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A collection of estate and family papers of the Preston family of Gormanston, in counties Meath and Dublin (1605 – 1932), with original material relating to Catholic Emancipation and the establishment of an Irish Catholic Yeomanry force.

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INTRODUCTION

The Family

The Prestons, who were a wealthy merchant family from Preston in the county of Lancaster, first arrived in Ireland during the 14th century. The earliest Preston of note was Roger de Preston; he was appointed Justice in the Court of Common Pleas in the first year of the reign of Edward III and in 1331 as one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench. His son, Sir Robert de Preston, was the first Lord Gormanston, having been knighted in 1361. At the bequest of the Anglo-Irish landholders, Edward III sent his son Lionel, Duke of Clarence to Ireland with a large army. Lionel captured many of the Leinster chieftains and imprisoned them in Dublin Castle, where Art More the McMurrrough and Donal Riabhach later died. For his part in the defeat of the chieftains, Sir Robert was knighted and later purchased the Manor of Gormanston in the counties of Dublin and Meath from Almeric de St. Amand. Robert was also in possession of Carberry in county Kildare and primarily resided there. He filled the office of Lord High Chancellor of Ireland and died in 1396. Robert's descendent, Sir Robert Preston, was appointed Deputy to Sir John Dynham, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and Deputy to Richard, Duke of York, the son of Edward IV. As the Prince's Deputy Robert had the power to elect his own Deputy. He was raised to the peerage of Ireland and bestowed the title of Viscount of Gormanston on 7 August 1478; making this the oldest surviving Irish Viscounty. He sat in the Parliament of 1490 and 1493 and died 5 April 1503.

His son, William, 2nd Viscount, succeeded to the title. William was Deputy to the Lord Treasurer, Sir James Butler and was later appointed Lord Justice of Ireland in 1525. He took part in the battle of Knockdoe, in which Gearoid Mór, 8th Earl of Kildare defeated Ulick Burke of Clanrickard. On the death of William his eldest son, Jenico, became 3rd Viscount. Jenico married Catherine Fitzgerald, daughter of Gerald, 9th Earl of Kildare. The Fitzgerald family was almost completely wiped out after the Kildare rebellion led by Silken Thomas (brother of Catherine Fitzgerald). Catherine's brother and seven of her uncles were executed in the Tower of London. Shortly afterwards Jenico, 3rd Viscount voted in Parliament for the Crown of Ireland Act 1542, which declared Henry VIII King of Ireland. Jenico was succeeded by his son Christopher, 4th Viscount. Christopher's second son, Thomas, was created 1st Viscount Tara but this title did not last long. On 6 July 1674 Thomas' grandson, Thomas, 3rd Viscount Tara, was killed by Sir Francis Blundell, Knight of the King's County and his two brothers, William and Winwood Blundell from county Offaly; the title died with him. The three people responsible for Thomas' murder all received a pardon from the King leading to the conclusion that Thomas' behaviour was questionable. There is material in this collection concerning the Preston family's claim to the now obsolete title of Viscount Tara, **MS 44,426 /1-3**.

Following the Battle of Kinsale in 1601, the lands of the defeated Gaelic Irish were divided amongst the victors. Christopher's eldest son, Jenico, 5th Viscount received lands in various counties. He married Margaret, daughter of Nicholas St. Lawrence, 8th Baron Howth. He died on 14 March 1630 and his son Nicholas, 6th Viscount who led a quiet

existence until the Irish Rebellion of 1641, succeeded him. The Rebellion pitted the Catholic rebels, who sided with Charles I, against the mainly Protestant landowners, who sided with Parliament. As a Catholic family the Prestons supported Charles I and in turn the Gaelic lords supported them. When the Catholic Confederation was formed in 1642 Nicholas, 6th Viscount was commander of the Catholic forces and his uncle, Thomas, 1st Viscount Tara was a Confederate General. Nicholas, 6th Viscount died during the war and was succeeded by his son, Jenico, 7th Viscount who continued fighting until the Royalist and Confederate forces were defeated by the Cromwellians. Jenico went into exile with Charles II and his lands were confiscated. He eventually returned to Ireland following the restoration of Charles II and Jenico's lands were given back to him. When the Royalists again went to war in 1690, Jenico, 7th Viscount supported the Catholic Stuart King James II; he fought at the Battle of the Boyne and defended the city of Limerick. Jenico died in Limerick on 17 March 1691; he was posthumously declared a traitor on 16 April 1691, indicted for high treason and his lands were forfeited. There is official documentation in this Collection relating to the forfeit and restoration of the Preston lands - see Gormanston Title of Honour Section III.v.1, with related documents **MS 44,439 /1-3**.

Jenico, 7th Viscount married twice and had one daughter, Mary, but did not father any sons. After his death the Viscountcy went to his nephew Jenico, who used the title 8th Viscount, although this title was not officially recognised. Like his uncle, Jenico did not father any sons and the now outlawed title was passed to his brother Anthony, 9th Viscount who managed to repossess the majority of the Gormanston estate under articles from the Treaty of Limerick, 1691 (the treaty was ratified by the Irish Parliament in 1697). Anthony, 9th Viscount married his cousin, Mary Preston (daughter of Jenico, 7th Viscount) and their son Jenico, inherited the unofficial title 10th Viscount on 25 Sept 1716. Jenico, married Thomasine, (daughter of John Barnewall, 11th Baron Trimlestown) and their eldest son, Anthony became 11th Viscount in 1757. Anthony married an English lady, Henrietta Robinson of Denston Hall, Suffolk. Henrietta was commonly referred to as Harriot and she signed legal documents by that name. The material in this Collection shows that the marriage was acrimonious and a unique article of separation is contained at **MS 44,432 /1**. The article sets out the separation agreements including a provision for separate houses and grants full custody of their son Jenico to Anthony, 11th Viscount. Anthony died in England in 1786 and Harriot attempted to abduct their eleven-year-old son, who was then 12th Viscount. Harriot wanted to bring her son to England and raise him as a Protestant. The Prestons secretly sent the child to Liège in Belgium and a battle for custody of Jenico followed. Harriot later married Lt-Gen. Christopher Jeaffreson of Dullingham House, Cambridge. This fascinating case is recounted in the personal writings of John Preston (brother of Anthony, 11th Viscount and guardian of Jenico, 12th Viscount) **MS 44,432 /4**. The legal details of the case can be found in section III.iii.1. Kidnap of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount. The Preston family eventually succeeded in having Jenico returned to Gormanston and he remained Catholic. In 1800 his titles were officially restored and he received a writ of summons on 2 Aug 1800 to take his seat in the House of Peers. Like his father, Jenico became an active campaigner for Catholic Emancipation and he died on 10 Feb 1860.

Jenico's eldest son Edward, 13th Viscount who was created Baron Gormanston, in the peerage of the United Kingdom in 1868, succeeded to the title. Edward served as Sheriff of counties Meath and Dublin at various stages. He married Lucretia, daughter of William Jerningham and their eldest son Jenico, 14th Viscount who was a career army officer, succeeded to the title. Jenico, 14th Viscount served as Governor of various British colonies including Tasmania, British Guiana and the Leeward Islands. There is much material relating to this included in the military and political section of this Collection which researchers into the history of the British colonies will find of particular interest, see **MS 44,457 – 44,458**. Jenico also fought in the Indian Mutiny as a Lieutenant in the 60th Rifles and took up various posts in Ireland including; Commissioner for National Education; High Sheriff of Meath and Dublin; Justice for the Peace for the same counties and a Deputy Lieutenant. He married Ismay Louisa, daughter of 1st Baron Bellew, in 1861. His first wife died in 1875 and they had no issue; he married secondly Georgina, daughter of Peter Connellan of county Kilkenny in 1878 and they had a number of children. Jenico died 29 Oct 1907 and his son, also named Jenico, succeeded him. The 15th Viscount became Justice for the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for county Meath. He held various military posts including Lieutenant of the 3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment, Captain in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and a Railway Transport Officer (R.T.O.) in 1916. There is material worthy of note relating to the Viscount's appointment as an R.T.O and confidential reports concerning the military activities of railway operations see **MS 44,462**.

Jenico married Eileen, daughter of William and Elizabeth Butler and had three sons; their eldest son, Jenico, succeeded to the title 16th Viscount at the age of fourteen. Like his forefathers, Jenico was educated at Downside military college and pursued an army career. Material relating to the education of various Preston boys at Downside is contained in this collection in the education section, see **MS 44,430 /6-8**. Jenico served as a 2nd Lieutenant in World War II and was killed in action in France, 9 June 1940. Jenico's only child, also named Jenico, was born 19 Nov 1939 and inherited the title while only a few months old. Jenico is the present Viscount of Gormanston; he married Eva Landzianowski and they have two sons, Jenico and William. He is currently married to Lucy Fox, daughter of the actor Edward Fox.

The Estate

The majority of the Gormanston Collection comprises estate papers including title deeds, leases and agreements dating back to the early 17th century. Earlier documents relating to the estate from the 12th century are available in the Gormanston Register also housed in the National Library of Ireland; for details see the appendix section of this Collection. The Preston's owned various properties on the Gormanston estate; the main estate residence was Gormanston Castle which was built on the grounds of the estate c.1790 on the site of a castle erected in 1372, and Whitewood House was built shortly afterwards near Nobber, county Meath. Additionally Jenico, 12th Viscount built Silverstream House at Stamullen, county Meath for his youngest son, Thomas Preston, in around 1840. Plans

and renovations for these properties are included in section I.vii.3. Architectural Plans and Renovations.

The majority of the Gormanston estate was situated in county Meath; in 1883 the estate acreage totalled practically 11,000; out of this almost 10,000 acres were situated in county Meath. That same year the rental income generated from the estate was £9,364.¹ The estate was originally larger but following the passage of several Irish Land Acts, Jenico, 14th Viscount was forced to divide up the estate and sign over land to tenants. The estate dwindled away after 1923 when the Irish Free State Land Act was imposed. The current 17th Viscount, Jenico, sold Gormanston Castle in 1947 and the property now houses a Franciscan boarding school.

The estate records in this collection include leases, legal papers, agreements and documents relating to the financial administration of the estates. There is a substantial set of deeds and leases dating back to the 17th century, however, records relating to rental and financial administration of the early estate are scarce. The largest portion of the estate legal papers relate to actions taken against Anthony, 9th Viscount for money he owed to various parties, including one case concerning monies he borrowed from his uncle and cousin by marriage **MS 44,369 /1-9**. There are two wage ledgers and a number of labour return forms and vouchers, however, papers relating to labour on the estate is sadly lacking. While there is only a limited number of rental records; there is a considerable amount of estate correspondence from the turn of the twentieth century until 1931, mainly concerning the financial difficulties of the estate and the possible sale of same, see **MS 44,401 – MS 44,405**. This estate correspondence provides an insight into the workings of the estate office, banking and overall management of the estate. The estate bank accounts were held in the Northern Banking Company Ltd, Balbriggan, county Dublin and the Bank of Ireland, Drogheda, county Louth, see **MS 44,378**.

The Papers

The Gormanston family papers were originally deposited on loan to the National Library in 1964. Together with some additional material they were purchased in February 2002 (Accession 5759). The purchase also included Accession 2324, material that was deposited by Lord Gormanston's mother in 1962. In addition, the purchase included architectural drawings of Gormanston Castle and Whitewood House (I.A.R.A. 38: no. 2737-90). The collection is contained in 54 archival boxes and 2 out sized boxes. The papers are generally in good condition, although there is one box of estate vouchers that is in a vulnerable state and therefore, not available for consultation.

The documents date from 1605 to 1932; the earliest documents from the 17th and 18th centuries include deeds, leases, agreements and legal papers, marriage settlements, wills and some personal items. The later papers from the 19th and 20th centuries contain a large

¹ Bateman, John. *The Great Landowners of Great Britain and Ireland*. 1883; Leicester: Leicester UP, 1971.

amount of personal papers including correspondence, educational and household records. A number of items including 12 estate records books were accessioned earlier and are listed in *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation*, vol. 2: pp. 293-4 and vol. 4: pp. 143-4, ed. Richard J. Hayes (1965); this material is listed in the appendix of this Collection List. Some of the Gormanston Collection was listed by Sir John Ainsworth in 'Reports on Private Collections', numbers 103 & 468.

There are a small number of papers in the Collection pertaining to related families; consisting of one box of material mainly concerning the Butler family of Bansha Castle, county Tipperary. In 1911 Jenico, 15th Viscount married Eileen, daughter of Lt. Gen Sir William Butler and Elizabeth Butler, née Thompson (otherwise known as Lady Butler, the esteemed military painter). Papers include financial correspondence and items related to the sale and copyright of paintings by Elizabeth Butler; military and personal papers of William Butler, a high-ranking member of the Wolseley Ring and some financial and estate papers, see **MS 44,445 – MS 44,447**. A smaller number of items relate to the Southwell family. Jenico, 12th Viscount married Margaret Southwell, daughter of Thomas, 2nd Viscount Southwell and Sophia (née Walsh), in 1794. This material consists of six folders of legal, financial and personal papers.

Arrangement

When the Gormanston Collection was acquired the original order of the papers had been upset. The papers have now been arranged into four subgroups; the first concerning the administration of the estates; the second relating to the administration of the household; the third to the family and personal papers; the fourth to political and military roles. Within each subgroup the papers have been separated by individual (the relevant Viscount), then document type and arranged chronologically.

Assessment

While there are gaps in the financial administration and rental records of the estate, the family records are particularly well represented in the Collection and contain a large number of personal letters from the 19th and 20th centuries; seven boxes in total. The personal letters provide a fascinating insight to the political affiliations and military activities of the Preston family. Many of the Gormanston Viscounts had army careers and some of the letters contain information relating to military activities, ranging from the Indian Mutiny to the Easter Rising. A prime example are letters **MS 44,427 /1-10** which describe the scene in Dublin city after the events of the Easter Rising and discuss the execution of the leaders of the rebellion including; Pdraig Pearce, Thomas McDonagh and Tom Clarke and the arrest and imprisonment of Countess Markievicz, while **MS 44,425 /8** describes Hubert Preston's fight against the Irish rebels on behalf of the British

military. The largest portion of personal letters is to Jenico, 14th Viscount from his friend Anthony Carlisle, who served with him during the Indian Mutiny of 1857-58. Jenico and Anthony corresponded for 47 years and there are 250 letters in this Collection which mainly concern military events, politics and fishing **MS 44,420 /1-6**. The household records include inventories of furniture and the library as well as quirky cures and remedies for humans and animals, see **MS 44,417**. The household papers contribute important documentation relating to the building of Silverstream House and renovations to Gormanston Castle in section II.i. Household Renovations.

Possibly the most interesting feature of the Gormanston Papers is contained in the final section of this Collection List; the Political and Military Records. The Preston family were important leaders of the Catholic interest in Ireland and this is reflected in the contents of this Collection. The family not only remained Catholic throughout a period of repressive penal laws in Ireland, they actively resisted and campaigned against these laws. Documents **MS 44,448 /1-6** contain detailed accounts of monies collected by Jenico, 10th Viscount to support legal applications against penal laws being introduced in the House of Lords. These unique documents contain the names of contributors and lawyers acting on behalf of Catholic landowners. Later documents in **MS 44,449 /1-4** provide particulars framing the passage of the Catholic Relief Acts of 1782; including instructions on preparing a Heads of Bill 'for the further relief of his majesty's loyal subjects of this kingdom, professing the popish religion.' The importance of the Preston family's involvement in Catholic Emancipation is reflected in two letters from Daniel O'Connell to Jenico, 12th Viscount in 1825. O'Connell notes his 'satisfaction to receive from you such kind expressions of praise,' **MS 44,450 /1**. These documents constitute an invaluable source for the research of Catholic Emancipation and provide fascinating material relating to local and national campaigns against the penal laws in Ireland.

Rare material relating to Anthony, 11th Viscount's attempt to establish a Catholic yeomanry corps in Ireland is contained in **MS 44,459 /1-3**, while further documentation concerning the establishment of a Gormanston yeomanry corps in 1796 is included in **MS 44,459 – 44,460**. This material includes a commission to appoint Jenico, 12th Viscount as captain of the armed corps, as well as pay rates and lists of yeomen along with official letters from Dublin Castle. These documents contribute vital information towards the history of the Irish yeomanry force which was established to defend Ireland from invasion and to quell the threat of a national uprising, just before the 1798 rebellion. Furthermore, this section offers much interesting specifics about the local history and development of county Meath.

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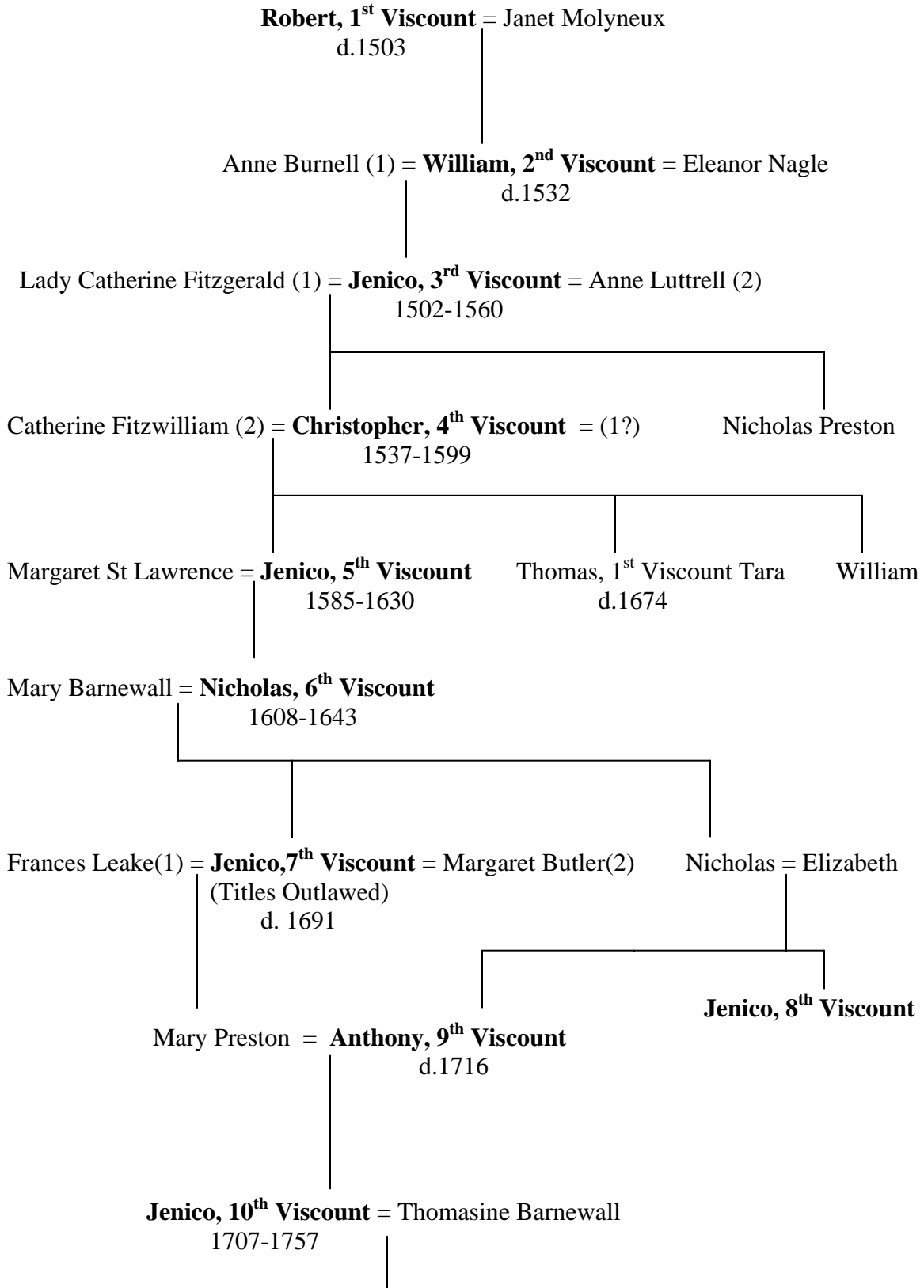
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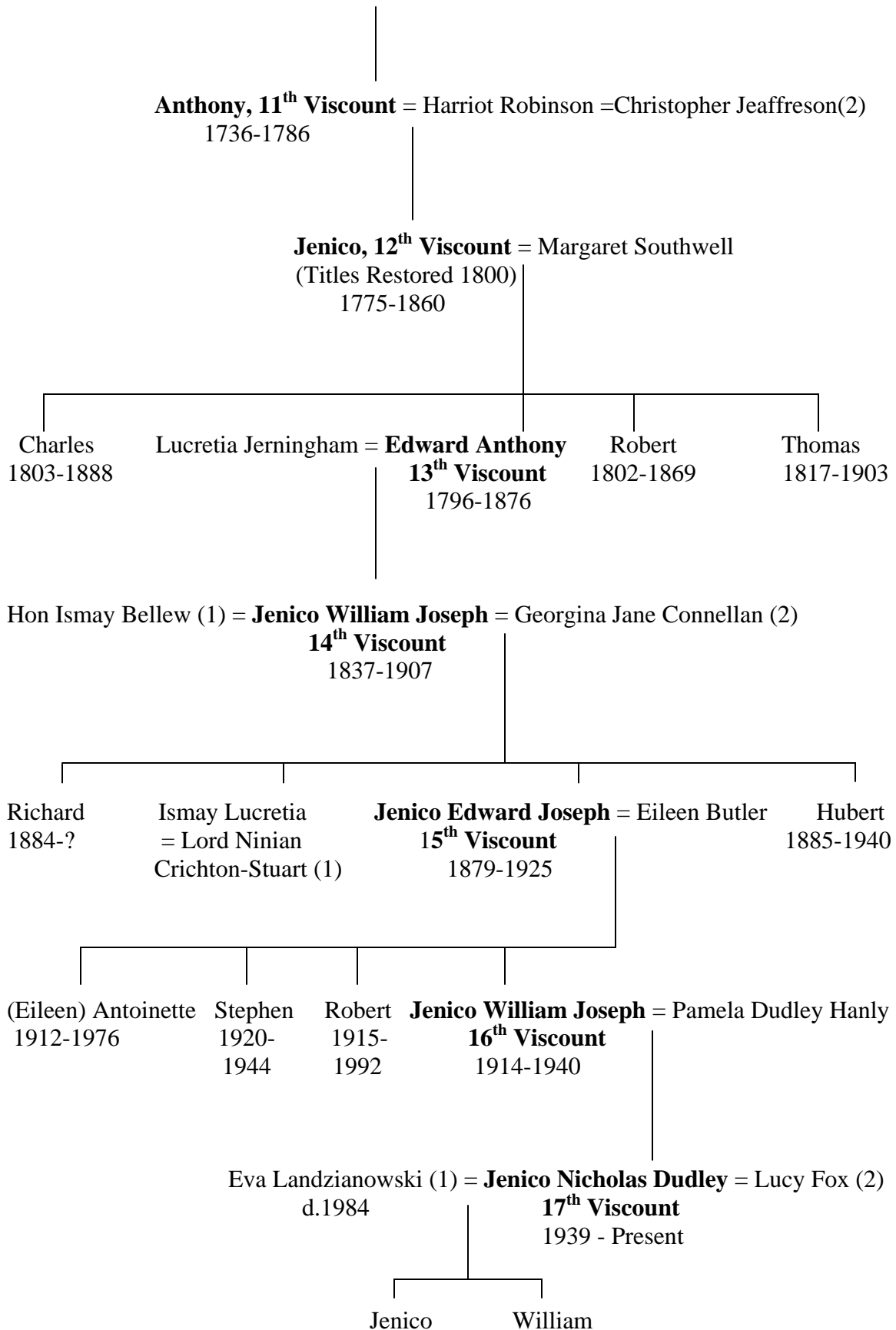
Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) trained as a writer after the death of her husband, Jenico, see **MS 44,431**. Eileen wrote her autobiography *A Little Kept*, which was published in 1953. A section of this book includes an account of her marriage to Jenico, 15th Viscount and her life at Gormanston. This includes her version of how the Gormanston estate eventually went into financial ruin. Eileen also completed and edited her father's autobiography after his death, *Sir William Butler: An Autobiography*.

Notes

Henrietta, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson) was commonly referred to as Harriot and she signed legal documents by that name; for the purpose of clarity she is referred to Harriot throughout this Collection.

PRESTON PEDIGREE





I. ESTATE RECORDS

Within this subgroup the papers have been separated by document type, then according to county and arranged chronologically. There are ten sections that cover the entire estate administration. Where legal matters are connected to title deeds, leases or financial issues, the papers remain together.

