained in alphabetical order under names of local committees and cross-referenced to local committee members. 1880 2 copies |

(B) Examination Sub-Committee : (I) Meetings

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/35 | Tables showing composition of Local Committees for each county with breakdown of numbers of Catholic clergymen of other denominations, medical personnel, poor law guardians and laymen. Also: composite tables showing similar breakdown of numbers for provinces of Ulster and Connaught. (Manuscript). |
| N.D. (1880) | 18 pp |

(B) Examination Sub-Committee : (ii) Administrative

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/36 | Forms (known as "Quere Sheets") as circulated by examination sub-committee to all local committees upon receipt of initial application for assistance. Includes questions re : - - extent of distress - relief from other sources - an undertaking by local committees as to the keeping of accounts and of particulars of those relieved. (Forms blank) |
| 1880 | |

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| Ch 1/37 | Grants Books. (Marked: "Examination Committee"). Record of grants given to each Local Committee and of no. of people relieved by each such committee. With a view to determining the average weekly sum granted to each Local Committee and comparison with the weekly sum required to give 6d. per head per week to those in need of relief. Two vols: Local Committee Nos. 1-500 Local Committee Nos. 501-841 | 1880 | 2 items |
| Ch 1/38 | Register of weekly grants given to Local Committees (entered under Committee No. only), and of number of people relieved by each such grant, with overall totals. | 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/39 | Weekly statistical returns from all local relief committees. Includes : - - number of families and of individuals relieved - number of people relieved for the first time - A/c of contributions received from Mansion House, Marlborough, Land League and "New York Herald Fund" and amount of local contributions. | 1880 | 1,800 items |
| Ch 1/40 | Questionnaire circulated to local committees and returned with replies to Mansion House Fund. Information sought re : - - poor rate in union and in electoral division - total amount received from Mansion House and other funds - public works in district | | Contd. over - |

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| Ch 1/40 contd. | <p>- number of persons in receipt of out-door relief and of relief from local committee</p> <p>Opinion of local committee sought re : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "sufficient" out-door relief administered by Unions- necessity of relief being continued by local committee- whether poor law could maintain distressed in the absence of charitable aid. <p>Completed questionnaires grouped according to county. (Returns for all counties except Dublin).</p> | May - June 1880 31 items |
| Ch 1/41 | List of grants issued and refused to Local Committees for months of May and June 1880, with notes on number of people relieved by each Committee. Local Committees listed according to county. | May - June 1880 2 items |
| Ch 1/42 | List of Local Committees, tabulated by county, to which grants have been refused. | N.D. 1 p |
| Ch 1/43 | Tables showing number of people relieved in each county (except Dublin), with total for entire country. | N.D. 2 pp |
| Ch 1/44 | Diary marked "private". Entries mostly blank, but include occasional notes of grants given to local committees. | N.D. 106 pp |

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| | [Local Committees were obliged to maintain account books and also distribution books - recording the number of families to whom meal was distributed, with the amounts given to each. These records of administration could be required for inspection by the Examination Sub-Committee at any time]. |
| Ch 1/45 | Cummer Local Relief Committee: Administrative Records Account and Distribution Books of Local Committee No. 182, Cummer, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway. (Note: area was divided into sub-districts for distribution purposes by the Local Committee). |
| 1880 | 7 items |
| Ch 1/46 | Account and Distribution Book of Local Relief Committee No. 322, Drumlish, Co. Longford. Containing: names of recipients of relief as well as the names of their places of residence. |
| 1880 | 1 item |

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| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/47 | Examination Letter-Book. Damp-press letter-book containing copies of outgoing correspondence. (This vol. has been badly charred and is at present being restored. It will then be available for consultation by the general public). |

c. January - March 1880

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| Ch 1/48 | “Examination Letter-Book”. Damp-press letter-book, containing copies of outgoing correspondence, signed mainly by J.H. Wright, Assistant Secretary and by John Adye Curran. Includes: index to correspondents. |
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March - May 1880

Fol. 996

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| Ch 1/49 | “Letter-Book No. 3” Damp-press, outgoing correspondence with index |
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May - July 1880

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| Ch 1/50 | Day-book; recording names and addresses of local representatives from whom letters have been received requesting assistance. Marked: “Send Quere Sheets” (see Ch 1/36) |
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February - April 1880

1 vol.

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| Ch 1/51 | Letters received from local representatives requesting assistance from Fund, and describing distress in their localities. Each letter is cross-referenced to Day-Book (see Ch 1/50) and is marked: "Send Forms" ; ("Quere Sheets", see Ch 1/36). Although "Quere Sheets" were dispatched to senders of these letters, Local Committees were generally not formed for the districts which they represented. February - April 1880 |
| | 3 items |
| Ch 1/52 | Correspondence received from Local Committees. Generally consisting of : - - Initial letter describing distress and requesting assistance - Completed "Quere Sheet" - Receipts for grants received from Mansion House Fund, with covering letters. - Concluding letter of thanks to Mansion House Fund. All correspondence indexed and maintained under corresponding Local Committee Number. (See: Index to Local Committee Numbers, Appendix II). 1880 |
| | c. 800 items |
| Ch 1/53 | Letter. Archdeacon H[amilton] Townsend, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo to Canon Bagot. Seeks forms for establishment of Local Committee (marked: "sent"). (A Local Committee was never actually formed for Ballisodare). 26 January 1880 |
| | 1 p |

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| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/54 | Correspondence with "Adare Dispensary District Committee", Co. Limerick re application for relief funds. Annotated: "This is a dispensary district Their application cannot be entertained until they call it some other name". | |
| | February 1880 | 5 items |
| Ch 1/55 | Letter. Stephen Taaffe, Ardee, Co. Louth to (? Canon Bagot). Appeal for assistance will be made from this parish. Asks him to use his influence. | |
| | 10 April 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/56 | Letter. Appeal for relief from newly-formed local committee of Ballynascreen, Draperstown, Co. Londonderry. Marked: "sent forms". | |
| | 11 May 1880 | 2 pp |
| Ch 1/57 | Letter. Robert Power, C.C., Hon. Sec. Old Parish and Ringville Local Relief Committee (no. 740). Details of Poor Rate in Union, 1877-1880. | |
| | 24 June 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/58 | Extract from Minutes of "Westport Sub-Committee" (no. 302). Includes: resolution of informing "Head Committee" of "unfair treatment" received. Complaint that amount received in relief has diminished too much. | |
| | 5 July 1880 | 2 pp |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (I) Meetings*

[For Minutes of Publication Sub-Committee, see Sub-Committee Minute Book, Ch 1/27].

