

Collector of the Port of Dundalk Legal Documents, 1781

Repository Code: IE LHA

Collection Reference Code: PP00137

Title: Collector of the Port of Dundalk Legal Documents

Dates: 1781

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 2 items

Name of Creator(s): Monsieur Mercer

Admin/Biographical History: Monsieur Mercer was the collector of customs in the port and district of Dundalk in 1781. There was a Fairfax Mercer listed on the roll of burgesses of Dundalk for 1783. He died 16th October 1790 and is buried in St Nicholas Church, Dundalk. There are references to a William Mercer and a Fairfax Mercer in leases in the Roden Collection.

Archival History: The collection was purchased at an auction in 2005 by the Old Dundalk Society before deposit in Louth County Archives.

Scope and Content: Two legal documents of the same date, 28 June 1781: a bond of indemnity and a warrant of attorney for confessing judgement.

Subject index: 18th Century; Customs; Legal Papers; Port of Dundalk

Appraisal and Destruction: Retain permanently.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: There is no arrangement as there are only two items.

Conditions of Access: Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

Reproduction: Contact Louth County Archives staff regarding copying; copying fees apply.

Language/Script of Material: English

Physical Characteristics: Paper documents. Good condition.

Technical Requirements: Careful handling required

Finding Aids: Descriptive list can be found on the online catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Existence & Location of Originals: Louth County Archives Service

Existence & Location of Copies: Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Related Collections: IE LHA DHC/ Dundalk Harbour Commissioners, 1840 – 1983

Repository Home Page: <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Source Material: <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

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Descriptive List

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Bond of indemnity where Monsieur Mercer, collector of the port and district of Dundalk and Thomas Bunbury, esquire, of Bow Street, Dublin are bound unto the Right Honourable James Earl of Clanbrassil and the Right Honourable Robert Earl of Roden in the sum of £400 sterling. Mercer is one of the sub-commissioners of excise and a collector for the collecting, levying and receiving the duties, rents, debts, fines, forfeitures and sums of money due to his Majesty. Clanbrassil, Roden and Mercer with the obligation of the bond and a warrant of attorney are bound to Lord George the Third in the sum of £2,000 sterling that Mercer shall perform his duties while in office.

The condition of the bond is that if Mercer and Bunbury do harmless and keep indemnified Clanbrassil and Roden against the obligation and warrant and any costs or expenses sustained by any of them by

means of the obligation and warrant or the non-performance of any conditions in the bond, then the obligation is to be void, or else to remain in full force in law. Witnessed by John Macartney. Signed and sealed by Mercer and Bunbury.

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Warrant of Attorney for confessing judgement. Monsieur Mercer, collector of the port and district of Dundalk and Thomas Bunbury, esquire, of Bow Street, Dublin authorise (confess judgement) the attorneys William Hunter and Richard Walter by acknowledging the action upon the declaration filed against them at the suit of the Right Honourable James Earl of Clanbrassil and the Right Honourable Robert Earl of Roden upon a bond of indemnity of £400 sterling and they authorise to release Clanbrassil and Roden from any error (Mercer and Bunbury authorise the attorneys to grant the case to Clanbrassil and Roden). Witnessed by John Macartney. Signed and sealed by Mercer and Bunbury (Mercer's seal is torn off).

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