I.i. Title Deeds

I.i.1 County Meath

The majority of the Gormanston estate was situated in county Meath and to a lesser extent county Dublin. This section comprises title deeds of lands either solely in county Meath or primarily in the county but which extend into county Dublin. The Gormanston estate in county Meath included the following townlands: Baltray, Camock, Castletown [Athboy], Clonalvy; Collumb, Duleek, Graunge, Leeckesland, Legdoory, Posseckstown, Sloenstown, Spiddal and Tullocke,

- MS 44,346 /1** Feoffment by Richard Cox and his wife Elizabeth, to Edward Southwell of lands of [?Castlematrese]; 1 membrane
[Damaged not for consultation]
13 March 1605
- MS 44,346 /2** Grant by Walter Brett, Richard Brett (son of Walter) and Christopher Finglas (feoffee of Walter) to Robert Preston (brother of Nicholas, 6th Viscount) for £66,13s,4d of a rent charge of £8 out of lands of Gyblockston, 29 Oct 1626 (1 membrane). Also grant by the same to the same, of a rent charge of £8 out of the lands of Clinton, 30 Nov 1627 (1 membrane) and grant by Richard Brett and Christopher Finglasse (surviving feoffee of Richard) to Thomas Cashell for £60 of a rent charge of £6 out of the Castletown [Athboy] houses and land in Leeckesland, county Meath, 19 Feb 1628 (1 membrane); 3 membranes 1626, 1627 and 1628
- MS 44,346 /3** Statute staple by Robert Plunkett to James Fleming for £400, entered into before Henry Francklin, mayor and Henry Mortimer and Simon Blackney, constables of the staple; 1 item
10 Sep 1628
- MS 44,346 /4** Feoffment by Richard Brett to John Darcy, Richard Talbot and Gerald Darcy of all his lands and tenements in the parish of Clonalvy, county Meath; 1 membrane
1 Feb 1629
- MS 44,346 /5-8** Inquisition taken at Trim, county Meath, 16 Sep 1631 (1 item). Two copies of related declaration by Richard Brett and Nicholas Fitzwilliam

to John Hollywood, concerning uses of a fine of the manor on Tullocke and other lands, 7 June 1633 (2 membranes). Includes related judgment of defeazance, 20 Jul 1633 (1 membrane); a second deed of the same date, affecting the same lands includes Roger Finglas as a party with Brett and Fitzwilliam (1 membrane); a defeazance by John Hollywood to Richard Brett, relates to conveyance for £100 of the manor of Tullocke, Leeckesland and other lands, two copies, 20 July 1633 (2 membranes); Agreement between Nicholas Brett and Nicholas, 6th Viscount to pay £1,100 to Hollywood in redemption for Leeckesland and other lands, 3 Dec 1633 (2 membranes); Deed to declare uses of a fine of the manor of Tullocke and other lands by Brett, Fitzwilliam, Finglas and Hollywood to Robert Preston, 29 April 1635 (1 membrane); 11 items in 4 folders
1631 - 1635

- MS 44,347 /1** Release by James Fleming; William Fleming, [14th] Lord Slane; Nicholas Barnewall and Christopher Hamilton to Nicholas, 6th Viscount of their interest in the lands of Tullocke; 1 membrane
31 Dec 1633
- MS 44,347 /2** Indenture between Nicholas, 6th Viscount; Nicholas Barnewall; William Sarsfield; James Fleming and Richard Barnewall to ensure a common recovery of the manors and lordships of Nobber and Castletown [Athboy], county Meath; 1 membrane
1 Nov 1636
- MS 44,347 /3** Conveyance by William Betagh to Nicholas, 6th Viscount for £70 of 18 acres of land in Nobber, county Meath; 1 membrane
1636
- MS 44,347 /4** Mortgage by Robert Plunkett to Nicholas, 6th Viscount for £720 of lands in Posseckstown, county Meath, 4 April 1638 (1 membrane); Further mortgages on the same land, by same to same; £820, 20 July 1639 (1 membrane); £820, 19 Dec 1640, two copies (2 membranes); Also one deed in Latin signed by Robert Plunkett, 1639 (1 membrane); 4 membranes
[one item in Latin]
1638, 1639 and 1640
- MS 44,348 /1** Bargain and sale by Thomas [?Kirsty] to Thomas Southwell of lands in [?Callagh]; 1 item
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10 Feb 1658
- MS 44,348 /2** Defeazance of a statute staple by William Talbot to Jenico, 7th Viscount; 1 membrane

27 Sep 1666

- MS 44,348 /3** Conveyance by Jenico, 7th Viscount; his wife France Preston (née Leke, first wife of Jenico) and Nicholas Preston (brother of Jenico) to Daniel Bellingham of lands in Castletown [Athboy], county Meath and a moiety of lands in the barony of Delvin, county Westmeath; 1 membrane
10 May 1667
- MS 44,348 /4-7** Release by George and Joseph Brigstock to Jenico, 7th Viscount of lands in Nobber, county Meath (1 membrane), also includes a draft copy of release, 17 June 1667 (1 item); the case of George Brigstock for opinion concerning the lands of Nobber, undated (1 item); copy of land grant to George Brigstock of lands in baronies of Duleek and Moygallion, county Meath (26pp); copy of a release by George and Joseph Brigstock to Daniel Bellingham of lands in Athboy, county Meath (1 item). Also includes opinion of settlement from Jenico, 7th Viscount's estate, after his death with no male heir, of lands in Castletown [Athboy] and Nobber, county Meath to George Brigstock, c.1691 (1 item); draft answer of Jenico, 10th Viscount to bill of complaint by John Wood, Jasper and Sarah Ridley relating to interest claimed by the plaintiffs, as descendants of George Brigstock, in the manor of Nobber and other lands in county Meath, c. 1730 (9 pp); 7 items in 4 folders
[two items are damaged and may require conservation]
1667, c. 1691 and c. 1730
- MS 44,348 /8** Two copies of decree of restitution (pursuant to the act of settlement) of estates to Jenico, 7th Viscount, including the manor of Gormanston; lands in counties Kildare and Leitrim and houses in Drogheda, 3 May 1667. Examined 17 Nov 1693, 6pp; 2 items
1667 and 1693
- MS 44,349 /1** Copy of document concerning the grant and seizure of lands the of Gormanston estate to the Preston family, 17 July 1669. This copy expanded on 17 Nov 1693; 23pp
1669
- MS 44,349 /2** Bargain and sale by Peter Rendrick to Jenico, 7th Viscount of lands in Duleek, county Meath; 1 membrane
10 May 1670
- MS 44,349 /3** Settlement of estates by Jenico, 7th Viscount to Thomas, [4th Viscount] Fitzwilliam; Frances Barnewall; William [4th Viscount] Molyneux; Richard and Thomas Leigh. Remainder (in case of failure of male issue of Jenico, 7th Viscount and his wife Margaret, née Molyneux) to

Jenico (later 8th Viscount), Anthony, Robert, Thomas, James and Nicholas Preston (sons of Jenico, 7th Viscount's deceased brother Nicholas Preston), 29 Oct 1684 (7pp). Also includes a bargain and sale by Jenico, 7th Viscount to same parties, with the addition of John Wogan and John Fleming, of lands in the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin, 28 Oct 1684 (1 membrane); 2 items
1684

- MS 44,349 /4** Copy of settlement of estates by Robert Barnewall, [9th Baron] Trimlestown to William [Dongan] 1st Earl of Limerick and Nicholas, 5th Viscount Netterville. Settlement of land in county Meath includes the house and demesne on Trimlestown (420 acres); Gormanston (100 acres) and other lands. In county Dublin, the manor of Roebuck (50 acres) and in county Galway, Killclogher (394 acres) and other lands, 4 Sep 1686, 22 pp. Also includes settlement by John Barnewall, [11th Baron] Trimlestown (father of Thomasine, later 10th Viscountess) to his wife, securing portions pursuant to articles on younger children, 23 March 1703. Also lawyers opinion of above settlements, signed by William Weldon, 2 Feb 1729; 4 items
1686-1729
- MS 44,349 /5** Articles of agreement between Richard Bellingham and Jenico, 7th Viscount, providing for a conveyance by Bellingham to Jenico of lands in Castletown [Athboy] and other town lands in county Meath for £3,264. In return Jenico, 7th Viscount is to give up a mortgage of £600 on land in Porterstown, county Dublin. Includes copy of deed; 2 items
16 May 1687
- MS 44,349 /6** Report on record in the office of the rolls, High Court of Chancery concerning the grant of lands and tenements to Richard Coote and Robert Reading; 1 item
c. 1690
- MS 44,349 /7** Miscellaneous incomplete deeds; 6 items
[three items are in Latin]
c. 1600s
- MS 44,349 /8** Two copies of a decree of the Chichester House Commissioners in favor of Anthony, 9th Viscount and his wife Mary, allowing their claim to the lands and tenements in the barony of Duleek, county Meath and in the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin. Signed by Cyril Wich and seven other commissioners; 1 membrane
27 Aug 1701
- MS 44,349 /9** Copy claim of John Barnewall, [11th Baron] Trimlestown (father of Thomasine, later 10th Viscountess) to his father's lands. Recites

settlements of 1668 and 1687, states that Robert, [9th] Baron Trimlestown died at Trimlestown in June 1687, that his eldest son Mathias [10th Baron Trimlestown] died childless about Sep 1692 in the Paix de Luxembourg in low Germany, then being outlawed for treason, that the claimant recovered his paternal estate and is now in possession. Claim allowed, except for the lands of Wardstown, county Meath; 10pp
24 Sep 1701

MS 44,350 /1-3 Assignment by Thomas, [4th Viscount] Fitzwilliam and William, [4th Viscount] Molyneux to John Barnewall, [11th Baron Trimlestown] and Edward Hussey (with consent of Anthony, 9th Viscount and his wife Mary, née Preston) of a term of 500 years created by the late Viscount under settlement 28 and 29 Oct 1684, affecting lands in the barony of Morgallan, county Meath; 3 copies, 13 March 1702 (3 membranes); Also includes articles of agreement between the above parties which recites above assignment and an account of Anthony, 9th Viscount's mortgage, 8 June 1703 (2 items). Also article of agreement after the death of Edward Hussey (one of the assignees), 11 Jan 1743 (1 membrane); 6 items in 3 folders
1702 and 1703

MS 44,350 /4-8 A deed of agreement between Anthony, 9th Viscount and James Butler (later 8th Viscount Mountgarret), to get an act of parliament to appoint trustees for the Gormanston estate to repay James Butler £3,000 of the jointure arrears due to Margaret, Dowager 7th Viscountess who since married Butler (1 membrane), also one draft paper concerning the same, 4 March 1707 (2 items); three copies of an act of sale of part of the estate of Anthony, 9th Viscount to William Weldon and Peter Sexton of lands in Nobber, Kilbride, Camock and other lands in county Meath, 'for payment of his debts and securing a jointure and maintenance for Margaret, Dowager 7th Viscountess,' 31 Oct 1710 (1 membrane). Lease of same lands by William Weldon and Peter Sexton to John Osborne, to be held for one year at an annual rent of one peppercorn, two copies (2 membranes). Lease by John Osborne to Anthony, 9th Viscount of same lands, recites sale of 31 Oct 1710, two copies (2 membranes). Also includes copy of the chancery bill of James Butler, refers to original bill filed in 1711, of Anthony, 9th Viscount, William Weldon and others for recovery of sums referred to in deed of 4 Mar 1707, alleges fraud on part of the trustees appointed in Anthony, 9th Viscounts' will, 1732 (14pp); also various accounts of money paid to James Butler from Anthony, 9th Viscount and the 'principal money payable by act of parliament to Colonel Butler'; 25 items in 5 folders
1707, 1710 and 1732

- MS 44,350 /9** Title deed in Latin, administered to James Dolan; 1 membrane [in Latin]
Feb 1709
- MS 44,350 /10-11** Draft articles of agreement between Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston). Also final article of agreement with assignment of Mary, 9th Viscountess' portion of £3,000; £800 to be applied to discharge the debts of Anthony, 9th Viscount, the remainder of £2,200 to provide for the younger children of Anthony, 9th Viscount, 3 Dec 1728 (1 membrane); 2 items in 2 folders
1728
- MS 44,351 /1-2** General release by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to John Barnewall, [11th Baron Trimlestown] and Edward Hussey, for all transactions affecting the settlement made in 1684 of the manor of Nobber and lands of Kilbride, Camock and other denominations in the barony of Morgallion, county Meath, 15 March 1728 (1 membrane), also a draft copy dated 2 Oct 1728 (9pp). Includes bill (names of plaintiffs missing) relating to above settlement (first page missing, 2-58pp) and the case of Jenico, 10th Viscount, with counsel's opinion, 12 July 1728; 4 items in 2 folders
1728
- MS 44,351 /3** Release by Matthew Gernon to Ignatius Fitzgerald and John Curtis of his interest in 27 hydes; 1 item
4 April 1729
- MS 44,351 /4-10** Two copies of an assignment by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Robert Percivall, (guardian of James Lennox Naper and William Naper, minors) of £1,200 at 6% interest per annum, secured on John Barnewall's [11th Baron Trimlestown] estate, 23 July 1731. Includes one draft of assignment (3 membranes). Also two copies of a 'further security by deeds of lease and release' by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Robert Percivall of lands in Spiddal, Sloenstown and Collumb in county Meath, 23 July 1731 (2 membranes). Further documents concerning the same lands: two copies and one draft of a mortgage by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Elizabeth Bligh, widow, 'now that James Lennox Napper has reached the age of 21.' Recites assignment of 1731, 16 March 1733, (3 membranes); Two copies and one draft copy of an assignment by Robert Percivall and James Lennox Naper to Elizabeth Bligh of £1,200 due to Jenico, 10th Viscount, 16 March 1733, (3 items). Bargain and sale by Robert Percivall to Elizabeth Bligh and bargain and sale by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Elizabeth Bligh of same lands, 15 March 1733, (2 membranes). Notice by Jenico, 10th Viscount

to Thomas Bligh of interest payment due, 26 Feb 1744. Reconveyance by Thomas Bligh to Jenico, 10th Viscount and his wife Thomasine (née Barnewall) of £1,200, sites assignment of 1731, 22 March 1745 (1 membrane). Bargain and sale for a year by Thomas Bligh to Jenico, 10th Viscount of same lands, 25 March 1745 (1 membrane). Opinion of counsel concerning the lands, 27 Aug 1745 (1 item). Vouchers for payment of interest on loan by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Elizabeth Bligh; 17 items in 7 folders
[many seals have been cut out]
1731-1745

- MS 44,352 /1** Two copies of an article of agreement between James Butler [8th] Viscount Mountgarret and his brother Edmund Butler (later 9th Viscount Mountgarret) concerning their father's estate after his death in 1736; 2 membranes
22 July 1737
- MS 44,352 /2** Memorial of a deed poll, discharge of £100 rent due to Charles Baldwyn and Thomas Southwell; 1 item
7 March 1738
- MS 44,352 /3** Grant to John McMullan of all lands and titles in Gormanston due to his deceased brother James McMullan and deed of register to the court of prerogative to administer and pay debts owed by John McMullan; 2 items
30 Jan 1744
- MS 44,352 /4-5** Conveyance by James Preston (second son of Jenico, 10th Viscount) to his brother Anthony, 11th Viscount of his inherited lands in counties Meath and Dublin. James Preston 'under the laws passed in Ireland to prevent the further growth of popery has agreed to sell and convey' to Anthony, 11th Viscount, 29 Aug 1770 (1 membrane). Also conveyance by Jenico Preston (third son of Jenico, 10th Viscount) of his fourth share of inherited lands on same terms, 1778 (1 membrane not signed or sealed); 2 membranes in 2 folders
1778
- MS 44,352 /6** Draft assignment by Patrick Balfe, Christopher Abbot and John Chanley of their interest in the lands of Carrickleck and other lands in the barony of Margallon, county Meath; 7pp
1780
- MS 44,352 /7** Assignment by Matthew and Thomas Lynch to Anthony, 11th Viscount and William Boylan of a mill on the lands of Legdoory, county Meath; 1 item
25 July 1781

- MS 44,352 /8** Deed of agreement between Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess. Due to ‘several disputes and differences’ regarding the dower of Thomasine, it is now agreed by Anthony, 11th Viscount to pay his mother £2,000 and the lawful interest of her dower twice yearly; 1 membrane
30 July 1783
- MS 44,353 /1** Release by Jenico, 12th Viscount to John Coleman of lands of Baltray in Duleek, county Meath; 1 membrane
27 Dec 1803
- MS 44,353 /2** Release by Jenico, 12th Viscount to John Teeling of lands of Grange, county Meath, includes map. (It is noted on cover of deed that Teeling was evicted); 1 membrane
25 May 1805
- MS 44,353 /3** Release by Jenico, 12th Viscount to Patrick Rooney of lands at Balloy, county Meath; 1 membrane
15 Sep 1816
- MS 44,353 /4** Release by Jenico, 12th Viscount to William Grace of part of lands of Cockhill or Stamullen, county Meath; 1 membrane
8 Nov 1817
- MS 44,353 /5-6** Lease by Jenico, 12th Viscount to his son, Thomas Preston, of parts of the lands of Balloy, county Meath for one life or 99 years, 26 Feb 1841 (1 membrane). Includes counterpart to the lease, lands to be leased to Thomas Preston forever, 15 June 1847 (1 membrane). Also lease by Jenico, 12th Viscount to Thomas Preston of part of the lands of Cockhill, otherwise Stamullen and part of the lands of Balloy, forever. Includes map of land, 13 March 1850 (1 membrane). Includes surrender by Patrick Leonard to Jenico, 12th Viscount of lands of Balloy demised by lease (1 item). Legal costs of preparing above deeds (6 items); 10 items in 3 folders
1841, 1847 and 1850
- MS 44,353 /7** Indenture by Jenico, 14th Viscount to appoint Edward Synge as receiver for lands in the barony of Morgallion and Upper Duleek in county Meath and Balrothery, county Dublin leased to the Sienna Convent, Drogheda, the Sisters of Charity, Harold’s Cross and others. Directs present and future tenants and occupiers to pay Synge all rents and profits of said lands annually; 26pp
31 Dec 1898
- MS 44,353 /8** Four copies of miscellaneous deeds; 4 membranes
[in Latin]

Undated

MS 44,353 /9 Blank deeds with no names or details entered; 4 membranes
Undated

I.i.2. County Dublin

The Gormanston estate in county Dublin included the townlands of Matt, Inch, Baldwinstown and Tobbersoole mainly in the barony of Balrothery. The papers in this section also relate to a house in Smithfield and a house in Clontarf, in Dublin.

MS 44,354 /1 Grant by Jenico, 7th Viscount to Robert Ware of a rent charge of £30 out of the lands in Balrothery, county Dublin; to be void on repayment of £300; 1 membrane
13 Dec 1668

MS 44,354 /2-3 Two copies of a release by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Joseph Curtis of the lands of Tobbersoole, Bodings and Leetstowne, county Dublin, 22 March 1703 (2 membranes); two copies of a lease by Joseph Curtis to Bartholomew Andoe of same lands, 5 June 1728 (2 membranes). Counsel's opinion concerning a dispute over above lease, recites release of 1703, 'whereby Anthony . . . demised the lands of Tobbersoole in the county of Dublin unto Joseph Curtis for three lives, with a covenant for renewal on the fall of any life during the life of said lessor,' 12 Jan 1730 (1 membrane); Gormanston's case for counsel's opinion, 28 April 1749 (1 item); two copies of lease agreement in Latin. Also includes a letter Mary, 9th Viscountess from Joan Andoe, widow of Bartholomew Abdoe seeking financial assistance and a copy of papers belonging to Bartholomew Andoe detailing money lent to Anthony, 9th Viscount, 30 Sep 1743 (2 item); 8 items in 2 folders
[one item is in Latin]
1703-1743

MS 44,354 /4 Lease and release by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to James Bennett of lands in the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin, 30 and 31 July 1728 (2 membranes). Includes articles of agreement between Jenico, 10th Viscount and James Bennett concerning a loan of £4,000, July 1728 (1 item) and one bond by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary to James Bennett for £2,000, July 1730 (1 item); 4 items
1728 and 1730

MS 44,354 /5 Assignment by Jenico, 12th Viscount (as executor of Anthony, 11th Viscount's will) to John Brett of a house at North Strand, county Dublin; 1 membrane

8 May 1790

I.i.3. Other Counties

The Gormanston estate did not stretch outside counties Meath and Dublin; the papers in this section relate to properties and land of related families in counties; Westmeath, Limerick, Galway and Roscommon.

- MS 44,355 /1** Mortgage by John Dillon and Terence Coghlan to Nicholas, 6th Viscount and Robert Preston (brother of Nicholas) for £200 of lands in county Westmeath; 1 membrane
24 Nov 1632
- MS 44,355 /2** Feoffment by Edmund Southwell to Henry Hart of lands in county Limerick; 1 membrane
[faded and difficult to read]
1645
- MS 44,355 /3-4** Lease and release by Daniel O'Brien to Thomas Southwell of lands of [?Kannoy], county Limerick, Nov 1666 (2 membranes). Also includes [?lease] and release from same to same of lands in Liskillen, county Limerick (2 membranes); 4 membranes in 2 folders
[faded and difficult to read]
1666 and 1667
- MS 44,355 /5** Assignment of interest by John Mills to Robert Wilkin of lands in Conello, county Limerick; 1 membrane
20 March 1675
- MS 44,355 /6** Surrender of land in county Galway to [? Russell]; 1 membrane
[in Latin]
22 Dec 1675
- MS 44,355 /7** Lease and release by Francis and Christopher Nugent to Jenico, 7th Viscount for £200 of lands in county Roscommon, 25 and 26 Jan 1685 (2 membranes). Also bond and judgment by same to same of £200 and voucher confirming receipt of payment, 27 Jan 1686; includes two briefs regarding the legal situation of same; 6 items
1685 and 1686

I.ii. Leases and Agreements

I.ii.1. County Meath

- MS 44,356 /1** Lease by Jenico, 7th Viscount to Patrick Magrane of a farm in Cloghane, county Meath. Also includes Magrane's bond for

- performance of his lease; 2 items
1 May 1686
- MS 44,356 /2** Articles of agreement between Sir Richard Bellingham and Jenico, 7th Viscount. Providing for a conveyance by Bellingham of lands of Castletown of Athboy and other town lands for £3,264 in return for which Jenico, 7th Viscount is to give up a mortgage of £600 on Porterstown, county Dublin and other lands; 3 items
16 May 1687
- MS 44,356 /3** Lease by Jenico, 8th Viscount and Anthony Preston (brother of Jenico, later 9th Viscount) to Robert Barnewall of the town lands of Kilbride and Spiddal with Hoenstowne, county Meath; 1 membrane
13 Feb 1693
- MS 44,356 /4** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Francis and William Coffy of land in [?Leaffestown]; 1 membrane
20 April 1698
- MS 44,356 /5** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Thomas Osborne of the lands of Cortubber in Moyallen, county Meath; 1 membrane
30 Nov 1700
- MS 44,356 /6** Two copies of a lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to James Farrell of a house and land in Stamullen, county Meath, 20 March 1700 (2 membranes). Two copies of a further lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to James Farrell of a house in Stamullen, 8 March 1706 (2 items) and a counterpart of a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to James Farrell of same property, 19 March 1754 (1 membrane); 5 items
1700, 1706 and 1754
- MS 44,356 /7** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Michael Howett of the lands of Saddlestowne, county Meath; half a membrane
[badly damaged and in need of conservation]
1701
- MS 44,356 /8** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Matthew and Andrew Fleming of house and lands of Kilbride, county Meath (1 membrane). Includes a brief concerning dispute of same lease, 16 July 1713 (1 item); 2 items
[lease is torn into 3 pieces]
19 March 1708
- MS 44,356 /9** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to John and Christopher Farrell of lands of Ballistraine, county Meath. Includes one signed memorandum stating that all under tenants on the land 'shall do service at the manor court of Gormanston'; 2 items

28 April 1710

- MS 44,357 /1** Lease by Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to John Curtis of a house, garden and a parcel of land in Gormanston, county Meath; 1 membrane
26 April 1723
- MS 44,357 /2-3** Articles of agreement between Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Dowager Viscountess regarding money from Gormanston estate of Anthony, 9th Viscount. It is agreed that Jenico, 10th Viscount is indebted to his mother for £3,000 at a rate of 7% interest, 1728 (1 membrane); also a further agreement providing £400 per annum to be paid as a jointure to Mary, recites post-nuptial settlement of Anthony, 9th Viscount and Mary (née Preston) of 13 Feb 1702 (1 membrane), 3 Dec 1728. Also includes two bonds by Jenico, 7th Viscount to his mother Mary; 19 May 1738 of £200 at a rate of 5% interest, (fully paid on 23 Dec 1747) and 3 Nov 1744 of £1,500 at a rate of 5% interest (2 items). Pleas to the Kings Court related to above agreement by Mary, 9th Dowager Viscountess against her son Jenico, 10th Viscount for the debt of £3,000, 7 Nov 1744 and by Jenico to his mother, 15 Aug 1747 (2 items). Also one draft counsels opinion of the case (1 item) undated and two certificates of satisfaction in the suit of Mary against her son, Jenico, 10th Viscount for £3,000, 6 Dec 1748 (1 item); 14 items in 2 folders
1728-1750
- MS 44,357 /4** Copy lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Michael Carolan Bryan and others of the lands of Nobber and Rowlagh, county Meath; 1 item
30 April 1729
- MS 44,357 /5-6** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Andrew Balfe of lands in Nobber, county Meath, 30 June 1729 (1 membrane). Lease surrendered on 19 June 1740 and a new lease drawn on same lands to Andrew Balfe, 20 June 1740, includes one copy (2 membranes). Also one further lease of same lands to Andrew Balfe, 11 June 1747 (1 membrane); 4 membranes in 2 folders
1729, 1740 and 1747
- MS 44,357 /7** Counterpart of a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Katherine Dowdall and her son, Patrick Dowdall, of lands of [?Eberfields] in Gormanston, county Meath; 1 membrane
17 Dec 1730
- MS 44,357 /8** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to William Coleman of lands in Baltray in Gormanston, county Meath; 1 membrane
4 March 1733

- MS 44,357 /9** Surrender by Walter Plunkett to Jenico, 10th Viscount of his right and title to the lands of Nobber, county Meath; 1 item
5 March 1738
- MS 44,357 /10** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Peter Cruise of lands of Rathgillan in Nobber, county Meath, 30 July 1737 (1 membrane). Further lease of same lands by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Patrick Cruise, 28 Aug 1744 (1 membrane); 2 membranes
1737 and 1744
- MS 44,358 /1** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Robert Cruise of lands in Kilbride, county Meath; 1 membrane
25 Nov 1738
- MS 44,358 /2** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to John Monk of lands in Stamullen, county Meath; 1 membrane
5 Aug 1740
- MS 44,358 /3** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to William Kennan of lands in Stamullen, county Meath and lands of Balruddery, county Dublin; 1 membrane
18 Sep 1741
- MS 44,358 /4** Part of a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to James Geoghegan of lands in Nobber, county Meath, 6 May 1742 (1 membrane). Includes a lease agreement by James Geoghegan to Jenico, 10th Viscount to pay any expenses incurred for the lease of land and a promissory note signed by Geoghegan for £17,6s,6d for lease of land; 3 items
[one membrane is torn into two pieces, part missing]
1742
- MS 44,358 /5** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to William Coleman of the mill at Baltray in Duleek, county Meath; 1 membrane
28 May 1743
- MS 44,358 /6** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to William Cruise of lands of Ballnamore in Nobber, county Meath; 1 membrane
23 June 1744
- MS 44,358 /7** Draft lease by Thomas Christy to Thomas Hewett of lands in Gormanston; 1 item
Nov 1745
- MS 44,358 /8** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Walter Reilly of lands in Nobber, county Meath; 1 membrane
16 May 1746