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/59 | Resolution adopted by Publication Sub-Committee re defraying of expenses incurred in connection with (Comite de Secours), Paris | |
| | 23 February 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/60 | Jottings (Agenda for meeting) | |
| | N.D. (c. January 1880) | 1 p |
| Ch 1/61 | Report of Publication Sub-Committee re telegrams despatched during January with copies of telegrams and list of recipients attached. | |
| | 21 January 1880 | 28 items |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (ii) Fund-raising overseas*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/62 | Correspondence: V.B. Dillon, 7 Rutland Square East, Dublin (Member of Sub-Committee), with Reuter's Telegram Co. Ltd. 24 Old Jewry, London. E.C. re transmission of telegrams to Mayors of cities in Nth. America and Australia. | |
| | January 1880 | 25 items |

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| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
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| Ch 1/63 | Letter. J.C. Beveridge, "Freeman's Journal", London Office, 211 Strand W.C. to J.H. Wright, Assistant Secretary. <u>Re</u> transmission of telegram from Lord Mayor on behalf of Fund to Protestant and Catholic bishops world-wide. Includes: two lists of bishops to be telegraphed. | February 1880 | 3 items |
| Ch 1/64 | Circular Letter. "Appeal to the People of Great Britain", with covering letter, E. Dwyer Gray, Lord Mayor, to editors of newspapers in Britain, requesting publication. (Printed Matter). | 24 January 1880 | 10 items |
| Ch 1/65 | Draft (incomplete): "Appeal to the People of United States of America" (mss.). (Very fragile) | January 1880 | 11 pp |
| Ch 1/66 | Draft circular letter: "Appel au peuple francais", for despatch to editors of French newspapers. (In French: mss.). | January 1880 | 4 pp |
| Ch 1/67 | Circular letter: "appeal to the German people" for despatch to editors of German newspapers. (In German: printed matter). Includes: envelope addressed to editor of newspaper in Freiburg, returned to Mansion House. | February 1880 | 7 copies |

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| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
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| Ch 1/68 | Circular letter: "Appeal to the Italian people" for despatch to editors of Italian newspapers. (In Italian : printed matter). | February 1880 | 2 copies |
| Ch 1/69 | Letter. F. De Frias, Palmerston Buildings, London. E.C. to E. Dwyer Gray. With enclosure, Spanish-language appeal for funds, as drafted by De Frias, which he suggests could be forwarded to leading Spanish and West Indian papers. | February 1880 | 2 items |
| Ch 1/70 | Circular letter, Bishop of Versailles to the Clergy and Faithful of his Diocese, recommending that a collection be taken up on behalf of Ireland. (Printed matter: in French). | March 1880 | 3 pp |
| Ch 1/71 | Circular letter, Louis Bishop of Nimes, Uzès and Alais authorizing a collection in his diocese for relief of Ireland. (Printed matter: in French). With covering note, mss. memo to "Publication Committee": "Letter to be written to French civic authorities". | April 1880 | |
| Ch 1/72 | Draft letter for circulation to Mayors of cities and towns in France, describing the distress in Ireland and appealing for funds. (Mss. in French). | N.D. (c. April 1880) | 2 pp |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (iii) Correspondence with Committee, Paris*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/73 | Newspaper cutting, "La Famine en Irlande", including letter from E. Dwyer Gray, Lord Mayor Dublin, seeking assistance in kind (such as corn or potatoes). Also notice of forthcoming sermon by Fr. Monsabre in support of the distressed people of Ireland. (Printed matter : in French). c. March 1880 |
| | 1 p |
| Ch 1/74 | Correspondence, John P. Leonard, Comite de Secours, Paris, to Dr. George Sigerson (of Publication Sub-Committee). Mainly relative to publication of sermon of Fr. Monsabre in Paris, with plans for publishing a translation of sermon at Dublin. With enclosure, list of prelates of France. April - May 1880 |
| | 4 items |
| Ch 1/75 | Extracts from printed version. Fr. Monsabre's sermon, "Pour l'Irlande", forwarded by printers, E. de Soye et Fils., Place du Pantheon, Paris, with statement of cost of printing 2,000 copies. May 1880 |
| | 2 items |
| Ch 1/76 | Letter. M.H. Gill and Son, 50 Upper Sackville Street, Dublin to George Sigerson. Expressing interest in printing "Sermon on Ireland" by Fr. Monsabre. 22 June 1880 |
| | 1 p |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (iv) Public Relations*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/77 | Letter. R. O'G. (Richard O'Gorman, New York) to P.J. Smyth (member of Publication Sub-Committee). Informs him that "Parnell impugns motives of the Mansion House Committee .." Recommends obtaining testimonials from Roman Catholic bishops and clergy. 29 January 1880 4 pp |
| Ch 1/78 | Circular letter from Lord Mayor, E. Dwyer Gray to Irish hierarchy re allegations made in America by Parnell as to distributors of Mansion House Fund. With attachment, newspaper cuttings, printed copies of replies received from hierarchy. Also enclosure: bundle of original letters and telegrams received from hierarchy in reply to circular. January - February 1880 |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (v) Notes towards Publications*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/79 | List of subscribers to Fund entered in alphabetical order. 1880 1 bound vol. |

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (v) Notes towards Publications

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Ch 1/80 | Draft circular, "The Distress in Ireland", appealing for further funds and directed at public in England. As distributed to notable people in Ireland, requesting their signature in support, and returned to Committee with occasional emendations to text and accompanying letters in support of the circular. | |
| | May 1880 | 35 items |
| Ch 1/81 | Table showing classification of subscriptions received by Continent and country. (Mss.) | |
| | N. D. | 2 pp |
| Ch 1/82 | Tables showing extent of distress set out by districts within each county, and including extracts from letters appealing for assistance. (Mss.) | |
| | N. D. | 2 items |
| Ch 1/83 | Tables showing extent of distress by district in counties Armagh, Cavan, Clare, Longford, Dublin, Kings Co. and Louth. With notes on social conditions of those relieved. | |
| | N. D. | 4 pp |
| Ch 1/84 | Note on distress in Lower Templecrone and Arranmore Island, Co. Donegal. (Rough draft in pencil) | |
| | N. D. | 1 p |

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (v) Notes towards Publications

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/85 | Tables showing extent of distress in Co. Kerry according to district. Including: extracts from letters received appealing for funds. | |
| | N. D. | 11 pp |
| Ch 1/86 | Draft list of local committees, Co. Cavan, with notes on distress in each district, intended for publication. | |
| | N. D. | 2 pp |
| Ch 1/87 | Notes on local committees in each county. | |
| | N. D. | 2 pp |
| Ch 1/88 | List of grants from "New York Herald" Fund to local committees. Tabulated by county; printed matter, with additional mss. notes. | |
| | N. D. | 11 pp |

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (vi) Proof-Sheets

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/89 | Tables setting out by county extracts from applications for relief received by the Mansion House Committee, week ending 24th February 1880. (Printed matter). | |
| | February 1880 | 3 copies |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (vi) Proof-Sheets*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
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| Ch 1/90 | Posters detailing the provisions of the Seed Bill, 1880 and advising small farmers to apply to the Poor Law Guardians for seed potatoes instead of to the Seed Committee of the Mansion House Relief Committee. Includes: notes of alterations to wording of posters. | |
| | March 1880 | 10 copies |
| Ch 1/91 | Proof-sheets: "Mansion House Relief Committee. Proceedings from 9th March to 22nd April 1880". Printed matter, with numerous additions and corrections. | |
| | April 1880 | 5 items |
| Ch 1/92 | Proof-sheet. "Appendix (to Statement of Committee, as published March 10th): Proceedings from 9th March to 22nd April 1880". Enclosure: portion of original draft text as submitted to printers. | |
| | c. April 1880 | 2 items |
| Ch 1/93 | Statement of the Mansion House Relief Committee. (Proof-sheet with corrections). Printed for distribution. | |
| | 27 May 1880 | 2 pp |
| Ch 1/94 | Table showing extracts from first or renewed applications received and considered by Mansion House Committee for one week ending 24th September 1880. With attachment, printed proof-sheets table of distress by county with extracts from applications received. | |
| | September 1880 | 2 items |

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (vi) Proof-Sheets

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/95 | List of members of the Mansion House Committee. Printed matter, with pencilled additions to the list. Attachment: newspaper cutting, subscription list to Fund. |

N. D. 2 items

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| Ch 1/96 | List of subscribers to Mansion House Fund, in alphabetical order, with printed proofs of list, as printed in "Freeman's Journal" office. |
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N. D. 3 items

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (vii) Publications

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/97 | Proceedings of the Mansion House Committee for the Relief of Distress in Ireland during the months of January and February, 1880. Mansion House, Dublin : March 1880 (3 copies) |

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| Ch 1/98 | Report of Investigation held at Kilronan, Arranmore on Monday, 21 June 1880, by John Adye Curran. Dublin : 1880 |
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| Ch 1/99 | Report of the Medical Commission of the Mansion House Committee. Mansion House : August ,1880 |
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(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (vii) Publications*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/100 | Reports on the Condition of the Peasantry of the County of Mayo in 1880. Dublin Mansion House Committee : 1881 |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (viii) Foreign Press*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/101 | <i>The Manchester Guardian</i> (pages 5-8 only). Article: The Distress in Ireland (from a special correspondent, page 5, 2.5 columns). Also: letter from "J.S.M." on the distress in Ireland (page 5, column 3, paragraph 3). 14 February 1880 1 item |
| Ch 1/102 | <i>The Times</i> , London (pp 5-10 only). Including: advertisement inserted by Committee (page 16, column 3, paragraph 8). 16 February 1880 1 item |
| Ch 1/103 | <i>Mark Lane Express and Agricultural Journal</i> . London: No. 2514, vol. xlix Advertisement, (p. 8, col. 2, para. 9). 1 March 1880 1 item |

(C) Publication Sub-Committee : (viii) Foreign Press

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------|----------|
| Ch 1/104 | <i>North British Agriculturalist.</i> Edinburgh: vol. xxxii, no. 9 Advertisement, p. 1, col. 2, para. 4 | 3 March 1880 | 1 item |
| Ch 1/105 | <i>Memorial d'Amiens.</i> No. 10479 Letter from Mansion House Committee (p. 2, col. 3, para. 3). See also: Ch 1/66 Includes: original postage wrapper | 20 February 1880 | 1 item |
| Ch 1/106 | <i>Hamburger Fremden-Blatt.</i> No. 35 Advertisement, p. 4, col. 1 | 11 February 1880 | 1 item |
| Ch 1/107 | <i>National Zeitung,</i> Berlin. Advertisement. (In original postage wrapper) | 12 February 1880 | 1 item |
| Ch 1/108 | <i>Gazetta Piemontese,</i> Turin. No. 42 Article and publication of letter (see Ch 1/68), page 2. | 11 February 1880 | 6 copies |
| Ch 1/109 | <i>Gazetta Piemontese,</i> Turin. No. 43 Article, p. 2, col. 3 | 12 February 1880 | 1 item |

(C) *Publication Sub-Committee : (viii) Foreign Press*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Ch 1/110 | <i>La Discussione</i> , Naples Anno VIII, no. 43. Paragraph stating that although Mansion House Committee has appealed for relief, the poverty in Italy makes success unlikely. (p. 2, col. 4, para. 2) | |
| | 12 February 1880 | |
| Ch 1/111 | <i>New York Herald</i> (No. 15, 871) Report on distress, with statistics (p. 3). Also: condemnation of Parnell's attack on Mansion House Committee (p.5) | |
| | 4 February 1880 | 4 copies |
| Ch 1/112 | <i>La Provincia di Belluno</i> . Vol. III, no. 13. Letter from Mansion House Committee, p. 2, col. 3 | |
| | 14 February 1880 | 1 item |

(D) *Western Isles Sub-Committee*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| Ch 1/113 | Tables showing : - -statement of food supplied to Western Isles - statement of grants made for food - amount of grants given to counties along Western Sea-Board | |
| | February - June 1880 | 3 items |