- MS 44,358 /9** Draft lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Andrew Balfe of lands of Mullindrum and Polemuany in Nobber, county Meath; 1 item
1747
- MS 44,359 /1** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Christopher and Anthony Curtis of a dwelling house, offices and land in the town of Gormanston; 1 membrane
19 Dec 1747
- MS 44,359 /2** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Thomas McEvoy of lands in Nobber, county Meath, 14 Oct 1749 (1 membrane). Also lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Thomas McEvoy and his sons, Patrick and Edmund McEvoy of part of the lands of Garmanagh in Nobber, county Meath, 9 Nov 1750 (1 membrane) and further lease of part of the lands in Moyhe, county Meath, 30 Nov 1754 (1 membrane); 3 membranes
1749, 1750 and 1754
- MS 44,359 /3** Lease by Jenico, 19th Viscount to Thomas Gerrard of lands in Nobber, county Meath; 1 membrane
25 Oct 1750
- MS 44,359 /4** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to James Teeling of lands of Grange, county Meath; 1 membrane
4 July 1751
- MS 44,359 /5** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Thomas Carolan and James Stafford of lands of Muff in Nobber, county Meath; 1 membrane
20 Nov 1751
- MS 44,359 /6** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Patrick Pentenny of the house and lands of Richardstown in Stamullen, county Meath; 1 membrane
5 April 1754
- MS 44,359 /7** Two copies of a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Thomas Cardiff of a house, offices and land in Duleek, county Meath; 2 membranes
13 May 1754
- MS 44,360 /1** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Patrick Curtis of the lands of Allens Park, Hurling Park and house in Chapple Park, Duleek, county Meath, with 15 acres in Balruddery, county Dublin, 5 Nov 1755 (1 membrane); also includes one letter signed by Curtis relating to a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to him of lands in county Dublin, 25 Feb 1755 (1 item); 2 items
1755
- MS 44,360 /2** Agreement by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Robert Balfe, providing consent

to build and erect a stone bridge over and across the river of Nobber in county Meath; 1 item
Feb 1756

- MS 44,360 /3** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Edmond Dempsey of the lands of Cockhill, county Meath, with map included; 1 membrane
25 March 1764
- MS 44,360 /4** Articles of agreement between Anthony, 11th Viscount and Patrick Grogley. States that Grogley will keep the house and offices at Gormanston estate and Whitewood in good repair; 1 item
15 March 1765
- MS 44,360 /5** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Mary McMullen part of the lands of Gormanston, county Meath. Two copies, with map included, 12 May 1765 (2 membranes). Also includes a signed agreement by Thomas McMullen to his mother in settlement of all claims from his deceased father's estate, 3 Aug 1745 (1 item); 3 items
1745 and 1765
- MS 44,360 /6** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Patrick Adams part of the lands of Gormanston, county Meath (two copies); 2 membranes
25 March 1765
- MS 44,360 /7** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Michael Leaver of part of the town and lands of Ballistraine, county Meath; 1 membrane
25 March 1767
- MS 44,360 /8** Lease agreement by Anthony, 11th Viscount to John Langan of lands of Saddlestowne, county Meath; 1 item
10 April 1770
- MS 44,360 /9** Draft agreement by Anthony, 11th Viscount to appoint Bartholomew Teeling as 'my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to give leases unto the several tenants on my estates in the counties of Meath and Dublin'; 1 item
8 Sep 1770
- MS 44,360 /10** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Nicholas Pentony of part of the lands of Gormanston, county Meath (two copies); 2 membranes
10 July 1772
- MS 44,361 /1** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th

Viscountess to Ann Christy of part of the town and lands of Gormanston, county Meath; 1 membrane
10 July 1772

- MS 44,361 /2** Lease agreement by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Thomas Waldron of parts of the lands of Gormanston called the fourteen acres and Headland Way, county Meath, 10 May 1776 (1 item). Also lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Thomas Waldron of same lands, 1777 (1 membrane); 2 items 1776 and 1777
- MS 44,361 /3** One incomplete lease agreement by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess (recipient blank); 1 membrane 177?
- MS 44,361 /4** Two decrees; one appointing Anthony, 11th Viscount (as principal creditor of James Reilly), to 'administer and dispose of all and singular the goods rights credits and chattels of the said James Reilly' and a similar decree of same date relating to Catherine Reilly; 2 membranes 7 Sep 1778
- MS 44,361 /5** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Peter Brennan of the town and lands of Saddlestowne, county Meath; 1 membrane
29 Sep 1778
- MS 44,361 /6** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Patrick Tiernan the tenement and garden with a small meadow in Stamullen, county Meath (1 membrane). Also includes promissory note to pay one years rent of £10 due from last March, signed by Tiernan; 2 items
4 April 1783
- MS 44,361 /7** Promissory agreement by Patrick Smith to Anthony, 11th Viscount to pay £35,7s,10d 'for that part of Rathgallian late in the possession of Charles Reilly and John Mullen;' 1 item
10 April 1784
- MS 44,361 /8** Lease by Jenico, 12th Viscount to Charles Moore and others of the lands of Gormanston with bleach mill, situated in the barony of Duleek, county Meath; 1 membrane
1803
- MS 44,361 /9** Agreement by Jenico, 14th Viscount to give power of attorney to 'manage and cultivate' the estate of Gormanston to his brother Edward Preston, while Jenico was governor of the Leeward Islands and a permanent resident in the West Indies; 1 item

1886

- MS 44,361 /10** Schedule of Gormanston village agreements to Jenico, 14th Viscount, includes a list of agreements made and a letter from Edward Synge concerning same; 2 items
1903

1.ii.2. County Dublin

- MS 44,362 /1** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Richard Reddy of lands in Balrothery, county Dublin; 1 membrane
9 Jan 1698
- MS 44,362 /2** Lease by Robert Echlin to Andrew McMillan of lands in Balrothery, county Dublin; 1 membrane
5 April 1704
- MS 44,362 /3** Lease by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Patrick Tuite of the town and lands of Matt, county Dublin and part of the lands of Inch, county Dublin; 1 membrane
12 June 1713
- MS 44,362 /4-5** Lease by Thomas (Nugent), 5th Earl of Westmeath to John Hussey of a brick house in Smithfield, county Dublin, 1 Oct 1719 (1 membrane). Includes a draft copy of a bill of complaint concerning the above lease and repairs of house in Smithfield, undated, 1719 (10pp); also draft answer of Mary, 9th Viscountess in the bill of complaint by Thomas, 5th Earl of Westmeath concerning the lease by Hussey (11pp); 3 items in 2 folders
1719 and undated
- MS 44,362 /6-7** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Christopher Flanigan of a house in Balrothery, county Dublin and land (area crossed out on deed), 24 Jan 1731 (1 membrane). Also two copies of a lease by Thomas McMullen to Christopher Flannigan of lands of Stephenstown in Balrothery, county Dublin, 25 April 1739 (2 membranes); 3 membranes in 2 folders
1731 and 1739
- MS 44,362 /8** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to Patrick Taaffe of lands of Matt, county Dublin, 24 March 1734 (1 membrane). Also a note signed by Jenico, 10th Viscount stating that this lease 'has had the seals cut out and part of the lease torn off; how or by what accident it happened I know not, but the part that is entire is sufficient to prove the whole, 30 April 1755 (1 item); 2 items

1734 and 1755

- MS 44,363 /1** Articles concerning the lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to John Hussey of a house in Smithfield, county Dublin; 11pp
June 1736
- MS 44,363 /2** Rental agreement by Gilbert Plumber to Lady Gormanston [Mary, 9th Viscountess, née Preston] of a house in Clontarf for thirteen weeks; 1 item
4 June 1741
- MS 44,363 /3** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount to Thomas McRooney of a house and lands in Balruddery, county Dublin; 1 membrane
20 Sep 1746
- MS 44,363 /4** Lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to Nicholas Quinn of lands of Tobbersoole, county Dublin, excepting the part held by William Dillon; 1 membrane
26 Sep 1746
- MS 44,363 /5** Copy of a lease by Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, 9th Viscountess (née Preston) to William Dillon of lands in Balruddery, county Dublin. (Name on deed is altered from Catherine Fitzgerald to William Dillon), 1747 (1 membrane). Also two copies of a lease of same land, by same to same, 2 Sep 1748 (2 membranes); 3 membranes 1747 and 1748
- MS 44,363 /6** Two copies of a lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Patrick Dungan of the lands of Folkestown, county Dublin; 2 membranes
25 March 1764
- MS 44,363 /7-8** Three copies of a lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Thomas Hinds of the Drummonds and Brick Park in Gormanston, county Dublin (3 membranes), includes map of area. Also includes a promissory note for rental payments, signed by Hinds, 2 March 1765; 4 items in 2 folders
1765
- MS 44,364 /1-2** Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess to Bartholomew Teeling of part of the lands of Inch, county Dublin, includes map, 19 April 1765 (1 membrane). Also Teeling's account for March rent, 1772 (7 pp); expenses of Anthony, 11th Viscount for sundry disbursements to executors of Teeling's will, 1771-1775 (1 item); Anthony, 11th Viscount's account current with Teeling's executors, 1773-1778 (1 item); lease by Luke Teeling,

Patrick Teeling and Patrick Grace, executors of Bartholomew Teeling, to Robert Caddell of above lands, 20 Sep 1779 (1 membrane); 5 items in 2 folders
1765-1779

MS 44,364 /3 Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Richard Landy of towns and lands of Ring in Inch, county Dublin; 1 membrane
24 April 1765

MS 44,364 /4 Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to John English of lands of Baldwinstown and one house and garden in Gormanston, county Dublin, 21 Aug 1767 (1 membrane). Also includes one article of agreement for lease of same lands and property for one year, 7 May 1763; 2 items
1763 and 1767

MS 44,364 /5 Lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to William and Patrick Dillon, inn keepers, of part of the town and lands of Tobbersoole, county Dublin; 1 membrane
24 June 1779

MS 44,364 /6-7 Lease by James Lynch to Laurence Magennis of part of the land at Inch, county Dublin, 1 May 1784 (1 item). Lease by James Lynch to John White of part of the lands of Inch at Tannerswater, being part of the estate of Anthony, 11th Viscount, 1 May 1784 (1 item). Lease by James Lynch to Mary Field and her son Patrick of lands of Inch, 12 May 1782 (1 item); 3 items in 2 folders
1782 and 1784

MS 44,365 /1 Lease by Anthony McLoughlin to John and William Mea of lands at Matt, county Dublin, 15 May 1790 (1 membrane). Lease by Anthony McLoughlin to Christopher Martin and John Proctor of lands at Matt, 4 Aug 1790 (1 membrane). Lease by Anthony McLoughlin to Edward Murphy of lands in Matt, 10 Aug 1790 (1 item). Also lease by Anthony McLoughlin to Michael Sweetmen of lands at Matt called the Limekiln Field and Sand Field in Balrothery, county Dublin, 4 Aug 1790 (1 item); 4 items
1790

1.ii.3. Other Counties

MS 44,365 /2 Lease by John Turin to Philip Exham of lands in county Limerick; 1 membrane
15 Sep 1670

MS 44,365 /3 Counterpart to a lease by Jenico, 7th Viscount to Christopher Peppard

FitzGeorge of houses in Drogheda; 1 membrane
30 Nov 1684

I.ii.4. England

- MS 44,365 /4** Copy of a common lease by Charles Eve to Francis Bunn of a plough farm in the parish of Walford; 1 item
2 March 1724
- MS 44,365 /5** Counterpart of a lease by John Devall to [Thomas, 2nd Baron] Southwell of the Richmond Building in London; 1 membrane
22 Sep 1736
- MS 44,365 /6** Lease by Mary Merry to Anthony, 11th Viscount of premises at Micklefield in the county of Hertford, Middlesex, 3 May 1769. Also quit notice signed by Anthony, 11th Viscount, 21 Feb 1772 (2 items). Also includes lease by Anthony, 11th Viscount to Thomas Bowen of same property, 18 Oct 1769 and quit notice signed by Bowen, 7 Feb 1772; 4 items
1769 and 1772

I.iii. Legal Papers

This section comprises legal papers, correspondence and costs that affected the Gormanston estate. For other legal matters see Personal Legal Cases **MS 44,432 – 44,434**.

I.iii.1. Suits Concerning the Estate

I.iii.1.a. General Legal Suits

Documents concerning related costs and correspondence were discovered among the legal cases and have been kept together.

- MS 44,366 /1-3** Petition by Jenico, 8th Viscount to the Lord Deputy; states that Jenico is included in the Articles of Limerick but that Colonel Richard Coote, who had a lease of Gormanston after the breach of the Boyne, still gets the profits; that, on petitioners sending bailiffs to replenish corn and to recover his title, they were set upon by several persons. Further petitions by Jenico, 8th Viscount and Anthony Preston (later 9th Viscount) to the Lord Chancellor, 1695; an account of disbursements by Jenico, 8th Viscount to oppose Colonel Coote having an act of parliament to confirm estate to him; the humble petition of Colonel Coote who claims the lands of Gormanston, 'now attained for the rebellion from Jenico,' 7th Viscount. Includes legal report on settlements and affidavit of Thomas Tuite, James Landry and others on

- behalf of Jenico, 8th Viscount; 15 items in 3 folders
1695
- MS 44,366 /4** Writ to John [Hartstonge], Bishop of Ossory, directing a return of all institutions to deaneries, archdeaconries, and other benefices in his diocese from 1 Nov 1697 to 12 Feb 1698, also a further writ, 11 May 1698; 2 items
[Items in Latin]
1697 and 1698
- MS 44,366 /5** Articles concerning a dispute between Walter Brett V Anthony, 9th Viscount over the estate of Thomas Delane, to whom William Brett was an executor; 5 items
1709 and 1710
- MS 44,366 /6** Statement by James Dolan to quit and release all his claims against Anthony, 9th Viscount; 1 item
20 Feb 1709
- MS 44,366 /7** Two copies of the case concerning Moore V Anthony, 9th Viscount; 2 items
[In Latin]
1710
- MS 44,366 /8** Two statements by Christopher Browne declaring that he did not tell Anthony, 9th Viscount that his servant John Reilly had any oats belonging to him; 2 items
c. 1710
- MS 44,366 /9** Answer of Margaret, Dowager 7th Viscountess (now wife of James Butler), to a bill of James Fitzgerald. Relates to inventory of the personal estate of Richard Fitzgerald (who died in 1682) a Major in the Foot regiment commanded by Jenico, 7th Viscount; defendant having said at Limerick in 1690, in England in 1692 and in Dublin in 1692-3, that she would make up the legacies to Gerald and Maurice, brothers of Major Fitzgerald and to his sisters. Plaintiff paid £9 on 9 Dec 1692 for Fitzgerald's children; 1 item
1711
- MS 44,366 /10** Case of William Den, his wife Mary and others V Anthony, 9th Viscount concerning a matter of difference (not stated). Includes consent signed by all parties that matters be referred to an arbitrator, 13 Nov 1711 (1 item); further consent to 'finally end and determine the same and whatever award,' 22 May 1713 (1 item); decision signed by arbitrator, that Anthony, 9th Viscount is discharged and released from all proceedings concerning this case, 8 Sep 1713 (1 item) and copy of

decision served to William Den, his wife Mary and others, 2 Dec 1713
(1 item); 4 items
1711 and 1713

- MS 44,367 /1** The 'severall answers of Catherine Preston,' (daughter of Anthony, 9th Viscount) one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of Catherine, Matthew, Robert and John Barnewall and others concerning debts owed by Anthony, 9th Viscount; 1 item
c. 1716
- MS 44,367 /2** Correspondence between Nicholas Preston (nephew of Jenico, 7th Viscount) and John Bligh (solicitor) concerning the claim to a title of the lands of Castletowne [Athboy]; 4 items
1716-1719
- MS 44,367 /3** Assignment of a judgment in the court of common pleas in the case of John Lynch (lessee) V Jenico, 10th Viscount concerning the recovery of lands in Gormanston; 1 item
c. 1720
- MS 44,367 /4** Copy of a pardon for Jenico, 10th Viscount; 1 item
[In Latin]
1733
- MS 44,367 /5-6** Robert Bailie V John Barnewall [11th Baron Trimlestown], Thomas Pockington and his mother Mary. Thomas Pockington borrowed £500 from Barnewall in March 1737 and proposed to get his mother Mary to assign over a judgment obtained by her husband, Baron Pockington, for £1,100 as collateral security for loan. Thomas Pockington later absconded leaving his mother responsible for the debt. Barnewall applied for the £1,100 judgment and discovered it was passed as collateral security for a mortgage. Includes brief on behalf of Barnewall, 14 May 1741 (7pp) five further briefs on behalf of defendant Barnewall, 1742 and 1743. Also includes the several answer of Barnewall to bill of complaint, 7 Feb 1742 (5pp); answer of Jenico, 10th Viscount, one of the defendants (10pp). Also draft assignment by Mary Pockington to Barnewall of a judgment against Joseph Robbins and a memorial of a deed of assignment against Joseph Robbins, 3 Sep 1742 and undated (2 items). Includes related legal costs and amount of defendants bills; 16 items in 2 folders
1737-1743
- MS 44,367 /7** List of judgments against Lawrence Cruise of county Westmeath; 1 item
c. 1742

- MS 44,367 /8** The case of John Newton concerning his expulsion from lands rented in Balrothery, county Dublin; 1 item
3 Jan 1744
- MS 44,367 /9** Case of Jenico, 10th Viscount concerning the estate of John Barnewall, 11th Baron Trimlestown (father of Jenico's wife, Thomasine). States 'it was agreed that in consideration of Lord Gormanston marrying Thomasine, the eldest daughter of said Lord Trimlestown, £1,200 which was secured for her on Lord Trimlestown estate should be part of her marriage portion.' Part of Jenico's estate is conveyed to James Bennett redeemable on payment of £4,000 and now £2,800 should be paid to Bennett and a new mortgage made out for £1,200 secured on Lord Trimlestown's estate as collateral; 2 items
1745
- MS 44,367 /10** The case of Joseph Ussher V Jenico, 10th Viscount concerning a debt paid by Edward Hussey on behalf of the late Anthony, 9th Viscount and legacy owed from Hussey's will to his granddaughter, Mary Barnewall; 1 item
22 June 1749
- MS 44,368 /1** Copy of a letter to Rev James Walsh, Cuff Street, county Dublin, from Jenico, 10th Viscount concerning the litigious behaviour of a tenant of Walsh's and a dispute over a piece of land on the Gormanston estate; includes letter of reply from Walsh, Aug 1750; 2 items
Aug 1750
- MS 44,368 /2** Sworn statement by Edward Hatton concerning the use of a public road in the area of Grange, county Meath; 1 item
31 Aug 1756
- MS 44,368 /3** Dispute over lease of lands in Laytown to ? Ryder; includes letters from solicitor J. Glascock; notices from Sheriff of Meath and letters from William Morris on behalf of Ryder; 7 items
1758
- MS 44,368 /4** Counsels opinion in a case to make a title to raise money concerning the lands of Francis Hamilton, deceased, in counties Longford, Leitrim and Donegal; 1 item
16 July 1763
- MS 44,368 /5** Case concerning a proposed road between the market town of Balbriggan, county Dublin and the market town of Drogheda, county Louth, to go through lands of Bremore, Knockingin and Loughdoory to the turnpike road from Dublin crossing Anthony, 11th Viscount's land. Includes letters from Anthony, 11th Viscount's solicitor, J.

- Glascock objecting to proposed road and sworn statements by Michael McCana, John Taaf and Robert Shiels who are 'well acquainted with the present road'; 15 items
1767–1770
- MS 44,368 /6** Court records with names of those who oppose the intended road from Nobber to Carrickblack in county Meath; 1 item
1776
- MS 44,368 /7** 'Abstract of the parliamentary roll,' remaining records in the office of the rolls of his majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland; 4pp
[In Latin]
7 Nov 1795
- MS 44,368 /8** Copy of legal opinion of James Whiteside and Joseph Napier concerning the railway company changes to a country road; 1 item
23 Mar 1844
- MS 44,368 /9** Jenico, 14th Viscount V Edward Preston (brother of Jenico) in the High Court of Justice, comprising a notice that counsel on behalf of Edward will apply to Judge Ormsby for a court order for the receiver to pay monies due to persons named in schedule; 1 item
20 April 1883
- MS 44,368 /10** Mitchell V Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning a slander charge against Jenico. Mitchell, previously a gardener on the Gormanston estate, claimed that Jenico said something that seriously prejudiced him. Jenico was ordered to pay Mitchell's legal costs. Includes letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp, solicitor; 11 items
1915 – 1916
- MS 44,368 /11** Thomas Morgan V Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the death of two heifers, one on Gormanston estate lands and one in the veterinary surgery. Morgan sued Jenico for negligence; 6 items
1916

I.iii.1.b. Fleming, Dillon and Cruise V Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess and others

Anthony, 9th Viscount borrowed monies from William Dillon, his uncle by marriage, and Peter Cruise, his cousin by marriage. In 1715 Anthony borrowed £100 from Dillon and asked Michael Fleming to enter into and become jointly bound for the loan. Anthony 9th Viscount died in 1716 and the debt was unpaid. This section relates to the case taken by Dillon, Cruise and Fleming against Anthony's surviving wife Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess to recover the money.

- MS 44,369 /1** Bond by Anthony, 9th Viscount to Peter Cruise for £200, 13 Jan 1707

(1 item); promissory note by Mary, 9th Viscountess for payment of £200, 10 March 1712 (1 item); bond judgment for payment of same money, 6 July 1712 (1 item); 3 items
1709 and 1712

- MS 44,369 /2** Judgments obtained by William Dillon against Anthony, 9th Viscount for £200 on 28 Dec 1699 and for £300 on 5 Dec 1713 (2 items); further judgment bonds by Dillon against Anthony, 9th Viscount and Walter Cruise of £600 for payment of £300, 3 April 1714 (3 items); agreement by Anthony, 9th Viscount to pay Dillon the yearly rents from Nobber, county Meath of £111,12s until the £300 is paid, 23 April 1714 (1 item); assignment of a judgment by Dillon to Bruno Browne of £200 owed by Anthony, 9th Viscount, 10 May 1722 (1 item); articles of receipt of interest paid on several judgments for £7,15s,5d by Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess to Dillon, 10 May 1722 (1 item); 8 items
1713, 1714 and 1722
- MS 44,369 /3** Chancery bill (amended in 1721 and again in 1723) of Michael Fleming, William Dillon and Peter Cruise V Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess; Jenico, 10th Viscount by his guardian, Henry (Tichborne), Lord Ferrard; John Barnewall (11th Baron) Trimlestown and others concerning £100 borrowed by Anthony, 9th Viscount from Dillon in 1715, 7 April 1720 (47pp); also copy of the bill, 8 Feb 1726 (20pp); 2 items
1720 and 1726
- MS 44,369 /4** Brief for the defendants concerning the bill of complaint of Michael Fleming, William Dillon and Peter Cruise; 28pp
17 April 1720
- MS 44,369 /5** Answers by Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess to the bill of complaint of William Dillon, Peter Cruise and Michael Fleming; first answer, 24 Jan 1720 (4pp); second answer, 27 June 1722 (4pp); third answer, undated (1 item); fourth answer to the amended bill, undated (24pp) and one final undated answer; 5 items
1720-1722 and undated
- MS 44,369 /6** Answers by Nicholas Preston (brother of Anthony, 9th Viscount) to the bill of complaint of William Dillon, Peter Cruise and Michael Fleming; first answer, 17 June 1720 (5pp); second answer, undated (4pp) and final answer to the amended bill of complaint, 26 June 1722 (3pp); 3 items
1720-1722 and undated
- MS 44,369 /7** Answer by Jenico, 10th Viscount, 'an infant under the age of 21 years' by his guardian Henry [Tichborne], 1st Baron Ferrard, undated (4 pp)

and one draft sheet concerning answer; 2 items
[One item is faded and difficult to read]
c. 1720

MS 44,369 /8 Copy answer of John Barnewall, 11th Baron Trimlestown and Edward Hussey to the bill of complaint of William Dillon, Peter Cruise and Michael Fleming, 25 July 1720 (11pp) and copy of a further answer by the same, undated (18pp); 2 items
1720- c.1722

MS 44,369 /9 Answer by petitioners, William Dillon and Peter Cruise to the bill of complaint; 21pp
24 April 1727

I.iii.2. Legal Correspondence

Legal correspondence concerning land commission valuation and purchase; various trust funds; taxation and other estate legal concerns. The letters have been arranged chronologically and the estate solicitors include J. Glascock, George Murray McGusty, and Robert. H. Beauchamp.