(D) *Western Isles Sub-Committee*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|------------------|
| Ch 1/114 | Receipts for payments received, furnished by suppliers of goods to Western Isles Sub-Committee. Includes: several receipts for payments affected jointly by Mansion House and Marlborough Funds. | |
| | February - July 1880 | 22 items |
| Ch 1/115 | Account Vouchers furnished by Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne in respect of payments made and expenses incurred by him, in the course of his travels along the Western coast, dispensing relief on behalf of the Mansion House Committee. | |
| | March - June 1880 | 10 items |
| Ch 1/116 | Account Vouchers furnished by Wm. Lane Joynt and J.A. Fox, for travelling expenses incurred while on business for Western Isles Sub-Committee. | |
| | March - October 1880 | 6 items |
| Ch 1/117 | Memorial. Shoemaker of Ardrumkilla, Belclare (Co. Galway) to Secretary, Mansion House Relief Committee and referred to Western Isles Sub-Committee. His trade has been ruined by import (? by Committee) of shoes from Scotland. Complains that he has not received relief from local committee at Belclare. | |
| | August 1880 | Marked "private" |
| Ch 1/118 | Account and Distribution Book, Local Relief Committee, Boffin and Shark Islands. Includes: receipted statements of account relating to purchases by Committee of foodstuffs from local suppliers, many of whom affixed their "mark" in lieu of signature. | |
| | February - June 1880 | 1 bound vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (I) Audited Accounts

[The following Account Books, Nos. Ch 1/119 to Ch 1/123 were all audited by Kevans and Kean, Chartered Accountants for Friendly Industrial and Provident Societies, 35 Dame Street in January 1881]

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|--------|
| Ch 1/119 | Subscription Book. Names and addresses of subscribers - index supplied - with amounts received entered on a daily basis. Includes: separate list of those forwarding subscriptions through National Bank. | January - December 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/120 | Cash Book. Re: Current Account at National Bank, Dublin Office | January - December 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/121 | Daily Expense Account. Cross-referenced to Cash Book (Ch 1/120) | January - December 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/122 | Grants Book. Grants made to Local Committees, stating amount and cross-referenced to cheque nos. Includes: alphabetical index to local committees | January - December 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (i) Audited Accounts

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|--------|
| Ch 1/123 | Seed Committee Account Book. Including : - - Balance Sheet, Seed Committee - List, special contributions, March-September - Clothing A/c, March - April - Food supplied to Western Isles, February - June - Bundle of Vouchers for Seed Account, March | |
| | February - August 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (ii) Lodgements to Account

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|--------|
| Ch 1/124/1 | Subscription Book No. 1 Ledger, with entries: amount of subscriptions received daily, source and lodgement to account of Mansion House Committee. | |
| | January - February 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/124/2 | Subscription Book No. 2 Ledger in continuation from above. | |
| | February - November 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (ii) Lodgements to Account

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Ch 1/124/3 | Ledger. Subscriptions received, entered on a geographical basis, according to country of origin of subscribers. January - September 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/125 | Counterfoils for receipts issued to subscribers. January - July 1880 | 13 items |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (iii) Disbursements

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|--------|
| Ch 1/126 | Grants Book No. 1 Grants issued to Local Committees, entered on a day-to-day basis and cross-referenced to cheque nos. January - July 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/127 | Grants Book No. 2 In continuation from above. July - August 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (iii) Disbursements

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|--------|
| Ch 1/128 | “Local Committee Book” No. 1 Register of grants issued to Local Committee entered according to county. | |
| | March - April 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/129 | “Local Committee Book” No. 2 Register in continuation from above. | |
| | May - July 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/130 | “Local Committee Book” No. 3 Register in continuation from above. Includes: “Reconcilement of Local Committee Books with Grants Book”. | |
| | July - August 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/131 | “Local Committee Book” No. 4 Register of grants to Local Committees, entered according to diocese. | |
| | February - June 1880 | |
| Ch 1/132 | Register of Grants. A compendium of information contained in Grants Books and Local Committee Books. | |
| | 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (iii) Disbursements

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| Ch 1/133 | Postage Account Books. Names and addresses of recipients of letters, with amount expended in postage. February - October 1880 | 2 vols. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (iv) Cash Flow Analysis and Balance Sheets

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|--------|
| Ch 1/134 | Cash Book. Ledger with entries of amounts credited to and debited from Account at National Bank, Dublin. January - June 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/135 | Monthly Balance Sheets. Monthly state of Fund and reconciliation with balance per Bank Pass Book. Vol. also includes : - - Draft Balance Sheet, December 1880 - Balance Sheet, Western Isles Account - Analyses of subscriptions; of expenses, of expenditure on food, clothing and fuel - Proofs of printed Financial Report (for inclusion in printed Proceedings). February - November 1880 | 1 vol. |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (iv) Cash Flow Analysis and Balance Sheets

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| Ch 1/136 | Analyses of Account. Including : - - Balance Sheet, Mansion House Fund to 31 August - Balance Sheet, Seed Account - Analysis. Petty Cash to 31 July - Analysis of Grants | |
| | 1880 | 9 items |
| Ch 1/137 | Tables : - - Grants to local committees, March - April 1880 - Jottings, grants, subscriptions. March - August 1880 - Distribution of money by scheduled, partly-scheduled Poor Law Unions. | |
| | March - August 1880 | 3 items |
| Ch 1/138 | Tables showing reconciliation of grants made to each county, with amounts drawn on bank account, and general notes on grants to local committees. | |
| | To August 1880 | 4 items |
| Ch 1/139 | Account Vouchers, for payments to suppliers. | |
| | January - October 1880 | 34 items |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (v) Correspondence

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| Ch 1/140 | Correspondence with <i>Whitehall Review</i> , 6 York Street, Covent Garden. Relating to insertion of advertisement by Mansion House Committee, drawing attention to the Fund. |
| | June 1880 3 items |
| Ch 1/141 | Correspondence with Wells and Holohan, Agents, Midland Railway, 6 Eden Quay and 7 North Wall, Dublin. Re: payment for consignments. |
| | July 1880 2 items |
| Ch 1/142 | Correspondence with City Printing and Lithographing Co. Ltd., William Street, Dublin. Includes: quotations, delivery notes and invoices. |
| | March - July 1880 |

(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (vi) Miscellaneous

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/143 | Subscription Book: Robertson & Donovan Family Fund. (Re: collection taken up for the assistance of families of dispensary doctors who died in the course of their duty, while treating victims of famine fever). |
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(E) Finance Sub-Committee : (vi) Miscellaneous

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|--------------------|---|--------|
| Ch 1/143 contd. | Vol. includes: Abstracts, letters received from Marlborough Fund. List of bishops from whom letters received. | |
| | May 1880 | 1 vol. |

(F) Clothing Sub-Committee : (I) Suppliers

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|------|
| Ch 1/144 | Letter from Crispin and Horncastle Auctioneers and Valuers, 14 Billiter Street, London E.C. re insurance on consignment of shoes. | |
| | 13 March 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/145 | Statements of Account, Arnott & Co. Ltd., 15 Henry Street, Dublin. List of purchases including items despatched directly to local relief committees. | |
| | March - May 1880 | 4 pp |
| Ch 1/146 | Memorandum noting number of "parcels" received from prominent Dublin retailers, amongst them Arnott & Co., Ferrier Pollock & Co. and McBirney & Co. | |
| | 18 June 1880 | 1 p |

(F) Clothing Sub-Committee : (ii) Incoming Letters

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
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| Ch 1/147 | Letters received from landed gentry appealing for clothes on behalf of poor of their districts (Counties Galway and Kerry). | 18 June 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/148 | Letter from Abraham Shackleton, J.P. (memb. of Mansion House Committee) <u>re</u> clothing with enclosure: letter received by him on the same subject, from Mrs. (Thomas J.) Boyd, wife of Lord Provost, Edinburgh and enclosure to this letter from Mrs. J.W. Thacker, Archdeaconry, Kilfare, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. | March 1880 | 3 items |
| Ch 1/149 | Post-Card. Mrs. Douglas, 29 Ladbroke Square, Notting Hill, London. Wishes to send articles of clothing. | 5 March 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/150 | Letter. Rev. C. Ormsby Wiley, Vicarage, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo and Secretary Local Relief Committee No. 29. Appealing for a supply of boots for poor of district. | 8 March 1880 | |
| Ch 1/151 | Letter. Michael Burke, Wholesale Clothing, 16 Lr. Bridge Street and 34 Merchant's Quay, Dublin. Proposes to sell clothing to Committee at a reasonable price. | 11 March 1880 | 2 pp |

(F) Clothing Sub-Committee : (ii) Incoming Letters

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/152 | Letter. Miss Sarah Davis, President, Ballyhaunis (Co. Mayo), Ladies' Relief Committee for Clothing the Poor. Request for bedding and clothing for poor of neighbourhood. |
| | 13 March 1880 3 pp |
| Ch 1/153 | Letter. Malachi Brennan, P.P., Ahamlish, Co. Sligo and Treasurer to Local Relief Committee No. 12. Appeals for clothing for children. |
| | 14 March 1880 2 pp |
| Ch 1/154 | Letter. Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne, from Belmullet, Co. Mayo. On behalf of Commandant Thomas Suckling R.N., H.M.S. "Goshawk", re whereabouts of parcel of clothes sent by friends of Suckling to the Committee. |
| | 28 May 1880 2 pp |

(G) Seed Sub-Committee

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/155 | <p>Minute Book Meetings of "Seed Potato Committee". Includes undated reports on proceedings and recommendations to General Committee. Vol. also includes minutes of one meeting of "Meal Committee", February 25. (This Committee was short-lived as it is not mentioned in published "Proceedings". From contents of business discussed at meeting minuted here, it is probable that it was absorbed into Western Isles Sub-Committee).</p> <p>February - March 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/156 | <p>Correspondence. Canon Bagot, Fontstown Glebe, Co. Kildare to J.H. Wright. Covering notes for enclosures.</p> <p>August 1880 2 items</p> |
| Ch 1/157 | <p>Bundle of Vouchers for Seed Account. Sent by Canon Bagot to J.H. Wright. Includes: numbered series of delivery notes (1-13), Railway Companies to Local Relief Committees, referred by latter to Mansion House Fund for payment. (March 1880)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unnumbered series of delivery notes, as above- Assorted vouchers for payment, mainly <u>re</u> carriage of goods- Letters from Local Committees acknowledging receipt of seed potatoes <p>March - September 1880</p> |
| Ch 1/158 | <p>Invoices. J. & L.F. Goodbody, Jute Spinners & Manufacturers, Clashawaun Factory, Clara, Co. Offaly. For supplies of potato bags.</p> <p>February - April 1880 8 items</p> |

*Dublin City Archives: Mansion House Fund for Relief of Distress in Ireland, 1880 Ch/1
(G) Seed Sub-Committee*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| Ch 1/159 | Letters received from merchants with stock of seed potatoes on hand, anxious to sell to Mansion House Committee. | |
| | March 1880 | 2 items |
| Ch 1/160 | Letter from Clyde Shipping Co., 27 Eden Quay, Dublin with enclosures, advertisements, detailing shipping routes and rates. | |
| | March 1880 | 3 items |
| Ch 1/161 | Delivery Notes. Androssan Shipping Co., North Wall; and I. Samuel, Dublin. | |
| | March 1880 | 2 items |
| Ch 1/162 | Telegram. Earl of Westmeath, Portumna re delivery of potatoes to five districts in Poor Law Union. | |
| | March 1880 | 1 item |

(H) Medical Commission

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| Ch 1/163 | Table showing extent of distress by district for the counties of Mayo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Sligo, with extracts from appeals for funds. (As sent to Dr. George Sigerson, 3 Clare Street, Dublin). | |
| | 1880 | 5 pp |

(H) *Medical Commission*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| Ch 1/164 | Letter from J.H. Wright, Assistant Secretary to the General Committee, to Dr. George Sigerson, 3 Clare Street, with enclosure: quotation from W.H. Smith & Son, General Newspaper Office and subscription Library, 79 and 80 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, with estimate for insertion of advertisement. (Unspecified) in listed British newspapers. |
| | 9 February 1880 2 items |
| Ch 1/165 | Note (unsigned) for Dr. George Sigerson, of numbers of new committees formed and persons in distress. |
| | March 1880 1 p |
| Ch 1/166 | Letter from George Sigerson to J.H. Wright, Secretary to the Central Committee requesting that enclosure (missing), should be read at next meeting and subsequently published in medical journals. |
| | June 1880 2 pp |
| Ch 1/167 | Report from the Medical Commission on Charlestown District, Co. Mayo by George Sigerson, M.D. and J.E. Kenny, L.R.C.S. as forwarded to Lord Mayor and Gentlemen (of the Mansion House Committee). |
| | (Printed in full, <i>Proceedings of the Dublin Mansion House Relief Committee</i> 1880, Dublin 1881, pp. 135-138). |
| | 12 July 1880 |