MS 44,370 /1 Legal queries concerning Catholic penal laws; including opinions in the case of 'Titus a Catholick, and of age, and Caia an Aecatholick and a minor who made a matrimonial contract' and query concerning the provision for the education of children in communion of the Church of Ireland; 2 items
1717 and undated

MS 44,370 /2 Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount from Teeling & Dermott (solicitors), concerning money owed to Anthony Dermott by Anthony, 11th Viscount; 5 items
1772, 1773 and 1776

MS 44,370 /3 Letters from B. Burman, Lincoln's Inn to Anthony, 11th Viscount concerning various legal issues including rental income, land valuation and marriage jointures; 3 items
1776

MS 44,370 /4 Letter from J. Glascock (solicitor) to Anthony, 11th Viscount concerning trespassers on the Gormanston estate; 1 item
12 Aug 1777

MS 44,370 /5 Observations of Robert Berkeley of draft settlement as approved on behalf of J.A. Farrell; 1 item
12 July 1860

- MS 44,370 /6-8** Letters from George Murray McGusty (solicitor) to Edward, 13th Viscount and Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning estate legal and financial matters, including judgments. Also includes completed form from the Inland Revenue for succession duty on real estate property of Edward, 13th Viscount on death of Jenico, 12th Viscount; 47 items in 3 folders
1863–1892
- MS 44,371 /1** Letters from D & J Fitzgerald (solicitors) to Edward, 13th Viscount concerning the legal situation of the Navan and Kingscourt bill; 3 items
1865
- MS 44,371 /2** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from solicitors in Westminster regarding his position as a trustee of the Corballis Settlement Trust and sanction of advances from trust fund to Georgina Gilbertson and Constance Corballis. Also includes two letters concerning the Corballis younger children's trust and state of financial accounts (1887 and 1894); 6 items
[See also **MS 44,436 /6** for documents relating to the marriage settlement of James and Constance Corballis]
1887, 1894 and 1990-1902
- MS 44,371 /3** Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor of Jenico, 14th Viscount) to T.W. Hardman (solicitor of Jameson) concerning dams erected by R. Jameson in the stream between Delvin Lodge and the Great Northern Railway line. Jenico, 14th Viscount ordered the removal of the dams; 3 items
June 1893
- MS 44,371 /4** Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) to Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning estate legal matters, including marriage settlements and jointures due to his wife Georgina, née Connellan; Land Commission judgments; a judgment to give possession of the priests house to Jenico, 14th Viscount and the sale of estate properties through the landed estate courts; 38 items
1895–1907
- MS 44,371 /5** Correspondence concerning Jenico, 14th Viscount V Lake. Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) to Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning Count di Cervignasco's trust, Jenico, 14th Viscount is named as a trustee. Includes letters to Beauchamp from Grover, Humphrys & Son, (solicitors in Temple, London) concerning Lake, a trustee who withheld money due to the beneficiaries. Jenico, 14th Viscount as a joint trustee, is liable for the missing funds; 12 items
1900-1906

- MS 44,371 /6** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Collyer-Bristow, Hill, Curtis, Dods & Booth (solicitors in London) to Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning the marriage settlement of Mrs. Cary-Caddell of which Jenico was a trustee (1903). Also includes two letters from Montgomery & Chaytor, solicitors in Molesworth Street, Dublin, concerning same (1913); 9 items
1903-1913
- MS 44,371 /7** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from solicitors in London (1 Grays Inn Square) concerning the marriage settlement of Mr. & Mrs. Everard Stourton of which Jenico was a trustee; 7 items
[See also **MS 44,436 /7** for papers relating to the Marriage Settlement]
1903-1906
- MS 44,372 /1** Various letters concerning Gormanston estate legal matters such as signing of deeds; 9 items
1904-1916
- MS 44,372 /2** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Grover, Humphrys & Son (solicitors in London) concerning the possibility of Jenico selling fireclay from his estate; 2 items
1905
- MS 44,372 /3** Letters concerning the entitlements of Jenico, 14th Viscount's children; includes letters concerning Miss Preston's (daughter of Jenico, 14th Viscount) legacy from her uncle's estate (Robert Preston) and the verification of the birth of Jenico's son Richard; 5 items
1905-1908
- MS 44,372 /4** Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) to Major Dease and Georgina, Dowager 14th Viscountess concerning estate matters after the death of Jenico, 14th Viscount; including estate duty, life assurance and probate of the will. Also includes two letters from Beauchamp concerning the installment payments of estate duty to the Inland Revenue; 31 items
1907-1909 and 1915
- MS 44,372 /5** Letters from Gray's Inn Square, London, concerning the death of Edward Preston (brother of Jenico, 14th Viscount); 3 items
1908
- MS 44,372 /6** Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning estate matters including; the American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite (Ireland) Order 1912, under which 460 bushes were destroyed on the Gormanston estate; plots acquired by Drogheda Council for labourers cottages and fee farm grants of Julianstown and

Greenanstown schools and various financial issues associated with charges on estate; 20 items
1911–1924

MS 44,372 /7 Letters from Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) to Eileen, Dowager 15th Viscountess and Major Dease after the death of Jenico, 15th Viscount. Letters concern estate duty, probate of the will and life insurance. Also includes one letter concerning the death of Georgina, Dowager 14th Viscountess in 1932; 11 items
1921-1932

I.iii.3. Legal Costs

MS 44,373 /1 Annual legal bills and associated material concerning various suits affecting Gormanston estate; 9 items
1707–1748

MS 44,373 /2 Legal costs related to the cases of Michael Fleming, Peter Cruise and Andrew Balfe; 2 items
1728 and 1729

MS 44,373 /3 Legal costs in the case of Miss Holmes (alias Lee) V Thomas and another. Costs incurred by Anthony, 11th Viscount on behalf of the defendant, a prisoner of the King's bench; 5pp
1773

MS 44,373 /4 Accounts from solicitor John Teeling to Anthony, 11th Viscount for June 1777 and annual 1777-1778; 2 items
1777 and 1778

MS 44,373 /5 Miscellaneous legal costs from various solicitors: Francis Cruise for preparing deeds, settling bonds and attending tenant ejections, 1815-1818 (21pp); A.C. Palles, 1835 (11pp) and subsequent costs (7pp); from George Murray McGusty, 1865-1866 (14pp), March 1869 (8pp), 1872-1873 (7pp), 1872-1874 (7pp) and 1876-1879 (8pp) and from Robert. H. Beauchamp, 1893-1897 (10pp), with accompanying letter; 8 items
1815-1874

MS 44,373 /6 Legal costs in the case of the Rev Henry Cotton V Jenico, 12th Viscount and other defendants sued in the exchequer for title; 8pp
1835

MS 44,373 /7 Legal costs on the part of Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) in the matter of Robert Preston (brother of Edward) an insolvent, 1838 (7pp). Also includes a copy of Sergeant Edward Sullivan's opinion of a

- related case, 26 June 1862 (1 item); 2 items
1838 and 1862
- MS 44,374 /1** Various legal costs related to deeds of release of Gormanston estate; 6 items
1840-1866
- MS 44,374 /2** Legal costs of preparing statement of title concerning Drogheda Railway Company for Jenico, 12th Viscount; 14pp
14 May 1842
- MS 44,374 /3** Legal costs of preparing various deeds; 5 items
1846-1851
- MS 44,374 /4** Legal costs of completing deeds of surrender for Patrick Leonard of lands of Balloy, county Meath; 1 item
1849-1850
- MS 44,374 /5-6** Legal costs in the suit of Jenico, 12th Viscount V William McKenna. Includes plaintiffs costs as between attorney and client, 1854-1855 (84pp); costs of plaintiff Patrick Boylan (34pp); costs of plaintiff William Arnold (23pp) and costs of defendant McKenna (19pp); 4 items in 2 folders
1854-1856
- MS 44,374 /7** Legal costs and particulars of claim by James Bird against Jenico, 14th Viscount for money spent on improvements claimant made to land and house leased from Jenico, 14th Viscount. Also includes costs and particulars of claim by James Duignan for the value of a dwelling house, offices and walls erected by claimant on land leased from Jenico, 14th Viscount; 1 item
1878
- MS 44,375 /1** Legal costs in the matter of the estate of Jenico, 14th Viscount owner and his brother Edward Preston petitioner. Includes costs of petition, partial sale and receiver proceedings, 1882-1899, account paid and closed 28 Aug 1899; 115pp
1882-1899
- MS 44,375 /2** Legal costs from Robert. H. Beauchamp for taking Gormanston estate out of court, expenses for attending the receiver, Mr. Synge and conferring as to sale of Whitewood House; 38pp
1896-1899
- MS 44,375 /3** Various legal costs and accounts from Robert. H. Beauchamp; 3 items
1898-1899

- MS 44,375 /4** Legal costs of transfer of portion of mortgage for £7,000 on Jenico, 14th Viscount's estate to William Jameson, with letter enclosed; 2 items
Oct 1903
- MS 44,375 /5** Legal costs concerning probate of wills and legacy duty; 3 items
1903
- MS 44,375 /6** Legal costs of assignment of Lady [Ismay] Ninian Crichton Stuart's (Ismay, daughter of Jenico, 14th Viscount) share of family charge to her mother Georgina, 14th Viscountess; 1 item
1906
- MS 44,375 /7** Costs of probate and executors miscellaneous costs related to Jenico, 14th Viscount's death (20pp); includes estimate of proposed sale of Gormanston estate (1 item); list of mortgages with details of individuals, capital outstanding, interest rate and yearly interest (5pp); also estimate of annual income (1 item); 6 items
1907-1912
- MS 44,375 /8** Legal costs for the case William Ennis V Jenico, 15th Viscount; Ennis objected to the cutting of trees on his holding on the grounds that his cattle would be deprived of shelter; 8pp
1911

I.iv. Financial Administration

Papers relating to the financial administration of Gormanston estate including, bonds, loans and banking.

I.iv.1. Bonds and Loans

Legal cases related to bonds and judgments are also contained in this section.

- MS 44,376 /1** Miscellaneous bonds and agreements to pay monies owed; 9 items
1699-1777
- MS 44,376 /2** Acknowledgement by Elizabeth McDonnell and Frances Birkenhead of receipt of money owed to them from Christopher Latton's estate (brother of McDonnell and Birkenhead); 1 item
30 Nov 1703
- MS 44,376 /3** Short state of the case of Anthony, 9th Viscount V John Moore concerning a bond of judgment; 5 items
[One item in Latin]
1704

- MS 44,376 /4** Bonds by Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess to Stephen Brown, 1722 and to Mary Patrick, 1732; 2 items
1722 and 1732
- MS 44,376 /5** Humble petition of Catherine Cruise (widow of Francis Cruise) and her children to Jenico, 10th Viscount. That Anthony, 9th Viscount ‘on or about the year 1716’ borrowed £132 from Francis Cruise. Anthony died before he could repay the debt and now the family is almost destitute. Further petition of Mark Cruise on behalf of his family, states that after his father died in 1724, he was arrested and committed to debtors prison in Dublin; 2 items
c. 1726
- MS 44,376 /6** Bond of Jenico, 10th Viscount and his mother Mary, Dowager 9th Viscountess to Thomas Caddell for £200 for payment of a debt of £100; 1 item
1731
- MS 44,376 /7** Bond of Jenico, 10th Viscount to his sister Catherine Preston for £1,000, 3 Nov 1744; also copy of judgment of Catherine against her brother Jenico, 10th Viscount for the said £1,000, 7 Nov 1744; 2 items
1744
- MS 44,376 /8** Various promissory notes to and from Anthony, 11th Viscount; also includes vouchers for payments of interest on loans; 58 items
1762-1778
- MS 44,376 /9** Assignment of a judgment by Jane Kennedy to James Lambert of £3,200 debt owed by Anthony, 11th Viscount, 28 June 1774; deed of assignment by James Lambert to Walter Kennedy of same debt; assignment of judgment by Christopher Fitzsimon (executor of Walter Kennedy’s will) to Jane Lambert of same debt, 28 Oct 1809; 3 items
1774 and 1809
- MS 44,377 /1** Assignment of a judgment by Elilia Archbold to James Farrell of £526,4s,7d of a judgment against Anthony, 11th Viscount; also related letter signed by Farrell; 2 items
1777
- MS 44,377 /2** Bonds by Anthony, 11th Viscount to various people, includes an extract from the Queen’s bench for each judgment; 6 items
1778 and 1783
- MS 44,377 /3** Vouchers of interest payments paid on bonds by Anthony, 11th Viscount and Jenico, 12th Viscount; 23 items
1791-1848

- MS 44,377 /4** Correspondence between Richard and Francis Cruise concerning payments of bands and interest; includes vouchers of payments made and letters; 7 items
1802-1829
- MS 44,377 /5** Bonds by Jenico, 12th Viscount to various people, some include searches; also related legal costs for entering bonds and judgments; 15 items
1803-1813
- MS 44,377 /6** Bond of indemnity by Jenico, 12th Viscount to Richard Cruise for £1,100; 1 item
1814
- MS 44,377 /7** Deed of defense and agreement between William Fenwick and Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning a debt of £1,300 owed by Anthony, 11th Viscount; 1 item
6 Jan 1817
- MS 44,377 /8** Interest calculated on a loan in 1844, name of account not stated; 1 item
1844
- MS 44,377 /9** Memorandum concerning a loan taken by Edward, 13th Viscount from Henry Rupill of £8,000. Includes details of how money was applied; 5 items
1866

I.iv.2. Banking

Papers include correspondence, bank lodgment dockets and cheque stubbs. The estate bank accounts were held in the Northern Banking Company Ltd, Balbriggan, county Dublin and the Bank of Ireland, Drogheda, county Louth.

- MS 44,378 /1** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) and Major Gerald Dease concerning a Gormanston estate account; 23 items
1907-1910
- MS 44,378 /2** Lodgment dockets and cheque stubs relating to the Gormanston estate account in the Bank of Ireland, Drogheda; 10 items
1908-1914
- MS 44,378 /3** Lodgment dockets concerning the Gormanston estate account in the Northern Banking Company Ltd, Balbriggan; 12 items
1911-1916

- MS 44,378 /4** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from the Bank of Ireland, Drogheda concerning Gormanston estate accounts; 7 items
1912-1916
- MS 44,378 /5** Copies of cheques paid from the Northern Banking Company Ltd, Gormanston estate account. Includes one used cheque book with completed stubs; 15 items
1912-1934
- MS 44,378 /6** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from the Northern Banking Company Ltd, Balbriggan to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning estate bank accounts; 35 items
1913-1918

I.v. Estate Vouchers and Accounts

Estate vouchers and accounts are all arranged chronologically.

I.v.1. Estate Vouchers

- MS 44,379 /1** Estate vouchers; 8 items
1700-1709
- MS 44,379 /2** Estate vouchers; 9 items
1710-1719
- MS 44,379 /3** Estate vouchers; 24 items
1720-1729
- MS 44,379 /4** Estate vouchers; 41 items
1730-1739
- MS 44,379 /5** Estate vouchers; 79 items
1740-1749
- MS 44,379 /6** Estate vouchers; 31 items
1750-1759
- MS 44,379 /7** Estate vouchers; 23 items
1760-1769
- MS 44,380 /1-2** Estate vouchers; 101 items in 2 folders
1770-1779
- MS 44,380 /3** Estate vouchers; 15 items
1780-1789

MS 44,380 /4 Estate vouchers; 79 items
1790-1799

MS 44,380 /5 Estate vouchers; 48 items
1800-1839

MS 44,380 /6 Estate vouchers; 31 items
1840-1899

MS 44,380 /7 Estate vouchers; 32 items
1900-1909

MS 44,380 /8 Estate vouchers; 27 items
1910-1932

I.v.2. Estate Accounts

MS 44,381 /1 Accounts and vouchers related to coach building; 30 items
1707-1744

MS 44,381 /2 Various accounts records; 7 items
1730

MS 44,381 /3 'The Cotters Account from January 77 to Sep 78,' also account with
Pat Dease; 2 items
1776-1778

MS 44,381 /4 Estate accounts with Richard Cruise; 4 items
1798-1823

MS 44,381 /5 Gormanston monthly estate accounts and records; 37 items
1860-1871 and 1897

MS 44,381 /6 Monthly estate accounts with vouchers attached, compiled and paid by
P. Brophy; 12 items
1900-1902

MS 44,381 /7 Monthly estate accounts with vouchers attached, compiled and paid by
P. White; mainly to Patrick Arnold; 29 items
1905-1932

MS 44,381 /8 Account of Hubert Preston (son of Jenico, 14th Viscount) includes
details of estate duty and income tax; 3 items
1908-1909

MS 44,382 Estate vouchers and accounts, badly damaged; c. 1,000 items in 1 box

[Not for consultation]
Undated

I.v.3. Account Books

- MS 42,021** Daily journal account book 1821-1836, 'of all monies received and paid previous to their entries in the cash account books of Dr & Cr [debit and credit] of bills paid or due – stock bought or sold and corn; 326pp
[Cover damaged and spine is damaged and requires conservation]
1821-1834
- MS 44,383** Stewards account book 1837-1848; 'book of cash expended for account of Lord Viscount.' Includes cash paid to labourers and to settle estate debts; 450pp
Feb. 1837 – Jan. 1848
- MS 44,384** Daily farm account records of labour and beasts; details sale and slaughter of animals and work undertaken on Gormanston estate; 434pp
1858-1861

I.vi. Rental and Tenant Records

Papers in this subsection include a number of account books; vouchers; correspondence with tenants; eviction and bailiff details.

I.vi.1. Rental Account Books

I.vi.1.a. Gormanston Estate Rental Books

- MS 44,385** Rent ledger from 1747-1760, with index; 218pp
1747-1760
- MS 44,386** Rent ledger 1791-1792 with index, tenant accounts and particulars of one years rent charge due to Anthony, 11th Viscount; 96pp
1791-1792
- MS 44,387** Rent book of Gormanston from 1791-1815, with index. Includes a number of notes and memorandum concerning tenants payments placed in relevant pages; 164pp
1791-1815
- MS 44,388** Rent ledger from 1815-1826; 294pp
[Cover is damaged and requires conservation treatment]
1815-1826

I.vi.1.b. Nobber Estate Rental Books

For denominations of Muff, Whitewood, Preston Vale and other lands in county Meath. These account books include details of tenants, rent due, arrears and payment of income tax and poor rate dues.

- MS 44,389 /1** Annual agency account for 1867-1868; 32pp
1867-1868
- MS 44,389 /2** Annual agency account for 1868-1869; 32pp
1868-1869
- MS 44,389 /3** Annual agency account for 1869-1870; 32pp
1869-1870
- MS 44,389 /4** Annual agency account for 1871-1872; 32pp
1871-1872

I.vi.1.c Rental and Receiver's Account Books

- MS 44,389 /5** Account for year ending 31 March 1908; 1 item
1908
- MS 44,389 /6** Account for year ending 31 March 1909; 1 item
1909
- MS 44,389 /7** Account for year ending 31 March 1911; 1 item
1911
- MS 44,389 /8** Account for year ending 31 March 1913; 1 item
1913
- MS 44,389 /9** Account for year ending 31 March 1914; 1 item
1914
- MS 44,390 /1** Account for year ending 31 March 1915; 1 item
1915
- MS 44,390 /2** Account for year ending 31 March 1916; 1 item
1916
- MS 44,390 /3** Account for year ending 31 March 1917; 1 item
1917
- MS 44,390 /4** Account for year ending 31 March 1918; 1 item
1918

- MS 44,390 /5** Account for year ending 31 March 1919; 1 item
1919
- MS 44,390 /6** Account for year ending 31 March 1921; 1 item
1921
- MS 44,390 /7** Account for year ending 31 March [19??]; 1 item
Undated

I.vi.2. Rental Accounts and Vouchers

General rental account records and rent rolls are included in this section.

I.vi.2.a. Accounts

- MS 44,391 /1** Rent roll of Nobber, county Meath since Anthony, 9th Viscount's death in 1716 until 25 March 1719, including 3 years rent; 2pp
1719
- MS 44,391 /2** Accounts of rent received by Robert Cruise [rent collector for Gormanston estate]; 4 items
1737-1738
- MS 44,391 /3** Account of the rent of an unnamed house, garden and a cow; 2 items
1741-1743
- MS 44,391 /4** Description of an act for better regulating agents receivers and attorneys; 1 item
1751
- MS 44,391 /5** Rent roll of Nobber, county Meath for one year commencing 25 March 1764, including dower, two-thirds and whole rent. Also includes rent roll with estimation thereon in the year 1762 and a short rent roll, 19 May 1688; 3 items
1762-1764
- MS 44,391 /6** Rent roll showing dower, two thirds and whole rent for Gormanston commencing; March 1764; March 1765 and undated. Also includes a rent roll showing tenants; acres; yearly rent and commencement of lease; 4 items
1764-1765
- MS 44,391 /7** Rent roll for half years rent on Gormanston estate, including arrears: for Michaelmas 1767; Michaelmas 1768; March 1769; Michaelmas 1769; March 1770; Michaelmas 1770; March 1775 and 1780; 10 items
1767-1780

- MS 44,391 /8** 'An account of the quit rent payable out of Stamullen into Lord Gormanston [Jenico, 12th Viscount] and out of Saddlestowne by his Lordship to Robert Caddell,' from 1 May 1796-1 May 1806. Includes a copy of Caddell's quit rent; 1 item
1796-1806
- MS 44,391 /9** A list of tenants who have paid Mr. Cruise; 2 items
1813-1815
- MS 44,392 /1** Account of tenants on the Gormanston estate commencing 7 Jan 1815, with index; 50pp
1815
- MS 44,392 /2** Account of money due on rents to collector Mr. Cruise; 4 items
1834-1837
- MS 44,392 /3** Half yearly rental accounts of the manor of Grantstown in the Queen's county, estate of Richard Fitzpatrick; 5 items
1843-1848
- MS 44,392 /4** Weekly rent pay bills for Gormanston estate; 22 items
1873-1876
- MS 44,392 /5** Estimate of debit and credit accounts for rental of Lisaduff, county Galway; 3 items
1875 and 1878
- MS 44,392 /6** Accounts of charges and taxes; includes particulars of rental outgoings; annual valuation of rates; Gormanston compulsory charges and taxes and a rental balance sheet; 5 items
1879-1909
- MS 44,392 /7** Schedule of rents, including grazing lands and town lands with a note of when lease will expire; 3 items
1909

I.vi.2.b. Vouchers

- MS 44,392 /8** Vouchers for half yearly quit rent paid for the tenure of Gormanston estate; 105 items
1690-1758
- MS 44,392 /9** Vouchers for rent paid by the Fleming family to Robert Cruise [rent collector for Gormanston estate]; 31 items
1700-1730

- MS 44,393 /1** Vouchers for rent paid by various parties to rent collectors on Gormanston estate; 65 items
1700-1839
- MS 44,393 /2** Vouchers for rent paid by John Smith to John Fleming [rent collector of Gormanston estate]; 9 items
1734-1756
- MS 44,393 /3** Vouchers for rent paid by various Viscount's Gormanston for lease of property; 6 items
1736-1804
- MS 44,393 /4** Vouchers for quit rent paid; 24 items
1759-1782

I.vi.3. Tenant Agreements and Correspondence

- MS 44,393 /5** Account of meadows sold to labourers and tenant vouchers; 4 items
1725-1792
- MS 44,393 /6** List of tenant agreements, includes one blank rent agreement form; 4 items
1796 and 1898
- MS 44,393 /7** Letters from John Smyth to Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning rental accounts; 8 items
1830
- MS 44,393 /8** Letters to Edward, 13th Viscount from his tenants. The tenants of Gormanston held a meeting at Kingscourt, concerning forthcoming rent increases. Edward agreed to read any letters of objection to said increase; 9 items
1874
- MS 44,393 /9** Tenant details including names, town land, marital status, age, dependants and so on; 4 items
Undated
- MS 44,394 /1** Letters from tenants to Jenico, 14th and Jenico 15th Viscount concerning leases, house repairs and rents; 11 items
1904-1917
- MS 44,394 /2** Agreement concerning Whitewood grazing between Jane Horgan and Jenico, 15th Viscount; 2 items
1913-1915

MS 44,394 /3 Auctioneers invoices for letting of lands; 9 items
1916-1917 and 1933

I.vi.4. Tenant Disputes and Evictions

MS 44,394 /4 Case of persistent rent arrears of Richard Landry, farmer. Includes agreement to sign over to Bartholomew Teeling all rights to meadows and crops of corn on his holding, for Teeling to sell and to pay the profit to Richard Landry Turner in discharge of rent arrears due; includes rental bill from March 1745; bond and warrant and rental voucher; 4 items
1745-1746

MS 44,394 /5 List of tenants in arrears with dates of when they are due to be evicted; 3 items
1766, 1870 and 1880

MS 44,394 /6 Three copies of an eviction notice, for the summons and plaint in ejection of William Grace of Cock Hill, county Meath; 3 items
1863

MS 44,394 /7 Appointment of bailiff, Edward Synge; 3 items
1895-1916

MS 44,394 /8 Estimate of land value and size, landlords insurance and tenants repairs for 180 tenancies; 6pp
Undated

I.vii. Land Commission, Surveys and Building

I.vii.1. Land Commission and Irish Land Acts

Papers include correspondence and official documentation relating to Irish land acts that attempted to provide tenant security.

MS 44,395 /1 Irish absentee landlord tax correspondence. Includes a circular letter to Anthony, 11th Viscount from [Charles Watson-Wentworth, 2nd Marquis of] Rockingham which details a ‘partial land tax which is to be proposed in the parliament of Ireland, and which is calculated to affect only those who do not commonly reside in that kingdom;’ also a letter to Lord North [2nd Earl of Gifford, then Prime Minister of England] signed by [William Cavendish, 5th Duke of] Devonshire; [William Ponsonby, 2nd Earl of] Bessborough; [Joseph Damer, Baron of Milton of Milton Abbey] and Rockingham. Also includes a copy of Lord North’s first and second answer and letters concerning same by Rockingham; 7 items

1773

- MS 44,395 /2** Documentation concerning the Bill of Drainage by Colonel Dickinson, who 'has obtained leave in the House of Commons to introduce a bill of drainage in Ireland,' includes a short outline of the bill; 1 item
2 April 1862
- MS 44,395 /3** Schedule of abatements struck by the Land Commission on Nobber and Gormanston for years 1881-1885; 24pp
1881-1885
- MS 44,395 /4** Certified copy of a land certificate in the custody of the Irish Land Commission for land in the barony of Ballyboy. Also includes correspondence concerning the formal proposal to repurchase a portion of the demesne of Gormanston; confirmation of the Irish Land Commission receivable order and details of a purchase by the Land Commission of Gormanston; 8 items
1904-1932
- MS 44,395 /5** Letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the Land Act 1909, states that rather than endure a delay settling sales of lands to tenants, payment can now be obtained instantly, by stock. Also a letter to Gerald Dease concerning the sale of lands to existing tenants under the Wyndham Act and one copy of a letter from George Wyndham to Jenico, 15th Viscount asking for his support with the launch of a new tariff reform campaign; 3 items
1912 and 1921
- MS 44,395 /6** A letter from the office of public works concerning a request for a loan by Jenico, 15th Viscount under the Land Improvement Code, states that all such loans are 'suspended during the continuance of the War;' 1 item
13 Aug 1915
- MS 44,395 /7** Letter to unnamed party from Robert. H. Beauchamp solicitor concerning the Increase of Rent Act 1915 which states that 'where the valuation of a house is under £26 no increase of rent can be legally claimed so long as the tenant pays the existing rent and complies with the terms of his letting;' 1 item
24 April 1919

I.vii.2. Land Surveys

- MS 44,396 /1** Survey of Ardcash parish in the barony of Duleek, county Meath, taken as part of the Downe Survey; 2 items
17 May 1683

- MS 44,396 /2** Survey of Killnacroff, 14 Mar 1747 and Peter Callan's land survey of Pillery Street, Drogheda, 25 May 1754; 2 items
1746 and 1754
- MS 44,396 /3** Surveyor reports on tenant's land including 'sundry persons for corn acres at Saddlestown,' county Meath and a list of acres allocated to tenants; 4 items
1772, 1773 and 1777
- MS 44,396 /4** Surveys of land in Nobber, county Meath, includes bill for same from Arthur McGrath; 1 item
1781
- MS 44,396 /5** A return of J. McCann's survey of part of the estate of Jenico, 12th Viscount, includes details of individual holdings. Also an undated survey of Balloy in the barony of Duleek, county Meath; 2 items
1800 and undated
- MS 44,396 /6** Surveys of land on Gormanston estate, includes one report for coal mining from a Manchester iron works; 4 items
1822 and 1850-1868
- MS 44,396 /7** Valuation of land by Robert Daly & Son Ltd, auctioneers; includes a measurement of acreages in statute measure of lands in county Dublin and the expected grazing lettings amount; 5 items
1912, 1929 and 1931

I.vii.3. Architectural Plans and Renovations

Papers relate to renovations of estate properties of tenant houses and public buildings. For renovations to the Preston family properties; Gormanston Castle, Silverstream House and Whitewood House see **II.i. Household Renovations**

- MS 44,397 /1** Architectural plans for new buildings on the Gormanston estate at Nobber, Balloy and Silverstream. Also includes plans by tenants to renovate leased buildings; 22 items
1840-1849
- MS 44,397 /2** Estimate for renovations to school house at Nobber, county Meath, 25 Jan 1845 (1 item); also includes architectural plans for the building of a boat and engine; 3 items
1845 and undated
- MS 44,397 /3** Architectural plans for renovations of buildings on Gormanston estate including gamekeepers lodge; Delvin lodge; Laurence Clarkes house and the building of a house for Peter Grey; 12 items

Undated

- MS 44,397 /4** Architectural plans to Patt McDermott's house and offices in Ballanmore, part of the Gormanston estate; 3 items
Undated
- MS 44,397 /5** Local planning and agricultural guidelines; includes a housing and planning association subscription; proposed scheme for the preservation of the river Nanny and a circular from the dept of agriculture concerning the gooseberry and blackcurrant mite order; 4 items
1912-1914

I.vii.4. Building Vouchers

- MS 44,397 /6** Vouchers for building labour work on estate properties; 23 items
1730-1752
- MS 44,397 /7** Vouchers for building materials; 69 items
1770-1850
- MS 44,397 /8** Vouchers for renovations to tenants properties; 23 items
1820-1855
- MS 44,397 /9** Vouchers for building material and renovations to estate properties; 32 items
1832-1850
- MS 44,397 /10** Trade men's bills and estimates for building work on Gormanston estate, includes a list of workmen and pay; 37 items
1840-1859

I.viii. Labour

I.viii.1. Wages Ledgers

- MS 44,398 /1** Male servant wages ledger; includes servants name position and yearly wage, 1796-1860 (70pp). Also includes one small account book 1811-1831 (30pp); 2 items
1796-1860
- MS 44,398 /2** Female servants wages ledger with list of servants names, positions and yearly wage; 56pp
1797-1860

I.viii.2. Labour Accounts and Vouchers

- MS 44,398 /3** Vouchers for labour payments; 7 items
1760-1790
- MS 44,398 /4** Two accounts of cash paid to labourers from 1 Oct 1770 - 15 May 1779, including details of days worked, cash received and arrears owed. Also includes one cash account from Jan 1777 – Sep 1779; 3 items
1770-1779
- MS 44,398 /5** Labourers accounts of work from 28 June 1779 – 26 Aug 1779; 6 Dec 1790 – May 1791 and from Nov – May 1792. Also includes a weekly return of labour for work to the New Inn, Nobber from Feb 1783 – Nov 1783; 4 items
1779-1792
- MS 44,398 /6** Labourer’s morning return forms, all blank; 30 items
1810s
- MS 44,398 /7** Workmen’s accounts; 12pp
1810s
- MS 44,398 /8** Vouchers for labour; 2 items
1823 and 1901
- MS 44,399 /1** Return sheet of labour bills for months of May and June 1836. Also includes a bill of wages due to labouring tenants for Aug and Sep 1836; 3 items
1836
- MS 44,399 /2** Bill of labour expenses for the month of June 1837 and March 1838; 2 items
1837 and 1838
- MS 44,399 /3** Workmen’s pay bill for Sep 1839 and April 1841; also includes workmen’s accounts from 1 Nov – 30 Nov 1853; 3 items
1839, 1841 and 1853
- MS 44,399 /4** ‘Gormanston estate labour account estimate & outstanding accounts;’
1 item
20 Oct 1921

I.viii.3. Correspondence Concerning Labour

- MS 44,399 /5** Letters of discharge written by Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning past

employees; 26 items
1832-1850

MS 44,399 /6 Letters of reference from previous employers; also includes one letter of acceptance for a housekeepers position; 11 items
1902-1932

MS 44,399 /7 Official correspondence from the Insurance Tax Amendment Society to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning taxation of employees. Includes details of members of organisation, incidence of tax and letter from the secretary. One item explains, 'to illustrate the manner in which the Insurance Act appears to have been introduced for the purpose of penalising industry, we will cite the author of the Act by way of example. Mr. Lloyd George is paid a salary of £5,000 per annum and presumably his employment of labour is restricted to, say 6 Domestic servants . . . that entails on him a total contribution under the Act of £3,18s per annum. On the other hand a small builder or manufacturer earning a profit of £1,000 a year and employing 100 men . . . pays a total of £119, 3s;' 4 items
1912

I.ix. Farm

I.ix.1. Timber Sales and Plantation

Timber was cut and sold from a number of plantations including Rath Plantation, Nine Arces; Leechtown; Hanging Hill; Martin's Plantation and the Widow McGrane's land.

I.ix.1.a. Timber Accounts and Vouchers

MS 44,400 /1 A bill of trees to furnish Gormanston and Nobber estates from Feb 1785 to 1787; Jan 1792 to April 1793; Jan 1794 to Jan 1796 and Dec 1798 to May 1799; 5 items
1784-1799

MS 44,400 /2 Vouchers for sale of timber including an account of the number of trees cut in each plantation; 28 items
1790-1862

MS 44,400 /3 Timber account books including one book of timber sold by measurement, 1842-1848 (200pp); one book of timber sold Richard Coyle, 1845 and 1846 (10pp) and one book with details of timber, 1845; 3 items
1842-1848

MS 44,400 /4 Timber account books including return of plantation sold from 3 May

1843 to Dec 1843 (24pp) and from 26 Feb 1844 to 1 June 1844 (40pp);
2 items
1843-1844

I.ix.1.b. Timber Valuations

- MS 44,400 /5** Summary of timber on Gormanston estate (7pp) by John George Smyly, consulting forester and accompanying letter concerning same; 2 items
1911
- MS 44,400 /6** Report and valuation of timber on Gormanston estate by John George Smyly, consulting forester; including summary; 2 items
1913

I.ix.1.c. Correspondence and Agreements for Sale of Timber

- MS 44,400 /7** Letters from various parties concerning the purchase of timber from Gormanston estate; includes a statement with regard to keeping up plantations; 11 items
1775-1907
- MS 44,400 /8** Letters from Sydney Spittle, timber merchant to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the purchase of timber from Gormanston estate. Includes one agreement between Jenico, 15th Viscount and Spittle for sale of timber; 5 items
Nov 1903
- MS 44,400 /9** Letters from James Crooks & Sons, timber merchants to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the valuation and sale of timber. Includes two agreements between Jenico, 15th Viscount and James Crooks & Sons for sale of timber; 7 items
1907-1917
- MS 44,400 /10** Letters from Seville Place Motor Works, timber merchants to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the removal and transportation of timber from the Gormanston estate; 2 items
1918

I.ix.2. Livestock

- MS 44,401 /1** Invoices from George Watts & Sons Veterinary Hospital, 22 Aungier Street, Dublin concerning Gormanston livestock; 4 items
1831-1834
- MS 44,401 /2** Monthly return of livestock; 2pp

1 Dec 1853

- MS 44,401 /3** Vouchers for freight of livestock through Liverpool port; 20 items
1864-1867
- MS 44,401 /4** Letters from L. Cuffe & Sons (livestock auctioneers), to Jenico, 15th
Viscount concerning the sale and purchase of beasts; 6 items
1915-1916
- MS 44,401 /5** Letters from P. O'Connor (livestock auctioneer) to Jenico, 15th
Viscount concerning sale and purchase of beasts; also includes
vouchers; 8 items
1915-1917

I.ix.3. Farm Miscellaneous

- MS 44,401 /6** Farm account ledger from 1711-1728; 1 item
[Very fragile in need of conservation]
1711-1728
- MS 44,401 /7** Letters from various seed merchants including Dickinson's, Chester;
Oakley Park Nursery, Blackrock and Charles Ramsay & Sons, mainly
concerning supply of raspberry canes; 8 items
1903-1915
- MS 44,401 /8** Correspondence between the Irish Salmon and Trout Fisheries
Association, the Department of Agriculture (fisheries branch), Jenico,
15th Viscount and Henry Bellingham concerning the establishment of a
hatchery at Castlebridge; 5 items
1911-1913
- MS 44,401 /9** Official letters from Department of Agriculture; one letter concerning
food production in Ireland, with a detailed list of instructions for
guidance of agriculturists in the area of fixed pricing; supplies of
requisitions; seeds; manures; compulsory tillage; town allotments and
provision of state loans. Also includes one letter concerning the Delvin
River; 2 items
1915-1917

I.x. Estate Correspondence

This section consists of letters from land agents, tenants and others to the various Viscounts Gormanston from 1700 until 1931. Letters concern general estate matters such as payment of rent, estate accounts, proposals for leases, and finances; for specific correspondence see other relevant sections such as legal; financial administration or rental and tenant records. Much of the correspondence is with the bailiff Edward Synge, who was based at a number of different estate offices. The letters are arranged chronologically.

- MS 44,402 /1** Letters to Anthony, 9th Viscount from Nicholas and Anthony Cruise concerning tenants accounts; 8 items
1700-1705
- MS 44,402 /2** Letters to Anthony, 9th Viscount from Michael Stubbs concerning grazing rents; 5 items
1700-1706
- MS 44,402 /3** Letters to Jenico, 10th Viscount from various parties concerning agreements, leases and financial matters; 5 items
1730-1749
- MS 44,402 /4** Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount from James Farrell concerning the lease of a farm; 7 items
1778-1785
- MS 44,402 /5** Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount concerning monies owed on estate accounts including one threat to take legal action against Anthony, 11th viscount by J. Collier; 21 items
[Two letters in French]
1778-1786
- MS 44,402 /6** Correspondence with Jenico, 12th Viscount; Francis and Richard Cruise concerning estate finances; 27 items
1811-1859
- MS 44,402 /7** General estate letters to Edward, 13th Viscount; 35 items
1856-1880
- MS 44,403 /1** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Edward Synge at Cabra estate office, Kingscourt. Letters concern land, leases and particulars of insurance; 55 items
1894-1904
- MS 44,403 /2** Letters to Captain Edward Preston (brother of Jenico, 14th Viscount) from Edward Synge and Robert. H. Beauchamp (solicitor) concerning

- estate matters while Jenico, 14th Viscount was living in Tasmania; 20 items
1896-1899
- MS 44,403 /3** General estate correspondence with Jenico, 14th Viscount while he was governor of Tasmania, includes copies of his replies; 13 items
1896-1900
- MS 44,403 /4** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from various parties concerning estate matters including the lease of Whitewood; 9 items
1896-1906
- MS 44,403 /5-6** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Coutts & Co (financial offices in London) concerning financial accounts; mainly confirming receipt of cheques from bailiff, Edward Synge and from the Australian government. Also includes letters concerning purchase of stocks and shares on behalf of Jenico, 14th Viscount; 84 items in 2 folders
1896-1907
- MS 44,403 /7** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Edward Synge at estate office in Sandycove, county Dublin concerning rent charges, interest on mortgages and taxation; 38 items
1905-1907
- MS 44,404 /1-2** Estate correspondence between Georgina, Dowager 14th Viscountess and Major Dease concerning the management of Gormanston estate after the death of Jenico, 14th Viscount; mainly financial concerns; 46 items in 2 folders
1907-1908
- MS 44,404 /3** Letters to Georgina, Dowager 14th Viscountess and Major Dease from various parties concerning estate matters after the death of Jenico, 14th Viscount; 17 items
1907-1909
- MS 44,404 /4** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from P. White [manager on Gormanston estate] concerning estate matters, mainly while Jenico was in London; 18 items
1908 and 1913-1917
- MS 44,404 /5-7** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Edward Synge at estate offices in Leinster Road, Dublin concerning rate demands, income tax, grazing rents, leases and rents fixed by the land commissioners; 97 items in 3 folders
1908-1916

- MS 44,404 /8-9** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from various parties concerning letting of land, sale of beasts and other estate matters; 81 items in 2 folders
1911-1921
- MS 44,405 /1** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from G. Mortimer of Lake View in Kells, county Meath concerning grazing rents and sale of cattle; 15 items
1912-1917
- MS 44,405 /2** Letters to Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (husband of Ismay, daughter of Jenico, 14th Viscount) from Falkland estate office concerning sheep sales; 2 items
1913
- MS 44,405 /3** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Charles Allen (vet) concerning the examination of a horse; 2 items
1914
- MS 44,405 /4** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Jane Horgan (tenant on Whitewood estate) concerning the sale of 'the old mare's filly'; 5 items
1916-1919
- MS 44,405 /5** Correspondence between Georgina, Dowager 14th Viscountess; her son Richard Preston; Major Dease and Willie O'Reilly concerning the possible sale of Gormanston estate; 5 items
1920-1921
- MS 44,405 /6** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess while she was staying at her parents home, Bansha Castle; from Edward Synge at the estate office in Dundrum, Dublin concerning leases and rental income, also concerning the possibility of renting Gormanston Castle; 7 items
1921
- MS 44,405 /7** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess from Edward Synge at Dundrum estate office, Dublin, during Jenico, 15th Viscount's final illness and after his death, concerning taxation, insurance and rental income; 11 items
1926-1931

II. HOUSEHOLD RECORDS

This subsection contains all papers relating to the Preston household including; building, inventories of furniture and books, as well as financial administration. The papers have been arranged according to relevant document and ordered chronologically.

II.i. Household Renovations

II.i.1. Gormanston Castle and Whitewood House

Jenico, 12th Viscount built Gormanston Castle, county Meath c. 1790, on the site of a castle erected in 1372. The castle is 7km southwest of Duleek, county Meath and was supposedly built under the supervision of the architect Francis Johnston. Jenico, 17th Viscount sold Gormanston Castle in 1947 and the property now houses a Franciscan boarding school. Whitewood House is 3km northwest of Nobber, county Meath. It was built in the early eighteenth century for the Preston family.

II.i.1.a. Architectural Plans and Designs

- MS 44,406 /1** Architectural plans and designs for improvements to Gormanston Castle. Includes one design plan for a house in Portman Square, London and one design plan for a house at Stephen's Green, Dublin; 16 items
1829 and undated
- MS 44,406 /2** Architectural plans for ornamental and marble works, including a grand fireplace and large urn. Two plans are supplied by C.W. Harrison & Sons, Monumental Sculptors, Brunswick Street and one supplied by R. Boyle, Figure & Ornamental Carver, Lower Ormond Quay; 4 items
Undated

II.i.1.b. Vouchers for Building Material and Labour

- MS 44,406 /3** Accounts for the building of a house at Preston Hill for Anthony, 11th Viscount; accounts paid by Bartholomew Teeling (solicitor); 4 items
1770-1775
- MS 44,406 /4** Vouchers for builders labourers and estimates for repairs to school house, for laying ditches and cart work; 22 items
1775-1858
- MS 44,406 /5** Building vouchers for slate, brick and timber from Patrick and William Boylan, builders suppliers; 41 items
1791-1742

- MS 44,406 /6** Vouchers for labourers building work at Gormanston Castle; 53 items
1810-1859
- MS 44,407 /1-4** Vouchers for builders supplies for Gormanston Castle; 108 items in 4
folders
1819-1875
- MS 44,407 /5** Vouchers for building and renovation work at Whitewood House; 4
items
1826-1858
- MS 44,407 /6** Vouchers for labour and materials concerning the estate of Nicholas
Boylan, Hilltown (friend of Edward, 13th Viscount.) Boylan was also a
close friend of Daniel O’Connell and he acted as magistrate in Dublin
and Meath, until he was disbarred because he was Catholic; 92 items
1840-1842
- MS 44,407 /7** Monthly trade-men’s pay bills concerning renovations and upkeep of
Gormanston Castle; 9 items
1844 and 1848-1850
- MS 44,407 /8** Vouchers from stone-cutters in Drogheda concerning window and door
blocks for Gormanston Castle; 20 items
1849

II.i.2. Silverstream House

Jenico, 12th Viscount built Silverstream House for his youngest son, Thomas Preston, around 1840. This house at Stamullen, county Meath was originally situated in 166 acres of land.

II.i.2.a. Architectural Plans and Designs

- MS 44,408 /1** Architect and surveyor plans for Silverstream House. Includes two
notebooks dated 1841, detailing stones drawn to build the house. Also
plastering estimates, with specific dimensions of each room; 8 items
1841-1849
- MS 44,408 /2** Estimates for building work and timber required for Silverstream
House, includes two ledgers; 3 items
[Fragile requires conservation]
1843

II.i.2.b. Correspondence

- MS 44,408 /3-9** Letters to Peter McGraine, building manager/foreman for Silverstream

House. Includes letters from suppliers and workmen with estimates and bills, also sketches of work to be completed; 149 items in 7 folders 1842-1858

- MS 44,408 /10** Letters to Peter McGraine, building manager/foreman for Silverstream House. Letters sent on behalf of Col. Cruise, concerning building details of Silverstream House; 15 items
[Portions of some letters missing]
1842-1843
- MS 44,408 /11** Correspondence concerning the building of Silverstream House for Thomas Preston (son of Jenico, 12th Viscount). Includes one letter from Thomas with instructions for building; 57 items
1842-1858
- MS 44,408 /12** Two letters from Thomas Preston to unnamed source, [probably to his brother Edward, 13th Viscount] after the death of his father, Jenico, 12th Viscount. Concerns finances for a proposed extension to Silverstream House and his father's agreement to pay the full costs. After Jenico, 12th Viscount died, Edward, 13th Viscount inherited the Gormanston estate. Thomas Preston claimed that his father agreed to pay the full cost of an extension valued at £1,000. Thomas only received £800 and his brother Edward, 13th Viscount refused to pay the remainder of the money. Includes one letter from Thomas to Malachi [?solicitor of Edward]; 3 items
[See also letters from Thomas Preston to Edward, 13th Viscount in personal correspondence, regarding dispute and legal dispute after death of Jenico, 12th Viscount **MS 44,433 /5**]
1860 and 1864

II.i.2.c. Vouchers for Labour and Material

- MS 44,409 /1-3** Vouchers for labourers work on Silverstream House; 212 items in 3 folders
1840-1856
- MS 44,409 /4** Estimates, proposals and vouchers from Patrick Caffrey (mason), concerning building work on Silverstream House; 55 items
1841-1852
- MS 44,409 /5-9** Trade men's estimates and vouchers, concerning building work on Silverstream House; 151 items in 5 folders
1841-1859
- MS 44,409 /10-13** Weekly trade men's bills, compiled by Peter McGraine (building manager/foreman) concerning building work to Silverstream House;

70 items in 4 folders
1841-1842, 1842-1844, 1847-1849 and 1853-1859.

II.ii. Household Accounts and Vouchers

Includes all vouchers and accounts for the purchase of household items, insurance policies and tax.

II.ii.1. Household Vouchers

Due to the sizeable amount of household vouchers and accounts they have been separated into two groups, those with bill-heads and those without.

II.ii.1.a. General Household Vouchers

Many of the earlier vouchers and retailer accounts have no bill-heads and are arranged chronologically.

- MS 44,410 /1-2** Household vouchers of Jenico, 10th Viscount; 86 items in 2 folders
1720-1757
- MS 44,410 /3-7** Household vouchers of Anthony, 11th Viscount. Including detailed monthly accounts for household items; 154 items in 5 folders
1740-1779
- MS 44,411 /1-6** Household vouchers of Jenico 12th Viscount. Including retailers monthly accounts for food, clothing and furnishings; 385 items in 6 folders
1780-1833
- MS 44,411 /7** Correspondence from various retailers confirming payments received, including the rental of 41 Beaufort Gardens by Jenico, 15th Viscount in 1905; 14 items
1843 and 1902-1932
- MS 44,411 /8** Monthly household expenses and accounts for various dates; 16 items
1875, 1894-1898 and 1907

II.ii.1.b. Household Vouchers with Bill-Heads

Includes accounts and vouchers with bill-heads. Items have been separated according to category including, furnishings, clothing, jewellery, food, alcohol, fuel and undertakers.

- MS 44,412 /1-6** Furnishings and ironmongery vouchers; includes vouchers from painting contractors, electricity supply, birdcage makers and for rental of furniture. Also includes twenty-six monthly account records from

Maguire & Gatchell Ltd, House Furnishings, Dawson Street, Dublin;
276 items in 6 folders
1748-1932

MS 44,413 /1-6 Clothing and haberdashery vouchers; includes vouchers from army clothing suppliers, W & J Buckmaster, Molesworth Street, Dublin and Army & Navy Co-Operative Supply Ltd, Victoria Street, London. Also includes vouchers from perfumers, drapers and milliners; 247 items in 6 folders
1729-1932

MS 44,413 /7 Jeweler and silversmith vouchers; 31 items
1781-1932

MS 44,414 /1-6 Food vouchers from confectioners, bakers, grocers, tea merchants and fish mongers; 221 items in 6 folders
1760-1932

MS 44,414 /7-8 Alcohol, cigar and tobacco vouchers, mainly from H. Sharman Crawford, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. Includes details of monthly alcohol purchase; 97 items in 2 folders
1759-1912

MS 44,414 / 9-10 Fuel vouchers, mainly coal from merchants; Thomas William Cumisky, Balbriggan; William Preston & Co, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin and Flower & McDonald, Balbriggan; 42 items in 2 folders
1901-1932

MS 44,415 /1 Undertaker's vouchers for supplying, erecting and engraving headstones in Gormanston estate cemetery. Also includes undertakers vouchers for the funeral of Jenico, 14th Viscount; 4 items
1835, 1902, 1905 and 1907

MS 44,415 /2 Miscellaneous household vouchers, various dates; 29 items
1703-1932

MS 44,415 /3 Monthly household vouchers with bill-heads, of Jenico, 12th Viscount; 5 items
1858-1859

II.ii.2. Income Tax and Insurance on Household

MS 44,415 /4 Poor rate and watch rate vouchers for duties paid in the parish of St. Mary-le-Bone in the county of Middlesex. Including one voucher for payment of watchmen and bedels; two vouchers for the payment of window light tax in Piccadilly and one tax voucher for the King's

- Scholars Pond Sewer in Middlesex; 9 items
1770-1772 and 1776
- MS 44,415 /5** Household tax vouchers concerning duties paid in Stamullen parish, county Meath; 15 items
1794-1799
- MS 44,415 /6** Tax vouchers concerning duties paid for land in the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin; 7 items
1797-1814
- MS 44,415 /7** Vouchers for tax on house and servants in the parish of Stamullen, county Meath; 9 items
1815-1817
- MS 44,415 /8** Vouchers for tax including quit rent for Moyashel, county Westmeath; County rates in the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin; Subsidy on land in Stamullen, county Meath and Grand Jury Cess; 7 items
1859-1893
- MS 44,415 /9** Poor rate vouchers concerning Whitewood House (early eighteenth century home of the Preston family), includes one poor rate voucher for the town land of Shamrock hill, county Louth in 1932; 5 items
1913 and 1932
- MS 44,415 /10** Household insurance details, including letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning fire insurance and potential valuation of the contents of Gormanston Castle. Also includes one leaflet entitled 'The Policyholder's Difficulties in Case of Fire,' 16pp; 5 items
1913-1915 and undated

II.iii. Motor Car and Carriages

II.iii.1. Purchase and Servicing

- MS 44,416 /1** Vouchers for repairs to carriages and hire of cycles; 3 items
1900-1903
- MS 44,416 /2** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from various garages concerning purchase, repair and servicing of motorcars. Includes one letter concerning the hire of a car for the Punchestown races; 14 items
1912-1913
- MS 44,416 /3** Vouchers concerning servicing and repairs of motor cars sent to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler); 8 items
1932

II.iii.2. Insurance, Licenses and Subscriptions

- MS 44,416 /4** Motor car licenses of Jenico, 15th Viscount, includes; London County Council registration of motor car, 1912; License to purchase motor spirit, 1916 and Meath County Council motor car license duties blank application form, 1917; 3 items
1912, 1916 and 1917
- MS 44,416 /5** Irish Automobile Club membership subscription of Jenico, 15th Viscount. Includes two circulars from the club, one calling on members to contribute to the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund, the second regarding the supply of petrol in Ireland; 2 items
1914 and 1916
- MS 44,416 /6** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Car & General Insurance Corporation Ltd, concerning motorcar insurance renewals and claims. Includes one letter regarding an accident in which Jenico's driver knocked down a cow; 4 items
1914-1916

II.iv. Library, Books and Stationery

- MS 44,416 /7** Book vouchers, containing details of books purchased for Gormanston Castle library, including editions of the New Testament and histories of Ireland; 34 items
1771-1912
- MS 44,416 /8** Stationery vouchers including details of writing material, diaries and ledgers made for the Preston family; 23 items
1777-1923
- MS 44,416 /9** Inventory of books in Gormanston Castle library listed as; poetry, books of travel and exploration, history, memoirs, storybooks and miscellaneous. Includes two letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) concerning the sale of books from Gormanston library; 3 items
1923 and undated

II.v. Art, Sculpture and Photographs

- MS 44,416 /10** Letters to Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning purchase of paintings, sculptures and artifacts. Includes details of the purchase of vases from Florence and paintings by Palazzo [?Gagliardi], mainly in Italian; 17 items
1828-1833
- MS 44,417 /1** Portrait and photograph vouchers, including portrait details of late

Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (husband of Ismay, daughter of Jenico, 14th Viscount) and portrait of the late Lt. Gen Conyers [?Fower]; 12 items
1898-1932

II.vi. Kitchen Items

II.vi.1. Inventories of Kitchen and Household Items

- MS 44,417 /2** Stock take of plates, china and silverware includes; details of crockery hire; list of plates taken to London house and list of crockery and silverware taken to Whitewood House (early eighteenth century home of the Preston family); 14 items
1800, 1879, 1902 and 1905
- MS 44,417 /3** Two notebooks concerning inventories of kitchen includes; list of china in Gormanston Castle, 1 Sep 1885, (16 pp) and list of plates in Gormanston Castle, 23 Sep 1891, (12 pp); 2 items
1885 and 1891
- MS 44,417 /4** Advertisements for household products and services, includes retailer flyers for labour saving devices such as the 'Miscel' electric bath for cleaning gold and silver. Also 'Carbonoid,' the great coal and peat economizer; 9 items
1907-1916
- MS 44,417 /5** Details of household items auction; includes one account of items auctioned by J.W. Abbot and one copy of a tender by A.G. Campbell & Sons; 2 items
Undated

II.vi.2. Homemade Recipes and Cures

- MS 44,417 /6** Recipes, mainly for alcoholic beverages including; to brew beer which lasts for six months; Nettle beer; white currant wine; Norfolk Punch and to preserve a green melon; 12 items
[2 items are torn and require conservation]
1744 and undated
- MS 44,417 /7** Cures for animal ailments including; piping blood in black cattle; for cold or coff [sic] in a horse; for tumor in a horse and for inflammation in the lungs of a horse; 4 items
c. 1750
- MS 44,417 /8** Recipes for household items includes account of how to banish ratts [sic] and how to make French polish and polish for tables; 4 items

1836

- MS 44,417 /9** Cures for human ailments including; a sore throat; vomiting; rheumatism and to maintain healthy teeth and gums. Also includes a remedy for deafness, by using strong tobacco; 5 items
1862

II.vii. Gardening

- MS 44,417 /10** Vouchers for gardening material and labour, includes one letter from Thomas Preston (son of Jenico, 12th Viscount), offering a position as gardener for Gormanston Castle; 4 items
1853 and 1914
- MS 44,417 /11** Gardening vouchers and correspondence from suppliers, includes details of trees, fruit plants, flowers and seeds bought for Gormanston Castle garden; 9 items
1902-1932

III. FAMILY RECORDS

The personal family records include letters, telegrams, invitations and a lock of hair; the items are arranged by document type, then sorted by person and ordered chronologically.