(H) Medical Commission

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| Ch 1/168 | Receipts from suppliers for goods despatched to Dr. Sigerson, at Ballaghader, Co. Mayo and to Relief Committee, Charlestown, Co. Mayo (at Dr. Sigerson's request - "Liebegs Extract" for someone suffering from "famine fever"). |
| | June - July 1880 2 items |

(I) Administration

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/169 | Attendance Book. Administrative and clerical staff, with details of hours worked. |
| | February - June 1880 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/170 | Petty Cash Account Book. Daily record maintained by Assistant Secretary, J.H. Wright. Final Entry: "Amount transferred to new book". (See Ch 1/171). |
| | January - July 1880 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/171 | Petty Cash Account Book. In continuation from above. |
| | July - December 1880 1 vol. |

(I) Administration

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/172 | Petty Cash Account Vouchers numbered 1 to 38 January 1880 |
| Ch 1/173 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 39 to 221 February 1880 |
| Ch 1/174 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 1 to 90 March 1880 |
| Ch 1/175 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 1 to 127 April 1880 |
| Ch 1/176 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 1 to 142 May 1880 |
| Ch 1/177 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, unnumbered. June 1880 Approx. 150 items |
| Ch 1/178 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, unnumbered. June 1880 Approx. 150 items |
| Ch 1/179 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 1 to 119 August - September 1880 |

(I) Administration

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/180 | Petty Cash. Account Vouchers, numbered 2 to 67 October - December 1880 |

(J) Treasurers

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| Ch 1/181 | Pass Books. The National Bank (Dublin Office) in account (current) with E. Dwyer Gray, Sir James Mackey, Sir John Barrington and Jonathan Pim. January - December 1880 8 items |
| Ch 1/182 | Pass Book. The National Bank, Dublin in Account with the Western Isles Relief Fund. Includes: receipted cheques drawn on account, nos. B 78851-57 June - December 1880 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/183 | Pass Book. The Royal Bank of Ireland, Foster Place, Dublin in account with Mansion House Seeds Fund. Includes: receipted cheques, no. H/K6; also series Q/L 34451 to Q/L 34470. Also, two memoranda of lodgements to account February - September 1880 1 vol. |

(J) *Treasurers*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | | |
|-----------------|---|--|----------------|
| Ch 1/184 | Pass Book. National Bank, Dublin in account with E. Dwyer Gray and others. (Purpose unspecified, but probably relates to Robertson & Donovan family fund. See: Ch 1/143). | | |
| | May 1880 | | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/185 | Debit Notes. Amounts drawn by Treasurers generally for payment of bank charges due in the clearance of sums from abroad. | | |
| | May - September 1880 | | 7 items |
| Ch 1/186 | Letter from F.W. Niven, Secretary Royal Bank of Ireland, Dublin, re transfer of funds to Relief Fund Account at National Bank, Dublin. | | |
| | July 1880 | | 1 p |
| Ch 1/187 | Receipt from Most Rev. Dr. Trench, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin. For money received from Treasurers and originally contributed by Episcopalian Church, Rhode Island. | | |
| | March 1880 | | 1 p |
| Ch 1/188 | Memoranda of lodgements to account at National Bank Dublin | | |
| | March - July 1880 | | 20 bound items |
| Ch 1/189 | Books of cheque counterfoils, with corresponding receipted cheques re-attached to original counterfoils. | | |
| | 1880 | | c. 20 items |

(K) *Miscellaneous*

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| Ch 1/190 | “Index to Private and Miscellaneous letters generally”. Correspondents’ names maintained in alphabetical order. (No corresponding index no. given for any letters entered here, nor have the letters been located). | |
| | N. D. (1880) | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/191 | Diary. “Browne’s Scribbling Diary 1880”. Marked: “Mr. Wright”. No entries. | |
| | 1880 | 1 vol. |
| Ch 1/192 | Notebooks. Containing shorthand notes of meetings attended. | |
| | 1880 | 2 vols. |
| Ch 1/193 | Note. V.B. Dillon, 7 Rutland Square East, Dublin. Request for supply of wrappers. | |
| | 1880 | 1 p |
| Ch 1/194 | Notice. “Midleton Union”, Co. Cork. Rates struck in various electoral Divisions of Union. | |
| | 1880 | 1 copy |

(L) Trustees of Mansion House Relief Fund

| <i>Doc. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Ch 1/195 | Circular letter, E. Dwyer Gray, Chairman and V.B. Dillon, Trustee, on behalf of Trustees, 41 Lower Sackville Street, Dublin. Covering note for enclosure Report of Mansion House Committee, as sent to subscribers to Fund. |
| | 22 June 1881 5 copies |
| Ch 1/196 | Envelopes printed for Trustees of Mansion House Relief Fund. |
| | 1881 3 items |

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INTRODUCTION

The Dublin Mansion House Relief Committee was founded in January 1880 as a voluntary organization for the relief of want and distress in Ireland, caused by the successive failure of the harvests of 1877-79. The Committee raised funds in Europe and North America and from as far away as India and Australia. The money was then distributed to local committees in the distressed districts with the proviso that it should be spent on the purchase of Indian meal, which was then to be distributed to those in need. The harvest of 1880 was a comparatively good one, and as a result, the Mansion House Committee wound up in December of that year, transferring its functions to Trustees and transferring its records to the custody of the Corporation of Dublin.

Custody of the Records

At a meeting of the City Council on December 6th 1880, a letter was read which had been received from J.H. Wright, Assistant Secretary to the Mansion House Committee. He wrote: ".....I am directed ... to ask permission to place the records of the (Mansion House) Committee permanently in the press in the wainscoting in the Hall in the Mansion House with a suitable tablet so as to preserve these documents as an important public record, the key to be kept by the Town Clerk". A Resolution was passed by the Council giving effect to this request and by this means, the records passed into the custody of the Corporation. As requested, they were placed in the Hall of the Mansion House, in a press which was to be their home for nearly 100 years. A brass plaque was erected to mark the location and may still be seen there today.

In 1972, while renovations were in progress at the Mansion House, the City and County Librarian directed the removal of a number of the Mansion House Committee records to the Central Library at Pearse Street for safe-keeping. These records were listed by the archivist in February/March 1980 and then transferred to City Hall to be stored along with the Corporation's archives. In July 1980, the City and County Librarian directed the transfer to City Hall of the remaining records stored in the press at the Mansion House. These included the remainder of the Mansion House Committee records (Ch 1) and also the records of several other charitable committees - the Canadian Fund for the Relief of Distress in Ireland, 1880 (Ch 2); South City Market Fire Brigade Fund, 1892 (Ch 3); Achill Improvement Fund, 1894 (Ch 4); Fire Brigade Fund (Ch 5); and Barry Sullivan Memorial Fund (Ch 6). The transferred material also included official papers relating to the terms of office of three Lord Mayors: E. Dwyer Gray, 1880; V.B. Dillon,

Dublin City Archives: Mansion House Fund for Relief of Distress in Ireland, 1880 Ch/1
1894 and 1895; and R.J. McCoy, 1896. In addition, there is some material relating to an abortive attempt to establish a "Dublin Convalescent Home" in 1880.

It will be seen by the above that the records of the Mansion House Committee have been in the unbroken official custody of the Corporation of Dublin since December 1880.

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Arrangement of the Records

The activities of the Mansion House Committee have been thoroughly described in the Proceedings published in 1881 (see Bibliography), and of course are fully documented by the records described in this catalogue. However, a few words regarding the structure of the Committee are necessary in so far as this affects the arrangement devised for the records.

The Mansion House Committee was divided into a general committee which co-ordinated all business; and a series of sub-committees where most of the actual work of collection and distribution of funds was carried out. The Lord Mayor, Edmund Dwyer Gray, was elected Chairman of the Committee as a whole and seven Treasurers and seven Honorary Secretaries were also elected. These elected officials were automatically members of each sub-committee. There was a small staff of salaried clerks underpinning the entire organization; this staff was headed by the Assistant Secretary, J.H. Wright, himself a paid official. (See: List of members, Committee and Sub-Committees).

The records have been grouped according to their origin in the activities of the General Committee or of the numerous sub-committees. No records have been found which relate specifically to the activities of the "Australian Sub-Committee", which is one of those listed in the Proceedings. In addition, records have been discovered which evidently relate to the activities of the Medical Commission, which was not listed as a sub-committee in Proceedings, but which is given as a separate group of records in this catalogue.

The records of the activities of the salaried clerks have been grouped together under the heading "ADMINISTRATION". Similarly, the activities of the Trustees upon whom the functions of the Mansion House Committee devolved after its dissolution, have been separately grouped under the heading "TRUSTEES".

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Numbering of the Records

The prefix Ch 1/ (followed by the document number) has been adopted for the Mansion House Committee records. This prefix indicates that these records are the first to be accessioned to the Corporation's archives from a charitable organization. Successive similar accessions have been prefixed Ch 2/, Ch 3/ etc. (See: Custody of the Records above). This system of prefixing has been adopted in the interests of standardization, as it has been piloted at the Kent County Record Office and has been adopted extensively in local authority record offices in Britain.

The documents in this collection have been numbered in straight successive sequence, Ch 1/1 to Ch 1/196. In two instances, indexing systems devised and adopted by the Mansion House Committee have been retained. The first relates to documents catalogued under the number Ch 1/10. These documents are the letters received by the General Committee. Each letter was given a reference number in order of its reception, commencing G1 and continuing through to G/956. The letters and corresponding reference numbers were then entered in an alphabetical index to persons and places, which is supplied as Appendix I to this catalogue. The researcher who, for example, wishes to see correspondence received from Arnott & Co., Dublin, should consult Appendix I and then request items under the numbers Ch 1/10/G/81; Ch 1/10/G/124; Ch 1/10/G/454.

In the second instance, each local committee was issued with a reference number which was quoted on all its correspondence and transactions. An index to local committee numbers arranged by county and again alphabetically by townland within each county, has been supplied as Appendix II of this catalogue. The index should be consulted when requesting documents catalogued under Ch 1/39 (weekly statistical returns from local committees) and Ch 1/52 (correspondence received from local committees). The researcher who, for example, wishes to see correspondence received from the Local Committee at Aughrim, Co. Galway should consult Appendix II under Co. Galway and should then request the item under the number Ch 1/52/293.

Information contained in these records

In addition to documenting the activities of the Dublin Mansion House Relief Committee, the records catalogued here throw light on many other areas. The progress of the famine throughout the country, demographic patterns and social structure are all recorded in the correspondence (Ch 1/52) and weekly statistical returns (Ch 1/39) received from local committees. These records are an invaluable source for local historians in many districts. The statistical returns (Ch 1/39) also afford information on

the relief given by other funds - the "New York Herald's", the Duchess of Marlborough's and the Land League's, and also record direct individual contributions in many districts. Some districts are documented in depth, such as Cummer, Co. Galway (Ch 1/45) and the Boffin and Shark Islands (Ch 1/118).

Further information regarding the Marlborough Fund can be obtained from correspondence received (Ch 1/16) and from records of the Western Isles Sub-Committee with which it cooperated (Ch 1/113 to 118).

The collection also contains several interesting series of letters from individuals requesting assistance either for themselves or for others (Ch 1/12 to Ch 1/16). These letters incidentally offer information on literacy and on social conditions generally, especially social mobility.

These are only a few of the activities and conditions of 1880 which are documented in this collection. A perusal of the catalogue and index to the catalogue and also of the appendices should elicit several more.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is appropriate to record appreciation of the foresight of the City Council of 1880 which arranged for the preservation of these records for future generations and to express the hope that they will contribute to the study of this period of Irish history. This descriptive list was prepared in 1980 to mark the centenary of the "Little Famine"; it has been revised and entered on computer in 1994 in preparation for the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine in 1995.

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FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN IRELAND

1880

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INTRODUCTION

The Dublin Mansion House Relief Committee was founded in January 1880 as a voluntary organization for the relief of want and distress in Ireland, caused by the successive failure of the harvests of 1877-79. The Committee raised funds in Europe and North America and from as far away as India and Australia. The money was then distributed to local committees in the distressed districts with the proviso that it should be spent on the purchase of Indian meal, which was then to be distributed to those in need. The harvest of 1880 was a comparatively good one, and as a result, the Mansion House Committee wound up in December of that year, transferring its functions to Trustees and transferring its records to the custody of the Corporation of Dublin.