III.i. Personal Correspondence

This sub-section comprises the largest portion of the personal papers; the personal correspondence of the Preston family from 1765 until 1934. Letters have been arranged by person and within each of these categories, sorted chronologically.

III.i.1. Anthony Preston, 11th Viscount Gormanston (1736-1786)

- MS 44,418 /1** Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount from Thomas Dillon, John Mc Mullen and others concerning legal and financial matters; 6 items
1765-1771
- MS 44,418 /2** Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount from his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess (née Barnewall); 7 items
1767-1769

III.i.2. Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount Gormanston (1775-1860)

See also further correspondence between Jenico, 12th Viscount with his mother, Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson) and her second husband Lieut. General Christopher Jeaffreson; see **MS 44,432 /5-7**.

- MS 44,418 /3** Correspondence of Jenico, 12th Viscount and the Southwell family (relatives of his wife Margaret). Includes one letter from Jenico to Major Southwell and one unknown letter; 6 items
[one letter is damaged and requires conservation]
1814-1830
- MS 44,418 /4** Letters to Jenico, 12th Viscount from various relations including his sister Harriet Preston and cousin Sidney. M. Preston, relating to army hospital regulations and finances; 11 items
[one letter is in French]
1821-1840
- MS 44,418 /5-6** Correspondence of Jenico, 12th Viscount and his wife Margaret, 12th Viscountess (née Southwell) with their son Edward (later 13th Viscount). Includes details of Jenico and Margaret's travels in Geneva, Nice, Brussels, around Ireland and attending the Italian opera in Dublin; 37 items in 2 folders
1825-1857

MS 44,418 /7 Letters to Jenico, 12th Viscount from unknown sources, including a lock of hair; 5 items
[four letters are in French, three items are torn and require conservation]
Undated.

III.i.3. Edward Preston, 13th Viscount Gormanston (1796-1876)

MS 44,419 /1 Letters to Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) from John Mooney, Thomas Eastwood, C. Guido Palagi, Charlotte Bedingfel and others. Concerning personal matters including a request to be 'brides man' at the wedding of his friend Browne; 19 items
[three letters are in Italian]
1830-1855

MS 44,419 /2-8 Correspondence of Edward, 13th Viscount and his son Jenico William (later 14th Viscount). Includes letters from Jenico while he attended Prior Park College in Bath and later while he was stationed in various military camps including Curragh Camp and Richmond Barracks; 117 items in 7 folders
1850-1874

MS 44,419 /9 Letters to Edward, 13th Viscount and his wife Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham) from Edmund Jerningham (brother of Lucretia) concerning financial matters and their son Jenico's (later 14th Viscount) service in India. Includes one sheet of questions relating to the army service of William Jerningham (father of Lucretia); 16 items
1851-1859

MS 44,419 /10-11 Letters to Edward, 13th Viscount and Malachi [?solicitor of Edward] from his brother Thomas Preston concerning dispute over their father's will; 22 items in 2 folders
1862, 1863, 1865 and 1866

MS 44,419 /12 Letters to Edward, 13th Viscount and his wife Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham), from relations including his cousin E.L. Preston concerning family issues; 5 items
1866, 1867, 1878 and undated

III.i.4. Jenico William Joseph Preston, 14th Viscount Gormanston (1837-1907)

Jenico William Joseph, 14th Viscount was a Lieutenant in the 60th Rifles and served in the Indian Mutiny of 1857. In 1861 he married Ismay Louisa, daughter of Patrick Bellew, 1st Baron Bellew and Anna Fermina de Mendoza. She died in 1875 and in 1878 Jenico married his second wife Georgina, daughter of Peter Connellan of Collmore, county Kilkenny. From 1885 he held a number of posts as governor. Firstly he was appointed Governor of the British Leeward Islands (British colony including Antigua, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, St Christopher, St Kitts and Montserrat) a post he held until 1887. Later he served as Governor of British Guiana from 1887 until 1893, and following that as Governor of Tasmania from 1893 until 1900. Due to the large amount of correspondence of the 14th Viscount the letters have been separated into general and family correspondence. There is one further group of correspondence with his first wife Ismay (née Bellew) and with his second wife Georgina (née Connellan), within each of these categories the letters have then been arranged chronologically.

III.i.4.a. General Correspondence

Includes letters from friends and army colleagues; one of Jenico, 14th Viscount's main correspondents was his friend Anthony Carlisle who served with him during the Indian Mutiny between 1857 and 1858. These letters comprise the largest portion of general correspondence. Jenico and Anthony corresponded for 47 years until the 14th Viscount's death in 1907. The letters mainly concern military events, politics and fishing; they have been placed first and letters from other sources follow in a chronological order.

MS 44,420 /1-6 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Anthony Carlisle as follows:

1860-1870: Concerning military activities and includes reference to Captain John Madden's dismissal from the magistracy and deputy lieutenancy of Monaghan, Leitrim and Fermanagh in 1869 for contravening the Party Processions Act (20 items)

1871-1876: Concerning Carlisle's posting as an officer at Colchester Barracks, Essex and plans for fishing trips during military leave. Includes reference to officer Phil Custer who will be made adjutant of the Yeomanry and the death of Lord Mayo [Richard Southwell Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo and Viceroy of India] in 1872 (43 items)

1885-1889: Concerning Jenico, 14th Viscount's parliamentary subordinates and his imminent and dreaded move to Demerara, a British colony included in British Guiana. Also concerning a maid who fell from a moving train (43 items)

1890-1894: Mainly concerning Jenico, 14th Viscount's position as Governor of British Guiana (54 items)

1896-1900: Concerning the Second Boer War (1899-1902) and details of fellow officers transferred to South Africa including Hutton and Smith. Comments relating to a 'German Jew Gang' causing problems in London and a congratulations to Jenico, 14th Viscount for 'arriving at the dignity of G.C.M.G.' The highest rank of a British order of knighthood, Grand Cross of St. Michael and St George (40 items)

1903-1907: Letters include a newspaper extract concerning the King's declaration, sworn by Edward VII on his accession to the throne in 1901. (The King was required to declare his disbelief in Transubstantiation and the Roman Catholic Church.) Carlisle refers to the declaration as 'a shameful indignity' (50 items); 250 items in 6 folders
1860-1907.

MS 44,421 /1 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from various sources concerning military, personal and social issues. Includes one letter from Arthur Plunkett [9th Earl of Fingall] inviting Jenico to attend a meeting to organise an address of condolence to Queen Victoria on the death of the Prince Consort, to be held in Navan 20 July 1862. Also includes one letter from Jenico, 14th Viscount as a child, to 'Mrs. C' in 1848; 33 items
1848-1869

MS 44,421 /2 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from army comrades including John Chadwick in Umballa military base in Punjab and a thank you letter from H. Williams in the 60th Rifles for a parting gift. Also includes a newspaper account of the court-martial upon ensign G. P. Gilbert of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Rifles and a signed account of duties carried out by Jenico, 14th Viscount of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Rifles in Richmond Barracks on 31 March 1857; 12 items
1860

MS 44,421 /3-4 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from Sir Edward Bellew, 2nd Baron Bellew of Barmeath, Sheriff of County Louth 1854 and Major in Louth Militia (brother of Ismay née Bellew, 14th Viscount's first wife); 119 items in 2 folders
1862-1877

MS 44,421 /5 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from various sources, while he served as governor of Tasmania; 25 items
1893-1900

III.i.4.b. Family Correspondence

MS 44,422 /1-3 Correspondence of Jenico, 14th Viscount with his mother Lucretia, 13th

Viscountess (née Jerningham) and father Edward, 13th Viscount, concerning local and family issues. Some letters relate to Ismay's (14th Viscount's first wife) deteriorating health and requests him to return home and care for her. Also includes letters during Jenico, 14th Viscount's time in Curragh Camp, Nass Barracks and Richmond Barracks concerning military postings and pay. Later letters from Rome concerning a visit to the Vatican and the Pope; final letters written during his time as Governor in Antigua, Leeward Islands, includes 3 letters from his second wife Georgina, 14th Viscountess (née Connellan) to her mother-in-law Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham); 133 items in 3 folders
1855-1890

MS 44,422 /4-5 Correspondence of Jenico, 14th Viscount and his brother Edward Preston regarding personal matters, including the illness of Anne Genevieve Preston, (née Grimshawe, wife of Edward) and congratulating Jenico, 14th Viscount on his 'very good and true speech . . . at the opening at the Magdalene Asylum' in 1896; letter warning Jenico, 14th Viscount to be careful regarding the purchase of his Lieutancy in 1856 and relating to the 60th Rifles Battalion in 1858. Letters from Jenico, 14th Viscount are written mainly during his time as Governor in Tasmania; 46 items in 2 folders
1856-1899

MS 44,422 /6 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from his three sisters, Margaret Eyre, Lucretia Farrell and Charlotte Donaldson relating to family issues, including the death of their mother Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham), the illness of family members and the progress of children; 13 items
1856-1904

MS 44,423 /1 Letters to Edward Preston (brother of 14th Viscount) relating to personal finances, the death of his father Edward, 13th Viscount in 1876 and his mother Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham) in 1891. Also various matters relating to the local area and Gormanston Castle while Jenico, 14th Viscount served abroad as Governor. Including one dispute with Fr Patrick Murtagh relating to attendance by a local woman, Mrs. Arnold, at mass in the Gormanston chapel; 49 items
1874-1891

MS 44,423 /2 Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from his son Richard Preston during his time at North Camp, Aldershot, concerning military exams, family events and celebrations. Includes one letter written while at Royal Military Academy in 1903 which states that the King and Queen opened a new wing in their military hospital and Florence Nightingale

‘showed the Queen over the hospital;’ 16 items
1903-1907

- MS 44,423 /3** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from his daughter Ismay and her first husband Lord Ninian Edward Crichton-Stuart. Mainly concerning birthday wishes and issues relating to her father’s ill health; 12 items
1903-1907
- MS 44,423 /4** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount and his second wife Georgina, 14th Viscountess (née Connellan) from their son Jenico (later 15th Viscount) relating to his military exams and stations. Includes one letter from an English military base in Hanover, Germany in 1903; 7 items
1903-1907
- MS 44,423 /5** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from his son Hubert Preston. Earliest letters concern his schooling and failure of his exams in topography and entrance exam to Sandhurst. Hubert describes himself as a failure and a financial burden to his father. Later letters from Curragh Camp in Kildare plead for financial help; final letters from Estancia ‘La Setenta y Seis’ [Latin America ranch], where he worked as a rancher; 15 items
c. 1904-1907
- MS 44,423 /6** A comic description of the wedding of Ismay Preston (daughter of 14th Viscount) and her first husband Lord Ninian Edward Crichton-Stuart in 1906, written in the form of a letter entitled ‘Our Irish Letter’; 4 pages, 2 copies
1906

III.i.4.c Correspondence of Ismay, (née Bellew) and Georgina, (née Connellan)

- MS 44,424 /1-4** Correspondence of Jenico, 14th Viscount with his first wife Ismay (née Bellew). Includes a number of letters from an institution in Falmouth in 1873, where Ismay was hospitalised for a sickness of the mind. In the letters she pleads for her husband to ‘have a little humanity’ and take her home. Includes one letter regarding a dispute with her brother [Edward, 2nd Baron Bellew] over her marriage settlement money also in 1873; 152 items in 4 folders
1860-1875
- MS 44,424 /5-8** Correspondence of Jenico, 14th Viscount with his second wife Georgina 14th Viscountess (née Connellan). Includes 38 letters from Georgina to Jenico, 14th Viscount in 1907, the year of his death, mainly sent from the home of their daughter Ismay and her first husband Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, around the time of the birth of their first son

Ninian Patrick Crichton-Stuart who died 2 years later; 166 items in 4 folders
1879-1907

MS 44,424 /9 Letters to Georgina, 14th Viscountess (née Connellan) from various parties including her son Richard Preston, her nephew [?Clementine], Camilla Fox and one telegram regarding the arrival of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (husband of her daughter Ismay); 6 items
1903-1906 and undated.

III.i.5. Jenico Edward Joseph Preston, 15th Viscount Gormanston (1879-1925)

In 1911 Jenico Edward Joseph, 15th Viscount married Eileen, daughter of Lt. Gen Sir William Butler and the esteemed military painter Elizabeth Butler, commonly known as Lady Butler. Due to the large amount of correspondence of the 15th Viscount the letters have been separated into three groups; general, family and correspondence with his wife Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler). There is one further group of correspondence of Eileen, 15th Viscountess.

III.i.5.a. General Correspondence

MS 44,425 /1-6 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from various correspondents including Alex Rawlinson's agreement to be best man for Jenico in 1911; Anthony Carlisle concerning the Home Rule question, 11 Aug 1911; the organisers of the Latin-British Exhibition concerning the organisation of Anglo-American exhibition in 1914 to celebrate 100 years peace between Great Britain and the United States, 27 Jan 1913; various letters from church men including Joseph Masterson P.P. county Meath. Also includes letters and news clippings relating to the death of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (husband of Ismay, née Preston) killed in action in 1915; 133 items in 6 folders
1904-1917

MS 44,425 /7 Telegrams to Jenico, 15th Viscount and his wife Elizabeth 15th Viscountess (née Butler), mainly best wishes from friends on the birth of their first daughter Eileen in 1912 and the birth of their first son Jenico (later 16th Viscount). Includes one telegram from Dublin confirming Jenico, 15th Viscount's appointment as R.T.O [Railway Transport Officer] in 1915; 58 items
1912-1915

MS 44,425 /8 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Rev Richard Butler (brother of Eileen Butler, later 15th Viscountess) agreeing to officiate at Jenico and Eileen's wedding. Includes one letter on 2 July 1916 while Rev Butler was chaplain of 38th Infantry Brigade, he describes the Easter Rising in Dublin as 'organised hooliganism' and notes that Hubert Preston

(brother of 15th Viscount) was in ‘the thick of the fray and was lucky to have escaped.’ One draft letter from Jenico seeking funds for a worthwhile cause, contains names of people who have contributed, including Butler; 3 items
c. 1916

MS 44,425 /9 Envelopes various, some inscribed with notes; 22 items
c. 1917

III.i.5.b. Family Correspondence

MS 44,426 /1-3 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from his mother Georgina, 14th Viscountess (née Connellan). Many letters refer to the current political climate in Ireland and England, including details of the Easter Rising 1916, suffragette militant activities in London and Home Rule Bills brought to the House of Lords. Also includes several letters which relate to a dispute in 1915 with [John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, 1st] Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, concerning his adoption of the title Marquis of Tara (a title originally held by the Preston family); 134 items in 3 folders
1895-1917

MS 44,426 /4 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from his brother Richard Preston and his wife Belle (née Hamblin) concerning family issues and one letter which refers to the Ulster Unionists; 13 items
1912-1918

MS 44,426 /5 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from his brother Hubert Preston concerning family news, includes one letter to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler); 9 items
1912 and 1915-1917

MS 44,426 /6 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from various relations including Genevieve (wife of his uncle Edward Preston) Mary Angelo and J. Butler, mainly concerning family celebrations; 25 items
1916

MS 44,426 /7-8 Correspondence of Jenico, 15th Viscount and his sister Ismay Crichton-Stuart, concerning family issues and the death of her child Ninian Patrick Crichton-Stuart. Includes news clippings from 1912 concerning religious politics in Northern Ireland and the case against Home Rule including, ‘In Belfast. Women Forced to Cease Work,’ *Daily Herald*; ‘Dublin Unionist Protest Against Home Rule,’ *Freeman* No. 4; ‘Tory Pledges at Belfast,’ *Daily News*; ‘Brutality at Belfast,’ *Daily News and Leader*.; Also includes one letter from Jenico, 15th Viscount to Ismay, 8 May 1916, which describes Hubert Preston

(brother of 15th Viscount) and his men 'hard at work plugging the rebels' during the Easter Rising; 38 items in 2 folders
1916-1918

III.i.5.c. Correspondence with Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler)

Eileen (née Butler) married Jenico, 15th Viscount in 1911 and she married her second husband, John Black Atkins, in 1934. This sub-section includes correspondence up until her second marriage.

MS 44,427 / 1-10 Correspondence of Jenico, 15th Viscount and his wife Eileen 15th Viscountess (née Butler). This correspondence begins before their marriage in 1911 and continues until 1920, the contents concern mainly personal and family matters. Includes 4 letters, May 1916, which describe the events of the Easter Rising. Jenico, 15th Viscount states that three of the ringleaders, Padraig Pearce, Thomas McDonagh and Tom Clarke have been shot and others will be given three years penal servitude and further notes that Countess Markievicz will probably be let go, 'though she deserves shooting; she fired the shot that killed the policeman near Shelbourne. When she was taken near the Castle and disarmed I am told she kissed her revolver before handing it over – A dangerous and clever woman. If only her energies had been directed in a good cause.' Jenico further states that 700 prisoners have been sent to England and general conscription from the ages 18-41 is to be brought in England but regrettably not in Ireland; 215 items in 10 folders
1911-1920

III.i.5.d Correspondence to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler)

MS 44,428 /1-2 Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) from various sources including an invitation from the International Catholic Girls Protection Society on 26 Jan 1914, for Eileen to become a member of their general committee. Also includes letter relating to Eileen, 15th Viscountess' ill health after the birth of her daughter Eileen Preston in 1912, also one letter from a Harley Street doctor relating to insomnia, 17 Dec 1913; 41 items in 2 folders
1909-1936

MS 44,428 /3-5 Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) from her brother Colonel Patrick Butler DSO while he was on active duty during World War I with the 7th Division. Letters are from Lyndhurst, Flanders and various postings in France; 60 items in 3 folders
1912-1919

MS 44,428 /6 Letters to Eileen 15th Viscountess (née Butler) from her brother Rev

Richard Butler OSB, mainly while he served abroad during World War I as chaplain to the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards. Includes reference that the Irish have forgotten the men abroad fighting and are more concerned with their own political situation in Ireland; 24 items
1915-1918, 1925 and 1930

- MS 44,429 /1** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) on various topics. Includes dance programme and poem; 7 items
1920, 1930 and 1932
- MS 44,429 /2-4** Letters of condolence to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) after the death of Jenico, 15th Viscount in Nov 1925, from family, friends, religious institutions and organisations, including St Patrick's Guild, Dublin and the Irish Girls' Insurance Society of which Eileen was president; 112 items in 3 folders
[Includes 1 imitation flower]
Nov 1925
- MS 44,429 /5** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) relating to matters after Jenico, 15th Viscount's death. Includes one letter from the Quartermaster General's Department, Island Bridge Barracks, 24 Dec 1925, concerning the location of Jenico, 15th Viscount's swords and bayonets. Also one letter from Richard Preston (brother of Jenico) relating to properties abroad, 23 Jan 1927; 2 items
1925 and 1926

III.ii. Education

III.ii.1. School Reports and Fees

- MS 44,430 /1** School reports from St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Hertfordshire, to Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning his sons Edward (later 13th Viscount), Robert, Jenico and Charles Preston. Includes details of the boys' educational progress, fees and school rules. Includes various references to Jenico Preston's unmanageable behaviour and possible expulsion from school; 8 items
1814-1818
- MS 44,430 /2** School reports from Ladycross, Bournemouth, to Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning his sons Richard and Hubert Preston. Includes details of prizes won by both sons; examination grades and costs of personal expenditure. Also one school report concerning Jenico (later 15th Viscount) from St. Peter's College, Prior Park, 1891; 21 items
1891 and 1898-1900
- MS 44,430 /3** Reports from Oratory School, Chelsea to Jenico, 14th Viscount

concerning his sons Richard and Hubert Preston. Includes examination grades, fees and costs of personal expenditure; 17 items 1900-1903

- MS 44,430 /4** Reports from St. Gerard's School, Old Connaught, Thornhill, Bray, county Wicklow, to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning his sons Jenico (later 16th Viscount), Robert and Stephen Preston; 33 items 1925-1927 and 1931-1933.
- MS 44,430 /5** School and educational reports concerning Eileen Preston (daughter of Jenico, 15th Viscount.) Including a term report from Convent F.C.J. Poles, Ware; exam results from the Royal Academy of Music; Oxford School certificate exam timetable and one letter sent to her mother Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) two days after the death of her father Jenico, 15th Viscount; 7 items 1925, 1929 and 1930
- MS 44,430 /6-8** Reports from Downside School, Stratton-on-the Fosse, Bath to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) concerning her three sons Jenico 16th Viscount, Robert and Stephen Preston. Includes examination results, fees, and correspondence from school principal, acceptance letters and details of army class. Also includes full list of candidates who received school certificates in Downside in 1930 and detailed uniform requirements; 28 items in 3 folders 1927-1936

III.ii.2. School Work and Correspondence

- MS 44,431 /1** School work books of Jenico Preston (later 15th Viscount) for various subjects including geology and Italian; 8 items c. 1891
- MS 44,431 /2** School essays and notes various [by Richard and Hubert Preston, sons of Jenico, 14th Viscount]; 4 items c. 1900
- MS 44,431 /3** Letters to Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler), from her three sons Jenico, 16th Viscount, Richard and Stephen Preston, while attending school in St. Gerard's, Bray and Downside, Bath. Includes one letter from Stephen to his grandmother, Lady Butler 'Cissy' in 1925; 19 items 1925 and 1930-1932

III.ii.3. Military College, Third Level and Further Education

- MS 44,431 /4** Official correspondence, progress reports and bills from Royal Military

Academy, Woolwich relating to gentleman cadet Richard Preston (brother of Jenico, 16th Viscount.) Also includes official correspondence from Army Department, Wimbledon College relating to Hubert Preston (brother of Jenico, 16th Viscount); 14 items
1901-1904

MS 44,431 /5 Articles written by Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) for possible publication. Includes 'Civility in the XVII Century,' a humorous account of etiquette from the seventeenth century to the modern day. Also 'Tongues in Trees,' a short story. Includes one letter from The Northern Newspaper Syndicate asking Eileen to submit an article relating to travel or 'The Advantages of Golf for Women and Girls'; 3 items
1914 and undated

MS 44,431 /6 Work sheet completed by Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) for The Pelman Institute, for the scientific development of mind and memory. Includes personal answers relating to her development through a Psychotherapy course with examiners comments and advice; 1 item
1918

MS 44,431 /7 Course work and examination questions from The Regent Institute, Regent House, Palace Gate, London, concerning a professional writing course attended by Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler). Includes Eileen's completed examination and tutors comments; 8 items
1929-1930

III.iii. Personal Legal Cases

III.iii.1. Kidnap of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount

Anthony, 11th Viscount married Harriot, née Robinson and had one son, Jenico (later 12th Viscount), in 1775. Anthony and Harriot legally separated in 1781 and Harriot returned to live in England. Anthony, 11th Viscount maintained custody of their son Jenico (later 12th Viscount) and he willed guardianship of Jenico to his brother John Preston (uncle of Jenico). Anthony, 11th Viscount died in England in 1786. Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson) arranged to kidnap her son and take him to England to raise him as a Protestant. The Preston family arranged for Jenico to be taken to Liège in Belgium for his protection and to ensure he remained Catholic. This section contains legal documents and correspondence relating to the separation of Anthony, 11th Viscount and Harriot; the subsequent fight for the custody of Jenico, 12th Viscount and the relationship between him and his mother Harriot, 11th Viscountess. Harriot married for the second time to Christopher Jeaffreson and lived in Dullingham House, Cambridge until her death in 1826.

MS 44,432 /1 Articles of separation of Anthony, 11th Viscount and Harriot, 11th

Viscountess (née Robinson). ‘Whereas some unhappy differences have arisen between the said Anthony Preston, Viscount Gormanston and the said Harriot Preston, Lady Viscountess Gormanston his wife as well concerning the care and education of Jenico Preston their only child as otherwise and therefore they have mutually consented and agreed to live separate and apart from each other and not longer to cohabit together.’ Article agrees a yearly sum of £325 as in Irish currency, to be paid to Harriot; to keep all her possessions and gifts given to her by Anthony, 11th Viscount; to keep a separate house and not to remove their son Jenico from Anthony, 11th Viscount’s custody. Signed by Anthony, 11th Viscount and Harriot, witnessed by John Robinson (father of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) and William Cavendish, [3rd] Duke of Portland; 1 large membrane
14 Feb 1781

- MS 44,432 /2** Letters to Anthony, 11th Viscount from his estranged wife Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson). Includes details of their marriage breakdown and enquiries about her son Jenico (later 12th Viscount); 10 items
[One letter is torn and requires conservation]
1781-1786
- MS 44,432 /3** Legal petition of John Preston (brother of Anthony, 11th Viscount) and Thomasine Preston (mother of Anthony, 11th Viscount) to gain full custody of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount; 1 item
c. 1786
- MS 44,432 /4-6** Correspondence of Jenico, 12th Viscount with his mother Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson). Includes one letter from Jenico, 12th Viscount to his mother. Also three letters from Lieut General Christopher Jeaffreson (second husband of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) concerning the payment of a jointure to Harriot from Jenico, 12th Viscount; 22 items in 3 folders
[Jenico, 12th Viscount’s main correspondence is listed earlier at **MS 44,418 /3-7**]
1790-1791, 1811-1812 and 1821-1823
- MS 44,432 /7** Vouchers of payments made to Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson) on account of the jointure due to her; 27 items
1802-1822
- MS 44,432 /8** ‘A Short but Interesting History,’ an account of the case of Jenico, 12th Viscount after the death of his father, Anthony, 11th Viscount. The account was written by John Preston, brother of Anthony and guardian of Jenico and describes Harriot, 11th Viscountess (née Robinson) as a bad mother and wife, having ‘no affection’ for either her child or her

husband. After the death of Anthony, 11th Viscount it was claimed that Harriot wanted to raise her son in England as a protestant; 2 items [One item partly written in Latin]
March 1826

III.iii.2. Dispute Concerning Will of John Robinson

John Robinson (father of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) of Denston Hall Suffolk, died in 1819, leaving his estate to his only living son William Robinson who was without issue. William Robinson devised his estate to Christopher, the son of his cousin, Harriet Piggott (née Jeaffreson). After William's death Christopher assumed the name Robinson and inherited Denston Hall. Jenico, 12th Viscount contested the will and became embroiled in a legal dispute regarding the Robinson estate.