Custody of the Records

At a meeting of the City Council on December 6th 1880, a letter was read which had been received from J.H. Wright, Assistant Secretary to the Mansion House Committee. He wrote: ".....I am directed ... to ask permission to place the records of the (Mansion House) Committee permanently in the press in the wainscoting in the Hall ... in the Mansion House with a suitable tablet so as to preserve these documents as an important public record, the key to be kept by the Town Clerk". A Resolution was passed by the Council giving effect to this request and by this means, the records passed into the custody of the Corporation. As requested, they were placed in the Hall of the Mansion House, in a press which was to be their home for nearly 100 years. A brass plaque was erected to mark the location and may still be seen there today.

In 1972, while renovations were in progress at the Mansion House, the City and County Librarian directed the removal of a number of the Mansion House Committee records to the Central Library at Pearse Street for safe-keeping. These records were listed by the archivist in February/March 1980 and then transferred to City Hall to be stored along with the Corporation's archives. In July 1980, the City and County Librarian directed the transfer to City Hall of the remaining records stored in the press at the Mansion House. These included the remainder of the Mansion House Committee records (Ch 1) and also the records of several other charitable committees - the Canadian Fund for the Relief of Distress in Ireland, 1880 (Ch 2); South City Market Fire Brigade Fund, 1892 (Ch 3); Achill Improvement Fund, 1894 (Ch 4); Fire Brigade Fund (Ch 5); and Barry Sullivan Memorial Fund (Ch 6). The transferred material also included official papers relating to the terms of office of three Lord Mayors: E. Dwyer Gray, 1880; V.B. Dillon,

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1894 and 1895; and R.J. McCoy, 1896. In addition, there is some material relating to an abortive attempt to establish a "Dublin Convalescent Home" in 1880.

It will be seen by the above that the records of the Mansion House Committee have been in the unbroken official custody of the Corporation of Dublin since December 1880.

(i)

Arrangement of the Records

The activities of the Mansion House Committee have been thoroughly described in the Proceedings published in 1881 (see Bibliography), and of course are fully documented by the records described in this catalogue. However, a few words regarding the structure of the Committee are necessary in so far as this affects the arrangement devised for the records.

The Mansion House Committee was divided into a general committee which co-ordinated all business; and a series of sub-committees where most of the actual work of collection and distribution of funds was carried out. The Lord Mayor, Edmund Dwyer Gray, was elected Chairman of the Committee as a whole and seven Treasurers and seven Honorary Secretaries were also elected. These elected officials were automatically members of each sub-committee. There was a small staff of salaried clerks underpinning the entire organization; this staff was headed by the Assistant Secretary, J.H. Wright, himself a paid official. (See: List of members, Committee and Sub-Committees).

The records have been grouped according to their origin in the activities of the General Committee or of the numerous sub-committees. No records have been found which relate specifically to the activities of the "Australian Sub-Committee", which is one of those listed in the Proceedings. In addition, records have been discovered which evidently relate to the activities of the Medical Commission, which was not listed as a sub-committee in Proceedings, but which is given as a separate group of records in this catalogue.

The records of the activities of the salaried clerks have been grouped together under the heading "ADMINISTRATION". Similarly, the activities of the Trustees upon whom the functions of the Mansion House Committee devolved after its dissolution, have been separately grouped under the heading "TRUSTEES".

(ii)

Numbering of the Records

The prefix Ch 1/ (followed by the document number) has been adopted for the Mansion House Committee records. This prefix indicates that these records are the first to be accessioned to the Corporation's archives from a charitable organization. Successive similar accessions have been prefixed Ch 2/, Ch 3/ etc. (See: Custody of the Records above). This system of prefixing has been adopted in the interests of standardization, as it has been piloted at the Kent County Record Office and has been adopted extensively in local authority record offices in Britain.

The documents in this collection have been numbered in straight successive sequence, Ch 1/1 to Ch 1/196. In two instances, indexing systems devised and adopted by the Mansion House Committee have been retained. The first relates to documents catalogued under the number Ch 1/10. These documents are the letters received by the General Committee. Each letter was given a reference number in order of its reception, commencing G1 and continuing through to G/956. The letters and corresponding reference numbers were then entered in an alphabetical index to persons and places, which is supplied as Appendix I to this catalogue. The researcher who, for example, wishes to see correspondence received from Arnott & Co., Dublin, should consult Appendix I and then request items under the numbers Ch 1/10/G/81; Ch 1/10/G/124; Ch 1/10/G/454.

In the second instance, each local committee was issued with a reference number which was quoted on all its correspondence and transactions. An index to local committee numbers arranged by county and again alphabetically by townland within each county, has been supplied as Appendix II of this catalogue. The index should be consulted when requesting documents catalogued under Ch 1/39 (weekly statistical returns from local committees) and Ch 1/52 (correspondence received from local committees). The researcher who, for example, wishes to see correspondence received from the Local Committee at Aughrim, Co. Galway should consult Appendix II under Co. Galway and should then request the item under the number Ch 1/52/293.

Information contained in these records

In addition to documenting the activities of the Dublin Mansion House Relief Committee, the records catalogued here throw light on many other areas. The progress of the famine throughout the country, demographic patterns and social structure are all recorded in the correspondence (Ch 1/52) and weekly statistical returns (Ch 1/39) received from local committees. These records are an invaluable source for local historians in many districts. The statistical returns (Ch 1/39) also afford information on

the relief given by other funds - the "New York Herald's", the Duchess of Marlborough's and the Land League's, and also record direct individual contributions in many districts. Some districts are documented in depth, such as Cummer, Co. Galway (Ch 1/45) and the Boffin and Shark Islands (Ch 1/118).

Further information regarding the Marlborough Fund can be obtained from correspondence received (Ch 1/16) and from records of the Western Isles Sub-Committee with which it cooperated (Ch 1/113 to 118).

The collection also contains several interesting series of letters from individuals requesting assistance either for themselves or for others (Ch 1/12 to Ch 1/16). These letters incidentally offer information on literacy and on social conditions generally, especially social mobility.

These are only a few of the activities and conditions of 1880 which are documented in this collection. A perusal of the catalogue and index to the catalogue and also of the appendices should elicit several more.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is appropriate to record appreciation of the foresight of the City Council of 1880 which arranged for the preservation of these records for future generations and to express the hope that they will contribute to the study of this period of Irish history. This descriptive list was prepared in 1980 to mark the centenary of the "Little Famine"; it has been revised and entered on computer in 1994 in preparation for the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine in 1995.

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