MS 44,433 /1 Will and codicils of John Robinson (father of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) and William Robinson (brother of Harriot, 11th Viscountess), includes copy opinion of Francis Cruise (solicitor of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount); 5 items
1769, 1822 and 1823

MS 44,433 /2 Correspondence with Francis Cruise (solicitor of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount) and Henry Thomas solicitor in London, relating to the estate of deceased, General John Robinson (father of Harriot, 11th Viscountess). Includes copy act detailing the distribution of the estate after the death of current owner William Robinson (brother of Harriot, 11th Viscountess); 2 items
1823

MS 44,433 /3 Bill of complaint by Jenico, 12th Viscount with Edward Clive, 2nd Earl of Powis and others, includes letters sent to Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning the will of William Robinson (brother of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) and a copy answer of the complaint; 7 items
1841 and 1842

MS 44,433 /4 An Act to enable the trustees of the will of William Robinson (brother of Harriot, 11th Viscountess) to raise money by way of mortgage of his real estates, sent to Jenico, 12th Viscount for his perusal; 12 pp
Undated

III.iii.3. Legal Dispute after Death of Jenico, 12th Viscount

MS 44,433 /5 Legal dispute concerning the final will of Jenico, 12th Viscount, after his death in 1860. Dispute between the 12th Viscount's two sons, Edward, 13th Viscount and Thomas Preston. Includes miscellaneous costs from George Murray McGusty solicitor, 20 Mountjoy Square East. Copy opinion of Sir Hugh Cairns & Charles W. Bardswell and

Chancery Costs; 3 items
[See also letters from Thomas Preston to Edward, 13th Viscount in personal correspondence, regarding dispute **MS 44,408 /12**] 1861 and 1862

MS 44,433 /6 Copy opinion of Robert Berkeley, solicitor, on whether the annuities bequeathed to Matilda Corbally (née Preston) and Thomas Preston from their father's will (Jenico, 12th Viscount) are still payable to them. Also includes one letter to Edward, 13th Viscount detailing the opinion of Edward Sullivan, solicitor; 2 items
1861

III.iii.4. Miscellaneous Personal Legal Documents

MS 44,433 /7 Legal documents and correspondence concerning dispute between Robert Barnewall, 10th Lord Trimlestown (maternal grandfather of Anthony, 11th Viscount) and his son Thomas Barnewall, (uncle of Anthony, 11th Viscount). Dispute regarding the final will of Matthew Barnewall (son of Robert Barnewall). Includes one letter from Anthony, 11th Viscount to [John FitzGibbon, 1st] Earl of Clare (executor of Matthew Barnewall's will); legal documents and final papers of Matthew Barnewall; 3 items
1769 and 1774

MS 44,434 /1 Legal fees for a case of prosecution taken against Anthony, 11th Viscount by W. Fisher. Costs include an annual payment to W. Fisher to be paid by Anthony, 11th Viscount, for the period of her life. No details of case included; 1 item
1771

MS 44,434 /2 Draft deed by Jenico, 12th Viscount appointing guardians of his son Edward (later 13th Viscount). Upon the Viscount's death guardianship to be awarded to his wife Margaret, 12th Viscountess (née Southwell); Thomas, 3rd Viscount Southwell (brother of Margaret); John Preston (uncle of Jenico, 12th Viscount); Arthur Plunkett, 8th Earl of Fingall and Valentine Browne, 1st Earl of Kenmare; 1 item
1799

MS 44,434 /3 Copy of case on behalf of minor Mary Butler, daughter of Mrs. Ismay White. A judgment against Jenico, 12th Viscount was owed to Mrs. White and after her death transferred to Mary Butler. Also includes one copy of bond and letter concerning same; 3 items
[See also wills of Ismay and Catherine White **MS 44,438 /1-2**] 1819

MS 44,434 /4 Newspaper clipping containing full details of the court case of Jenico,

16th Viscount. On 28 August, while driving his car home from Baldoyle races, Jenico, 16th Viscount hit a motorcycle carrying two men. Jenico continued driving until he was stopped by Colonel Hogan and asked to return to the scene of the accident. The two men lay bleeding on the road near Kilbarrack cemetery and later died. The 16th Viscount appeared in Howth court on a charge of causing the deaths of Edward Wiggins (23) and Patrick Mooney (16). Further charges of dangerous driving and failing to stop were adjourned; 1 item
c. 1938

MS 44,434 /5 Copy article of agreement between Anthony, 11th Viscount and his mother Thomasine, 10th Viscountess (née Barnewall), concerning a dispute over the dower rents due to Thomasine from her son; 5 pp
Undated

III.iv. Birth, Marriage and Testamentary Material

III.iv.1. Papers Relating to Birth and Marriage Settlements

MS 44,435 /1 Marriage settlement of Jenico, 7th Viscount and Margaret Molyneux; portion £3,000; jointure £500 to be raised from lands in the baronies of Balrothery, county Dublin and Duleek, county Meath; 1 membrane
28 Nov 1683

MS 44,435 /2 Marriage articles of Robert Barnewall, 10th Lord Trimlestown and Margaret Dongan, sister of William Dongan, [1st Earl of Limerick]. Portion £1,100; jointure either lands in county Meath or lands in county Dublin to be made up to £200 yearly, unless Trimlestown is restored to the 2,000 acres 'to which by the Act of explanation he is restorable after previous reprisals.' Provides for conveyance during payment of the portion by Dongan to Barnewall of houses in Fishamble Street, Dublin and lands in county Kildare; 1 pp
20 Jul 1668

MS 44,435 /3-4 Two copies of a post-nuptial settlement of Anthony, 9th Viscount and Mary Preston; portion £3,000; jointure £400 and lands in the baronies of Duleek, county Meath and Balrothery, county Dublin are conveyed in trust to 11th Lord Trimlestown [John Barnewall] and Edward Hussey; 2 membranes in 2 folders
13 Feb 1702

MS 44,435 /5 Copy marriage settlement of John Barnewall, 11th Lord Trimlestown and Mary Barnewall (daughter of Thomasine Barnewall). Jointure £115 to be raised out of lands in the barony of Warrenstown, kings county; 1 membrane
28 April 1703

- MS 44,435 /6** Marriage articles of Stephen Dowdall of Gallstown, county Meath and Frances Preston (sister of Anthony, 9th Viscount). Portion £600, jointure £80; 1 membrane
26 Oct 1714
- MS 44,435 /7** Articles of agreement between Jenico, 10th Viscount and John Barnewall [11th Lord Trimlestown], concerning the impending marriage of Jenico, 10th Viscount and Thomasine Barnewall (daughter of John Barnewall); 2 items
9 Feb 1729
- MS 44,435 /8-10** Two copies of the marriage settlement of Anthony, 11th Viscount and Harriot Robinson (commonly referred to as Harriot), a minor aged 19 years. Portion £10,000; jointure £900 (to be raised to £1,200 after the death of Thomasine, Dowager 10th Viscountess) recites lands [not all named] in the barony of Morgallion, county Meath giving names of tenants and rents payable (2 membranes). Also includes two draft copies of settlement (11pp); 4 items in 3 folders
21 Oct 1774
- MS 44,436 /1** Marriage articles of Jenico, 12th Viscount and Margaret Southwell (both minors). Portion £5,000; jointure £600 (£800 after the death of Harriot, Dowager 11th Viscountess); 1 membrane
23 Dec 1794
- MS 44,436 /2** Marriage and related documents concerning Edward, 13th Viscount and Lucretia Jerningham, including copy of marriage settlement costs and marriage certificate; 2 items
1836
- MS 44,436 /3** Legal costs of preparing the marriage settlement of Thomas Preston (son of Edward, 13th Viscount) and Margaret Hamilton; 8pp
8 Jan 1843
- MS 44,436 /4** Legal costs of preparing the marriage settlement of Jenico, (later 14th Viscount) and Ismay Bellew (first wife of 14th Viscount); 1 item
1861
- MS 44,436 /5** Baptism certificate of Jenico (later 15th Viscount), 18 July 1879 and birth certificate of Eileen Preston (daughter of 15th Viscount), 8 July 1913; 2 items
1879 and 1913
- MS 44,436 /6** Letter and documents relating to the marriage settlement of James and Constance Corballis, sent to Jenico, 14th Viscount as trustee of settlement. Including two duplicate notices of marriage settlement and

one letter from solicitor Fladgate & Co; 3 items
[See **MS 44,371 /2** for letters concerning the Corballis Settlement
Trust]
1896

- MS 44,436 /7** Notice of assignment of Jenico, 14th Viscount as trustee to the marriage settlement of Captain Everard Stourton and Fernina Bellew (sister of Ismay née Bellew, wife of Jenico). Two copies dated 25 Feb and 28 Feb 1903; also includes one letter concerning Edward Stourton's association with the Baroness Rebert von Melzsch trust (1912); 3 items [See **MS 44,371 /7** for letters concerning this settlement] 1903 and 1912
- MS 44,436 /8** Extract from a marriage settlement concerning unknown, Miss Walsh; 1 item
[in French]
Undated

III.iv.2. Wills

- MS 44,437 /1** Will of Nicholas, 6th Viscount written two days before he died, confirms the will he declared five years past; proved 30 May 1645 by the executors in the court of Father Thomas Fleming, Archbishop of Dublin; 1 item
27 July 1643
- MS 44,437 /2** Certified copy of the will of Thomas Delan of Stamullen, county Meath; 1 item
2 Aug 1679
- MS 44,437 /3** Copy will of Jenico, 7th Viscount 'being now ordered in the expedition against the rebellion in the north doe make and publish and declare my last will and testament'; his wife Margaret (née Molyneux) was appointed as sole executor; 1 item
1 April 1689
- MS 44,437 /4** Will of Margaret, Dowager 7th Viscountess; Anthony, 9th Viscount (nephew of Margaret) appointed as sole executor; 1 item
1711
- MS 44,437 /5** Will of Anthony, 9th Viscount written three days before he died. Will taken by [Thomas St. Lawrence, 13th] Baron Howth who was appointed sole executor of the will and sole guardian to Anthony's son Jenico (later 10th Viscount). Includes one handwritten page and one completed membrane; 2 items
22 Sep 1716

- MS 44,437 /6** Will of Thomas Curtis of Gormanston, county Meath; 1 membrane
8 Oct 1724
- MS 44,437 /7** Will of Margaret Comorford of Gormanston, county Meath; one beneficiary of the will was Thomasine, Dowager 10th Viscountess, who received £40 'as a token of the great and many obligations I owe her and her family'; 1 membrane
6 Dec 1757
- MS 44,437 /8** Attested copy of will of Anthony, 11th Viscount and probate of will. Directs burial with his ancestors at Stamullen in county Meath and appoints his brother John Preston as sole executor; 2 items
7 Dec 1786
- MS 44,437 /9** Will of Thomasine, 10th Viscountess (née Barnewall), signed by her at Liège in Belgium. Directs her burial to be in the parish churchyard at Liège instead of Stamullen in county Meath. Administration granted in 1788 to her son John Preston, the sole executor Jenico Preston having been removed; 1 membrane
[Partly written in Latin]
8 Oct 1787
- MS 44,437 /10** Will of Rev Jenico Preston (son of Jenico, 10th Viscount), formerly of Abergavenny, Wales and late of Schoonbecke near Liège in Belgium. Proved in 1810 by his brother and sole executor James Preston (1 membrane). Includes one bond by Nicholas Barnewall (14th Lord Trimlestown) to Jenico Preston (son of Jenico, 10th Viscount) for £1,440, 16s, 4d, (1 Feb 1799) with search attached; 4 items
1799-1810
- MS 44,438 /1** Copy will of Ismay White, 11 April 1809 (1 item) also extract from attested copy will of Ismay White, 12 Oct 1818 (1 membrane); 2 items
[See **MS 44,434 /5** for the legal case on behalf of minor Mary Butler] 1809 and 1818
- MS 44,438 /2** Copy will of Catherine White, 2 March 1813 (1 item) also extract from attested copy will of Catherine White, 8 Oct 1818 (1 membrane); 2 items
[See **MS 44,438 /1** for the legal case on behalf of minor Mary Butler] 1813 and 1818
- MS 44,438 /3** Draft will of Ismay, née Bellew (first wife of Jenico, 14th Viscount); 1 item
1860
- MS 44,438 /4** Short abstract of last will and codicils of Jenico, 12th Viscount, 20 Nov

- 1834 and updates in 1836, 1844 and 1854 (1 item). Also legal costs of releasing legacies under the will of Jenico, 12th Viscount dated 1860 for his son Thomas Preston, 1866 (1 item); 2 items c. 1860 and 1866
- MS 44,438 /5** Copy case and opinion on behalf of Matthew Corbally husband of Matilda, née Preston (daughter of Jenico, 12th Viscount). Concerning the payments of marriage settlement and codicils of Jenico, 12th Viscount's will; 7 pp
1861
- MS 44,438 /6** Copy will of Edward Preston, 13th Viscount, first made in 1861. Includes codicils dated 1863, 1867 and 1870 increasing the amount left to his son Edward Preston. Includes one further codicil, which revokes and annuls all money left to his daughter Charlotte after her marriage to Richard Donaldson. Also draft changes to will handwritten by Edward, 13th Viscount 27 Oct 1870; 5 items
1861, 1863, 1867 and 1879
- MS 44,438 /7** Pecuniary Legacies bequeathed by will of Richard Montesquieu Bellew (uncle of Ismay, née Bellew, first wife of Jenico, 14th Viscount); 1 item
c. 1880
- MS 44,438 /8** Draft will and final accounts of Lucretia, 13th Viscountess (née Jerningham) and death certificate of Robert Preston (brother of Edward, 13th Viscount); 2 items
1884 and 1891
- MS 44,438 /9** Copy will of Margaret Eyre, née Preston (daughter of Edward, 13th Viscount); includes probate duty and interest details of her estate, 1902; 2 items
1884 and 1902
- MS 44,438 /10** Draft will of Jenico, 15th Viscount; 1 item
23 Aug 1908
- MS 44,438 /11** Copy will of Georgina 14th Viscountess (née Connellan) and letter sent to Eileen 15th Viscountess (née Butler) regarding the inheritance of her son Jenico (later 16th Viscount); 2 items
1926 and 1932

III.v. Family History

III.v.1. Gormanston Title of Honor

The outbreak of the Civil War of 1641 witnessed a split between Catholic and Protestant landowners in Ireland. Nicholas, 6th Viscount was commander of the Catholic forces and died during the war in 1643. His son Jenico, 7th Viscount, who also fought in the war, succeeded Nicholas. The Cromwellians defeated the Royalist and Confederate forces and Jenico's lands were confiscated; he went into exile with Charles II. Jenico returned to Ireland following the restoration of King Charles II and later his estates were returned to him. In 1690, Jenico declared allegiance to the Stuart King James II and fought at the Battle of the Boyne and in defense of the city of Limerick. He died in Limerick in 1691; after his death he was indicted for high treason and his titles and lands were declared forfeit.

- MSL 128** Land grant to Nicholas Preston, 6th Viscount, includes one large seal in very good condition; 1 item
22 December 1632
- MS 44,439 /1** Re-assignment of land forfeited by Nicholas, 6th Viscount due to the 'horrid rebellion in the Kingdom of Ireland,' 23 Oct 1641. Grant over of estate of the manor of Castletown, Athboy and Nobber upon the death of Jenico, 7th Viscount, who is without a male heir. Also includes the case of Anthony, 9th Viscount, concerning a land dispute related to the seizure of land and interest payments; 2 items
1667 and 1714
- MS 44,439 /2** Petition of Anthony, 11th Viscount to King George III on 15 Feb 1785, to have the order of outlaw of his title reversed, includes 2 copies of a letter from Attorney General John Fitzgibbon to Anthony, 11th Viscount rejecting his petition; 3 items
1785
- MS 44,439 /3** Official document sent to Jenico, 12th Viscount restoring the title of Viscount Gormanston to the Preston family, includes full pedigree of the family; also one letter from [Robert Stewart, 1st Earl of Londonderry] Viscount Castlereagh, the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, confirming restoration of title of honor; 2 items
1800

III.v.2. Peerage and Pedigree

- MS 44,439 /4** Coat of Arms book made for Jenico, 10th Viscount, includes family tree and individual coat of arms for family members; 16 pp
[In Latin]

c. 1740

- MS 44,439 /5** Poems dedicated to the Preston family; includes 'a poem humbly presented to the most hopeful branch of honor, the Lord of Gorman's Town,' 7 pp; one letter to Jenico, 12th Viscount signed by the pseudonym Veritas. Includes a handwritten copy of, 'the muse presenting a new year gift to merit address'd to the Rt. Hon. Lord Visct. Gormanston,' previously published in *Saunders's* 20 July 1799 and one copy of an ode, 'on the birth of a son and heir to the noble house of Gormanston; 5 items
1799 and Undated
- MS 44,439 /6** Letters from journalists to Jenico, 15th Viscount regarding Preston family peerage; 5 items
1911-1913
- MS 44,439 /7** Letters and information sent from various publishers of peerage and pedigree books to Jenico, 15th Viscount. Includes correspondence from *Walford's County Families*, *Debrett's Peerage*, *The Titled Nobility of Europe* and *Dodd's Peerage* concerning inclusion of the Preston family; 9 items
c. 1912-1913

III.vi. Travel

III.vi.1. Ireland and England

- MS 44,440 /1** Vouchers from the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company; 40 items
1859
- MS 44,440 /2** Hotel vouchers and booking details within England; 17 items
1899, 1906 and 1912
- MS 44,440 /3** Travel vouchers including rail, carriage and steamboat; 9 items
1901-1937 and undated
- MS 44,440 /4** Hotel vouchers and booking details within Ireland; 13 items
1901-1916

III.vi.2. Foreign Travel

- MS 44,440 /
5-12** Vouchers, booking confirmations and invoices from foreign hotels. Mainly from Italy, France and Malta; 118 items in 8 folders
1820-1850 and 1900
- MS 44,440 /13** Cash book detailing expenses incurred by Jenico, 12th Viscount during

a tour of Italy and France; 1 item
1827

- MS 44,440 /14** Passports stamped with various destinations mainly throughout France and Italy. No holders name included, but presumably of Jenico, 12th Viscount and his wife Margaret, 12th Viscountess (née Southwell); 2 items
[See also correspondence of Jenico, 12th Viscount and his wife Margaret, 12th Viscountess (née Southwell) with their son Edward (later 13th Viscount) concerning travel, **MS 44,418 /5-6**]
[Items are torn and require conservation]
c. 1827

III.vii. Sports and Leisure

III.vii.1. Association and Club Memberships

- MS 44,441 /1** Newspaper and book subscription details of Edward, 13th Viscount, Jenico, 14th Viscount and Jenico, 15th Viscount. Subscriptions include The Times Book Club, Drogheda Argus and Eason & Sons Ltd; 8 items
1875-1919
- MS 44,441 /2** Societies and associations membership details and subscriptions including; the Dublin Society, Catholic Soldiers' Association, Irish Boy Scouts Council and the Classical Society of Ireland; 13 items
1898-1916
- MS 44,441 /3** Subscription notices and correspondence from various clubs sent to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning membership of the Kildare Street Club, Halsbury Club and Meath Cricket Club; 13 items
1902-1916
- MS 44,441 /4** Invitations to Jenico, 15th Viscount including an invitation to dinner at the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor, J.M. Gallagher and an invitation to meet Sir Henniker Heaton at the Guildhall in London; 4 items
1912 and 1916

III.vii.2. Hunting and Fishing

- MS 44,441 /5** Rules of the Spiddal Coursing Club 'adopted at a meeting of the members held at the White Horse Hotel, Drogheda,' on 31 Aug 1844. Also includes one certificate for killing game, 25 March 1828; 2 items
1828 and 1844

- MS 44,441 /6** Vouchers for hunting equipment and fishing tackle; 37 items
1829-1918
- MS 44,441 /7** Vouchers for purchase and sale of hunting horses; 8 items
1830s and 1902-1916
- MS 44,441 /8** Horse, hound and fishing licenses and details of meetings. Includes pedigree for an Irish Wolf Hound and betting slips; 18 items
1906-1917
- MS 44,441 /9** Petition to E.F. Preston [possibly Edward, brother of Jenico, 14th Viscount] on behalf of the Gormanston Harriers ‘that after Christmas you will again take the management and hunting of the harriers into your hands’; 1 item
Undated

III.vii.3. Newspaper Cuttings

- MS 44,442 /1** Newspaper clippings various, includes one planning permission notice undated; A poem by Father Benson; An account of the Duke of Orleans in India and an article concerning unionist Roman Catholic positions in the British Empire; 6 items
[One item is written in French]
1902-1912 and undated
- MS 44,442 /2** Newspaper clippings concerning Jenico, 15th Viscount, including announcement of engagement to Eileen Butler (later 15th Viscountess) and appointment as Railway Transport Officer. Includes clippings concerning [John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, 1st] Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair’s potential adoption of the title Marquis of Tara and a history of the Gormanston legend, [upon the death of a Viscount, foxes reportedly gather in the grounds of Gormanston estate.] Includes two letters from press cutting service; 11 items
1908-1925
- MS 44,442 /3** Newspaper clippings announcing the death of Jenico, 15th Viscount, including two copies of memorial cards; 12 items
1925

III.viii. Medical

- MS 44,442 /4** Vouchers for alternative medicines and mineral waters, mainly from, A & R Thwaits & Co. Ltd to Jenico, 14th Viscount, includes two vouchers dating 1773 and 1820; 17 items
1773, 1820 and 1902-1907

- MS 44,442 /5** Letters from Dr P.J. Smyth of Stamullen to Jenico, 12th Viscount concerning professional visits to him, his wife Margaret, 15th Viscountess (née Southwell) and servants at Gormanston Castle; 7 items
1803-1805
- MS 44,442 /6** Medical vouchers and prescriptions of Jenico, 12th Viscount and Edward, 13th Viscount; 9 items
1831-1876
- MS 44,442 /7-8** Medical vouchers and prescriptions of Jenico, 14th Viscount mainly during his final illness and impending death; 53 items in 2 folders
1898-1907
- MS 44,442 /9** Medical prescriptions and vouchers of Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler), includes two letters from Dr Crichton-Miller of Harley Street concerning Eileen's treatment for insomnia; 16 items
1905-1932

III.ix. Financial

III.ix.1. Income Tax

- MS 44,443 /1** Income tax receipts of Jenico, 15th Viscount; 5 items
1916 and 1917
- MS 44,443 /2** Income tax receipts of Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler); 4 items
1932 and 1933

III.ix.2. Personal Finances

- MS 44,443 /3** Government stocks; 43 items
1841-1859
- MS 44,443 /4** Various personal finances of Jenico, 14th Viscount. Includes rent receipt, payment from estate bankruptcy and details of a joint bank account; 3 items
1903-1906
- MS 44,443 /5** Various personal finances of Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler). Includes two share certificates for the English Electric Company; dividend payment from the Great Western Railway and an application for an army widow pension; 7 items
1908-1930
- MS 44,443 /6-7** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount and Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née

Butler) from various individuals and organizations regarding financial appeals. Some correspondence includes annual reports such as the Providence (Row) Night Refuge, Bishopsgate, London; a report regarding the destruction by fire of the cathedral in Georgetown, British Guiana and an appeal from the Shakespeare Memorial Committee with a copy signature of George Bernard Shaw; 52 items in 2 folders
1911-1932

III.ix.3. Life Assurance

- MS 44,443 /8** Life assurance renewal certificates on life policy of Jenico, 14th Viscount from the Standard Life Assurance Company; 6 items
1897-1903
- MS 44,443 /9** Life Assurance renewal certificates on life policy of Jenico, 15th Viscount from Alliance Assurance Company; 3 items
1911-1917
- MS 44,443 /10** Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Alliance Assurance Company and a financial advisor in the Central Buying & General Agency, concerning payment of premiums and using life assurance policies for loan security; 4 items
1913-1916

III.x. Papers Concerning Related Families

III.x.1. Southwell Family Papers

Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount married Margaret Southwell, daughter of Thomas Southwell, 2nd Viscount and Sophia (née Walsh), in 1794.

- MS 44,444 /1** Documents relating to Thomas Southwell, 2nd Viscount (father of Margaret, 12th Viscountess). Including a voucher for money received on land and one loan agreement to the value of £650 in the name of Thomas, 2nd Viscount Southwell; 3 items
1775
- MS 44,444 /2** Correspondence concerning the death of Thomas Southwell, 2nd Viscount (father of Margaret, 12th Viscountess). Including one letter to Jenico, 12th Viscount from A. Simpson informing Jenico of the death of Thomas, 2nd Viscount Southwell and asking him to inform Margaret, 12th Viscountess of her fathers death; 2 items
1796
- MS 44,444 /3** Correspondence concerning the Southwell estate, copy letters from

Major Arthur Southwell (brother of Margaret, 12th Viscountess) to Henry Southwell (uncle of Margaret, 12th Viscountess) sent to Jenico, 12th Viscount; 6 items
1815-1818

MS 44,444 /4 Correspondence concerning the finances of Major Arthur Southwell (brother of Margaret, 12th Viscountess). Includes one letter to Jenico, 12th Viscount and one letter to Francis Cruise (solicitor of Jenico Preston, 12th Viscount) concerning debts of Arthur Southwell; 16 items
1815-1830

MS 44,444 /5 Legal documents concerning a bill in the court of chancery against Jenico, 12th Viscount, filed by Arthur Southwell (brother of Margaret, 12th Viscountess); 3 items
1817

MS 44,444 /6 Various Southwell family papers, including official document appointing Charles Southwell (brother of Margaret, 12th Viscountess) as lieutenant of the 2nd Irish Brigade; also one legal document in French and one testimony of various parties including John Nicholl, Thomas Lynch and Thomas Pratt; 3 items
1817 and undated

III.x.2. Butler Family Papers

In 1911 Jenico Preston, 15th Viscount married Eileen, daughter of Lt. Gen Sir William Butler and Elizabeth Butler, née Thompson. These papers concern the Butler family of Bansha Castle, county Tipperary.

III.x.2.a. Lady Elizabeth Butler (1846-1933)

Elizabeth Butler (mother of Eileen, 15th Viscountess) is better known by the name Lady Butler. She was an esteemed painter of battle scenes; her most famous works include *The 28th Regiment at Quatre Bras* (exh. RA, 1875; National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne), *Balaclava* (exh. Fine Art Society, London, 1876), and *The Return from Inkerman* (exh. Fine Art Society, London, 1877).

MS 44,445 / 1 Correspondence regarding the painting *The Dawn of Waterloo* by Elizabeth Butler, née Thompson. Letters from Richard Preston to his brother Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning exhibition of painting and copyright for prints of painting; 5 items
1913-1914

MS 44,445 /2 Income tax details of Elizabeth Butler (née Thompson), include correspondence from the collector of taxes regarding arrears of payments, statement of taxes and related material. Also includes one

dividend voucher for the Alliance Investment Company Ltd; 9 items
1918-1924

MS 44,445 /3 Letters to Elizabeth Butler (née Thompson), from her son Patrick Butler, mainly during his time abroad serving with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers; 6 items
1929-1931

III.x.2.b. Lt. Gen Sir William Butler (1838-1910)

William Butler (father of Eileen, 15th Viscountess) became a high-ranking member of the Wolseley Ring. He spent a number of years in South Africa and from 1898-1899 he served there as commander-in-chief and later acted as high commissioner. Butler openly expressed views against the impending Boer War, attracting feelings against him from the War Office. Butler tendered his resignation on 4 July 1899. In retirement Butler concentrated on his writings and published poetry and biographical works.

III.x.2.b. (1) Political and Military Papers

MS 44,446 /1 Letters concerning military postings, including one letter from the officer in charge of the Horse Guards commending William Butler for his conduct during the Red River Expedition; One letter from the War Office appointing William Butler as Lieutenant General on the staff to command the troops in South Africa; One letter from William Butler to an unknown source declaring 'it has become my duty to breach the rule of silence which I have observed for more than two years upon this subject [war on the Dutch Republics in South Africa] and to state, officially, the nature of the convictions experienced by me to the colonial office and to the War Office between December 1898 and July 1899'; 3 items
1870, 1898 and 1901

MS 44,446 /2 Travel passes in the name of [Bernard Fitzpatrick, 2nd] Baron Castletown of Upper Ossory and his wife Clare Fitzpatrick (née St. Ledger), requesting their unrestricted travel abroad. Lord Castletown served with William Butler in Egypt in 1882; 2 items
1876 and 1884

MS 44,446 /3 Copy letters of William Butler to Colonel Wolseley concerning Butler's condemnation of Imperial officers involved with commercial syndicates in South Africa; 3 items
1899

MS 44,446 /4 Incomplete draft speeches and notes of William Butler concerning issues in South Africa. Including details of a dispute with General Clifford Coffin regarding the sale of furniture in the governors home; 5

items
Undated

III.x.2.b. (2) Personal Correspondence

- MS 44,446 /5** Letters to William Butler from various sources includes notes for poems and copy letters from William Butler to unnamed sources; 16 items
1889, 1899 and undated
- MS 44,446 /6** Letters to William Butler while he was stationed in South Africa. Includes two letters from Morgan Crofton [officer 2nd Life Guards, served in South Africa 1899-1902], concerning political differences between William Butler and [Garnet Joseph, 1st] Viscount Wolseley; 5 items
1899

III.x.2.b. (3) Personal Finances, Writings and Death

- MS 44,446 /7** Letters to William Butler, concerning financial matters including payment from rental properties, interest payment on stocks and shares and a list of legal documents sent for his files; 6 items
1878 and 1908-1910
- MS 44,446 /8** One poem written by William Butler while stationed in Egypt, on the occasion of Charles Stewart Parnell's death and one letter from A. Atkinson to Eileen, 15th Viscountess regarding her father's autobiography. [Eileen edited and published her father's autobiography posthumously, *Sir William Butler: An Autobiography*, London, 1911]; 2 items
1891 and 1911
- MS 44,446 /9** Death notices of William Butler, including details of a visit made by Butler, at the age of four, to Richmond Prison to see Daniel O'Connell; one document detailing legal costs after the death of William Butler, from his solicitors William Roche & Sons (2 copies); 4 items
1910 and 1914

III.x.2.c. Family Stock and Shares

- MS 44,447 /1** Rental accounts of the Butler family estate for various years; 5 items
1894, 1895, 1908, 1917 and 1921
- MS 44,447 /2** Dividend warrant for The Dublin United Tramways Company (1896) Ltd, in the name of Lady Butler; 4 items
1910-1913

- MS 44,447 /3** Railway stock statement of dividend in Dublin & Kingston Railway Co, Great Western Railway and Clogher Valley Railway Company, Ltd in the names of William and Elizabeth Butler; 12 items
1910-1913
- MS 44,447 /4** Railway stock certificates, accounts and statements of Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company in the names of William and Elizabeth Butler; 16 items
1910-1913
- MS 44,447 /5** Preferred and deferred stock interest sheets in The Alliance Investment Company, Ltd in the names of William and Elizabeth Butler; 3 items
1910-1913
- MS 44,447 /6** Dividend account details of shares in the Grand Canal Company in the names of William and Elizabeth Butler; 6 items
1910-1913
- MS 44,447 /7** Redeemable stock certificates in Dublin Corporation, in the name of William Butler; 4 items
1910-1913

III.x.2.d. Butler Family Miscellaneous

- MS 44,447 /8** Copy wills including; Rowland Fitzgerald of Burnchurch, Co Kilkenny (distant relations to the Butler family); one copy will of John May, Co Dublin [unknown] and partial copy will; 6 items
1690 and 1816
- MS 44,447 /9** Legal documents concerning the death of Richard Butler (uncle of Eileen, 15th Viscountess), includes account in respect of Martin Butler (brother of Eileen, 15th Viscountess) and executors residuary account. Also includes two letters to Martin Butler concerning a share of annuity after the death of Richard Butler; 7 items
1901-1904 and 1909
- MS 44,447 /10** Fire assurance policies, insurance correspondence and estate duties from Commercial Union Assurance Company Ltd, concerning Bانشa Castle, home of the Butler family; 9 items
1908-1911
- MS 44,447 /11** One letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount from J. [?Butler] in response to Jenico's query concerning the pedigree of the Butler family; also includes remittance details of The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association; 2 items
1911 and 1916

IV. POLITICAL AND MILITARY RECORDS

This subsection has been divided into four areas to include; Catholic and Irish political issues, as well as the military and public roles engaged in by the various Viscounts.

IV.i. The Catholic Question

The Preston family remained Catholic throughout the eighteenth century and actively resisted laws to regulate the status of Roman Catholics.

IV.i.1. Penal Laws

Jenico, 10th Viscount organised collections of money from the Irish Catholic gentry, to fund legal counsel and present petitions against further penal laws being accepted by the House of Lords.

MS 44,448 /1 'Parish act of Queen Anne, chap 6 entitled, an act to prevent the further growth of popery,' relates to section 4 of the act and outlines the ban on Catholics to be guardian, educate, or have custody of orphans; 1 item
c. 1703-1709

MS 44,448 /2 Agreement to form a committee to collect money from the Catholic inhabitants of Dublin, 'to fee counsel' for the defence of Catholics of the kingdom. The collection to be headed by Jenico, 10th Viscount, Lord Trimlestown [Robert Barnewall, 12th Baron Trimlestown] and Dennis [?Farrell] The agreement is signed and agreed by a number of people; 1 item
[Item is torn and may require conservation]
Undated

MS 44,448 /3 An account of 'money received to defray the expense of the applications, to the Court of Chancery, concerning the extending of judgments by Roman Catholics [sic]. And also to defray the expense of lawyers on the application intended to the House of Lords and Privy to be agents or receivers to Protestants. And against the heads of a bill for a register of the Popish clergy of Ireland.' Provides a detailed record of payments made between 1747 and 1756, including names of contributors. Also includes one document detailing the disbursement of money made by A.K [Arthur Kennedy, lawyer] in Dublin 'against bill for regulating Stewarts, Agents and Receivers after it returned from the Privy Council of England on, 26 March and 6 April 1750; 4 items
1747-1755

MS 44,448 /4 Petition to Jenico, 10th Viscount, 'Lords and Gentlemen of fortune, to

contribute 50 pounds each towards raising an immediate sum to provide against any sudden' introduction of new penal bills, signed by Nic Wogan, Luke Dowell and Will [?Purcell]. Also includes one collection list for petition against bill to register Catholic priests, 20 Jan 1756; one draft letter of Jenico, 10th Viscount to unnamed persons, calling for an annual contribution towards fund, 4 Feb 1756. Includes contributors names and amounts received; 8 items
1750 and 1756

MS 44,448 /5 Detailed list of collection made by Jenico, 10th Viscount from 26 Nov 1754 until 1756, for the petition against penal laws. Includes vouchers of payments made; 4 items
1754-1756

MS 44,448 /6 Legal costs of attending the House of Lords on 22 Jan 1756 to 'know when the bill should be appointed,' [on Jan 6 1756, James Hamilton, 1st Viscount Limerick introduced the heads of a bill to the House of Lords, for registration and restriction of Catholic priests, and exclusion of Catholic Bishops.] Legal costs incurred for consulting and directing members of the petition to the Lords Council and attending the House of Lords on 29 Jan; the bill was rejected at 7p.m. It is noted that Jenico, 10th Viscount arranged for the payment of legal costs. Also includes one item detailing the legal costs to disband the bill to prevent Roman Catholics to be agents or receivers to Protestants, 8 Jan 1756. Payment made to Arthur Kennedy, lawyer; 2 items
1756

IV.i.2. Catholic Relief Acts

MS 44,449 /1 'The Humble Address and Petition,' of the Catholics of Ireland to George III. The petition professes the loyalty of Catholics to the Crown and states that although 'your majesty's clemency in moderating the rigorous execution of some of the laws against us; but we humbly beg leave to represent that several (and those the most severe and disrupting) of these laws,' be lifted. The article notes that the most severe law is the restriction of Catholics 'to acquire or to be held almost any secure or permanent property whatsoever.' Also includes one letter from the Roman Catholics of Ireland to King George III, 'we humbly presume to indulge the pleasing hope, that the dutiful and peaceable behaviour of your majesty's Irish Roman Catholic subjects, ever since the accession of your majesty's illustrious family to the throne of these realms'; 2 items
c. 1778-1782

MS 44,449 /2 Instructions for preparing the heads of a bill 'for the further relief of his majesty's loyal subjects of this kingdom, professing the popish

religion' [Catholic Relief Act 1782.] Includes three draft copies of the heads of the bill and one copy of the final version; 5 items
c. 1782

MS 44,449 /3 Letter to Anthony, 11th Viscount from Luke Gardiner, 1st Viscount Mountjoy, who represented Dublin in the House of Commons and John Dillon [Sir John Talbot Dillon] who sat in the Irish Parliament from 1771–1783. The letter was sent to Anthony in his role as chair of the Committee of Roman Catholics. Gardiner and Dillon request that the Committee 'write circular letters to such persons who have influence amongst the people of your persuasion all over Ireland to induce them to his or their utmost endeavor to procure such young men or boys, above the age of thirteen years,' to be recruited as seamen to fight for England in the American war. Also includes 'resolutions entered into by the Catholicks [sic],' 11 July 1782, which states that Anthony, 11th Viscount, Robert Caddell, Anthony Dermott, John Keogh and Val Connor will form a committee to wait upon Luke Gardiner, John Dillon and Henry Grattan [member of the Irish House of Commons] 'to acquaint them that the R. Catholicks [sic] of this kingdom are anxious to forward, by every means in their power, the raising of men for his majesty's service.' Includes one draft copy of a speech to the Catholics of Ireland [possibly by William Cavendish-Bentinck, 3rd Duke of Portland, on his arrival to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant on 14 April 1782]; 3 items
1782

MS 44,449 /4 'Origin and Progress of the Veto,' pamphlet outlines the controversy of the government veto on appointments of Irish Bishops. Includes the 'resolutions of the Roman Catholic Prelates assembled at Dublin in 1799' and all Catholic prelate meetings up until 1810; 28 pp
Undated

IV.i.3. Daniel O'Connell and The Catholic Association

In 1823, Daniel O'Connell and Richard Lalor Shiel, founded the Catholic Association to campaign for an end to discrimination against Catholics and to mobilise Catholic voters. The Association was formally dissolved on 28 March 1825 and the New Catholic Association was formed on 13 July 1825. Jenico, 12th Viscount and his son Edward (later 13th Viscount), both played active roles in the Catholic Association.

MS 44,450 /1 Letters to Jenico, 12th Viscount from Daniel O'Connell. One letter, 16 Jan 1825, in reply to Jenico states, 'I am happy to find that the cause at present taken by the Catholics has the high sanction of your approbation and for myself individually it gives me the most . . . satisfaction to receive from you such kind expressions of praise . . . Allow me my Lord to express my fervent wish that your Lordship may

soon be allowed to hold that rank and station in the State which your most ancient and honorable peerage gives you a constitutional right to and from which you are not included for any fault.' The second letter from O'Connell, 9 April 1825, is in response to the recent Unlawful Societies (Ireland) Act of 9 March 1825. O'Connell states that although the Catholic Association has recently disbanded, 'they do not look at all at the danger of not holding a meeting;'; 2 items
1825

MS 44,450 /2 Copy of speeches delivered by Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) on behalf of the Catholic Association. One speech given at a Dublin aggregate meeting on 8 June 1825 and copy of a second speech delivered at a county Meath meeting held in Navan on 30 August 1825; 2 items
1825

MS 44,450 /3 A set of speeches, labeled from A to G, delivered by Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) on behalf of the Catholic Association. Speech B delivered in Dublin on 13 June 1826 around the time of the general election, to mobilise Catholic voters. Speech F delivered at a meeting in Navan, 30 Sep 1828, with Jenico, 12th Viscount in the chair and speech G delivered at a Kilkenny provincial meeting 20 Oct 1828. [In 1828 meetings around Ireland were organised by the Catholic Association, to challenge the government]; 7 items
1826-1828

MS 44,450 /4 Copy of various speeches delivered by Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount), concerning liberty for Catholics. Speeches undated and many incomplete; 20 items
c. 1825-1828

MS 44,450 /5 'Parliamentary Committee of the Defense Association to the Catholic Electors of the county of Dublin.' Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) addressed the electors, 'after considerable difficulty, and great anxiety on the subject we have at length succeeded in bringing forward 2 candidates for your county . . . recollect Catholic electors that Ireland is a Catholic country and as such fully entitled to such a majority of Catholic members to parliament'; 13 items
c. 1826-1828

IV.i.4. Catholic Organisations

MS 44,450 /6 Letter from the founding members of the Catholic Defence Association: William Keogh, John Sadleir and John Reynolds, to Jenico, 12th Viscount seeking new members. Includes one copy of a public address to the Catholics of the United Kingdom, signed by Paul,

Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland and Chairman of Catholic Defence Association, including rules and objects of the association; 2 items

1851

MS 44,450 /7 Letter from The Proportional Representation Society of Ireland to Jenico, 15th Viscount, requesting him to join, signed by the secretary, E.A. [?Aston] Also includes the 'protest of the Catholic gentry against the Queen's colleges,' with 'a List of Catholic Nobility and Gentry, who have protested; 2 items
1912 and Undated

MS 44,450 /8 Correspondence concerning the Catholic General Insurance Association Ltd. Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount regarding the establishment of the association. One letter notes 'Sir Henry Bellingham, [Alan Henry Bellingham, 4th Baronet of Castle Bellingham, county Louth] who is taking an interest in a new Insurance Company in which the Irish Catholic clergy are largely interested, and he suggested that I should communicate with you on this matter.' Further letters note that Jenico, 15th Viscount agreed to act as a trustee of the insurance company and then withdrew due negative speculation about the company; 4 items
1913

MS 44,450 /9 Letters from various Catholic organisations to Jenico, 14th Viscount and Jenico, 15th Viscount. Including an invitation from the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland to attend a conference in the Mansion House between 22 and 24 Oct 1919; one pass to attend the International Eucharistic Congress, 11 Sep 1908 and an open letter from English Catholics to their Portuguese fellow Catholics during World War One; 8 items
c. 1919

IV.i.5. Official Correspondence

MS 44,451 /1 Letters requesting financial aid from catholic agencies, including the Carmelite Monastery, Blackrock, County Dublin; a charity sermon in the chapel of Adam-&-Eve, Cook Street, for the support of orphans and a letter from the Convent of the Good Shepherd in Middlesex, seeking donations for a home for penitent girls and women, includes a newspaper clipping concerning the home reprinted from the 'Philanthropist'; 8 items
1794, 1905, 1907, 1915 and 1916

MS 44,451 /2 Mixed correspondence concerning Catholic issues. Includes a letter from the parochial house in Nobber, county Meath, congratulating

Jenico, 15th Viscount on his coming marriage; letters relating to the housing of the parish priest at Preston Hill, Stamullen with a yearly rent of £10; subscription to the Catholic Union of Great Britain and one letter from Standish O'Grady [2nd Viscount Guillamore]; 16 items 1830, 1867, 1897, 1907-1916

MS 44,451 /3 Letter from Cardinal Paul Cullen [previously Archbishop of Dublin], to Edward, 13th Viscount inviting him and his son Jenico (later 14th Viscount) to attend a 'meeting to sympathize with the Pope in his present difficulty on this day week 15 Nov, in the church Marlboro St.' Includes a copy of Edward's reply, 'I am decidedly of the opinion that in the present excited state of the country, the fewer public meetings there are, the better, and therefore with all due respect I must beg leave to decline;' 2 items
November 1867

MS 44,451 /4 Correspondence concerning Jenico, 14th Viscount's request for a chaplain to serve mass in the chapel at Gormanston Castle in 1891. Letters from Thomas McNulty, Bishop of Meath, to Jenico, 14th Viscount denying request. Copies of Jenico's reply and subsequent letters to His Holiness in Rome; includes response letters from Rome; also includes a copy of a letter to Captain Edward Preston (brother of Jenico, 14th Viscount) from McNulty concerning same, 1907; 11 items [some letters partially written in Latin and Italian]
1891 and 1897

MS 44,451 /5 Letters to Jenico, 15th Viscount and his wife Georgina (née Connellan) from Lawrence Gaughran, Bishop of Meath,. Letters concern various issues including Jenico's request for an audience with the Pope in Rome in 1913; the baptism of Jenico's son [?Robert] and a veil for the tabernacle in the chapel at Gormanston Castle; 4 items
1902, 1912, 1913 and 1915

IV.i.6. Local Catholic Issues

MS 44,451 /6 Copy of the Rev William Morley's collation of the parishes of Stamullen; 3 items
[3 items in Latin]
1721, 1729 and 1750

MS 44,451 /7 Scapulaire De La Passion with accompanying leaflet in French, 12 pp; one leaflet, 'Devotion to Mary Immaculate,' 16 pp and one handwritten booklet 'de la congregation . . . College . . . Sorbonne,' 21 Dec 1749, 23 pp; 3 items
[Two items in French]
1749, 1911 and Undated

- MS 44,451 /8** Copy of induction of Rev John William Beautham, replacing Rev Robert Stanley in the vicarage of Nanny (Julianstown), signed by the Bishop of Meath, Thomas Lewis; 1 membrane
7 Aug 1821
- MS 44,451 /9** Letter and news clippings from the *Catholic Times* sent from the parochial house, Whitehouse, Belfast, to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning the plight of Catholics in Belfast; 6 items
1912

IV.ii. Irish Political Issues

These papers relate to issues of local and national politics in which the Preston family were involved. The papers cover a period from the 1840s until the 1920s.

IV.ii.1. Poor Law

The Irish Poor Law, enacted by the British Government in 1837, gave authority to Boards of Guardians to strike a poor rate. The money raised was used to take care of paupers in specially built workhouses. The Preston family was involved with the local Drogheda Poor Law Union.

- MS 44,452 /1** Abstract of the accounts of the Drogheda Union. Includes accounts for half year ended 25 March 1845, 26 March 1846 and 29 Sep 1848. Abstracts include breakdown of expenditure on clothing, food, salaries, maintenance and number and classes of paupers in the workhouse. Also includes one abstract of proposed electoral divisions in 1850; 4 items
1845-1850
- MS 44,452 /2** Circular notice from the Poor Law Commission Office in Dublin, concerning the provision of 'out-door relief for able bodied men' [men not in a workhouse]; 1 item
26 Aug 1847
- MS 44,452 /3** Appointment of Jenico Preston (later 14th Viscount) as a member of the committee of management of Stamullen dispensary district. Notice sent from the clerk of the Drogheda Union; 1 item
5 April 1862
- MS 44,452 /4** Draft copies of speeches concerning the responsibility of guardians of the poor; 4 items
Undated

IV.ii.2. Home Rule

The Preston family held Unionist beliefs and opposed the Irish Home Rule movement.

- MS 44,452 /5** Proportional representation in the election of the Irish parliament. Includes one letter confirming that the Lord Chancellor of Ireland has awarded Jenico, 15th Viscount the right to vote for Irish representative peers; one circular from the office of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland concerning the 'Election of a Representative Peer for Ireland'; one circular letter signed by J.R.P. Newman [John Robert Pretyman Newman], member of parliament for the Enfield Division, calling for the government of Ireland Bill to include the use of proportional representation and one circular, 'Peers who have signed the Ulster Letter'; 9 items
1908-1914
- MS 44,452 /6** Correspondence concerning an impending Home Rule Bill. Includes one letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount from his mother Georgina, 14th Viscountess (née Connellan) regarding Home Rule and the Ulster Unionists also includes copy letters from Jenico, 15th Viscount to unknown parties expressing his disapproval of the Home Rule Bill; 10 items
1912
- MS 44,452 /7** Letters and circulars from the Empire Parliamentary Association [founded by a group of parliamentarians from England and five self-governing dominions of the old British Empire] to Jenico, 15th Viscount seeking new members. Includes one blank enrolment form, a list of members and a blank annual subscription form; 4 items
June 1912
- MS 44,452 /8** One letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount signed by [Thomas Brassey] 1st Viscount Hythe, includes one pamphlet 'Federal Home Rule or Home Rule from the Point of View of an Englishman and Imperialist,' (13 pp), 25 July 1925; 2 items
c. 1913 and 1925
- MS 44,452 /9** Letter from [Valentine Browne, 5th Earl of] Kenmare to Jenico, 15th Viscount inviting him to a meeting of the Catholic Unionists in Dublin with Bonar Law [then the Conservative party leader]; also includes one petition of parliamentary electors to King George V, 'to refuse to give your Royal Assent to any bill for the separated government of Ireland,' 2 items
24 Nov 1913 and Undated
- MS 44,452 /10** Irish Dominion League press release outlining the new proposals of the

League. [Founded in 1919 by Sir Horace Plunkett, the League advocated for a united Ireland, within the Commonwealth]; 1 item
1920

MS 44,452 /11 A copy of a speech against Home Rule delivered by Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler), when Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart (husband of Eileen's daughter, Ismay) stood for election at parliament. [Crichton-Stuart stood as the Unionist candidate in 1907 for the United Boroughs of Cardiff, Cowbridge and Llantrisant and won a seat in the December 1910 election]; 1 item
Undated

IV.ii.3. John Redmond and the National Volunteers

John Redmond, a member of an established Irish Catholic Gentry family, was leader of a small Parnellite minority of MPs and worked to secure Home Rule for Ireland. After many failed attempts to secure a satisfactory agreement for Home Rule, Redmond looked on World War I as his chance to demonstrate nationalist loyalty to Britain. He believed this support would ensure post-war Irish unity; Redmond encouraged members of the Irish Volunteers to join the British army and openly pledged his support to the Allied cause. The Volunteers split; a majority of them supported Redmond and became the 'National Volunteers', but a militant minority retained the title Irish Volunteers and broke away to provide the nucleus for the Easter Rising of 1916. [Redmond's personal and political papers are held by the National Library, see Collection List No. 118]. Jenico, 15th Viscount was opposed to Home Rule but supported Redmond's call for the Irish Volunteers to join the British army. This sub-section includes letters from Redmond to Jenico and further items relating to the National Volunteers.

MS 44,453 /1 Correspondence concerning the Irish Volunteers. Includes one copy letter from Jenico, 15th Viscount to unnamed, 'before many weeks have passed I have no doubt that Home Rule will be an accomplished fact and following on that will come government recognition of the volunteers as a territorial force for the defence of Ireland'; 8 items
1914

MS 44,453 /2 Correspondence concerning John Redmond and the National Volunteers. Includes one letter from Redmond to Jenico, 15th Viscount stating that 'the royal assent will be given to the Home Rule Bill now in a few days. With reference to recognition of the Volunteers by the government, I am pressing this matter very strongly on the War Office,' 9 Sep 1914; one letter from Michael Dooley [Parish Priest, Kells, county Meath], informing Jenico, 15th Viscount that the Volunteers 'will soon come under the War Office once the Home Rule Bill is placed on the statute books'; 2 items
1914

MS 44,453 /3 'Nationalist Volunteers in Dublin,' pamphlet containing negative propaganda about the National Volunteers and efforts to achieve Home Rule; 13 pp
c. 1914

MS 44,453 /4 Official letters from the Irish Volunteers; includes two letters from Inspector General's Office, 16 South Frederick Street, Dublin, one letter is to [Arthur Plunkett, 11th Earl of] Fingall and one letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount; 6 items
Aug – Sep 1914

IV.ii.4. Women's Suffrage and Cultural Concerns

MS 44,453 /5 A prospectus for establishing a National Trades Hall in Dublin for the working classes. The object of this plan was 'to provide a suitable place for the meeting of the working classes and thus reform the present most pernicious practice of assembling in public houses, within the influence of exciting liquors.' Includes a letter to Jenico, 12th Viscount from the 'founder of the National Trades Hall,' Thomas Reynolds, asking for a contribution towards the establishment of said Hall; 1 item
13 Jan 1832

MS 44,453 /6 Correspondence concerning Irish women's groups. Includes one letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount from Francis [?Porter] and Kathleen [?Lawless] with a proposed scheme 'for solving of "the servant problem" in Ireland', 5 pp; also includes one letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning a meeting of the Irish Volunteer Medical Corps and a call for women to join; 2 items
1914 and 1919

MS 44,453 /7 Correspondence and circulars concerning Irish women's suffrage and related concerns. Includes one letter from the Irishwomen's Reform League [founded by Helen Chevenix and Louie Bennett in 1911] to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning a proposed conference on the Government of Ireland Bill [Home Rule Bill]. The letter signed by the secretary Ella Inglis [Isabelle Wardlan (Ella) Inglis], requests that 'no new government in Ireland which precludes women from due representation will prove a truly national or satisfactory measure'; also includes correspondence with the Irish Women's Association and Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler), concerning an advertisement which appeared in the *Independent*, 'in aid of Irish Regiments and prisoners of war.' Includes one letter from Eileen, 15th Viscountess (née Butler) to Lady McDonnell [?Henrietta, 1st Baroness MacDonnell], the president of the IWA, at Killeen Castle, county Meath. One response letter from Lady McDonnell and one letter from

Arthur Plunkett, 11th Earl of Fingall, at Killeen Castle, also includes the relevant newspaper article; 5 items
1914

MS 44,453 /8 Poems, ballads and songs; including 'Belfast Street Ballad. 1916' by Susan. L. Mitchell [Irish poet and sub editor of *The Irish Homestead*]; 'To The Full Moon,' composed by Dr. L.H. Halloran 18 June 1819 at sea near the coast of New Holland [Halloran, a native of Ireland, was transported to Australia for forgery in 1818]; 'The Doneraile Litany' and 'You Lovers of Ireland'; 12 items
Undated

IV.iii. Public and Political Roles

IV.iii.1. Public Roles within the Community

These papers concern the Preston family and their roles as Commissioners of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenants within their local community.

IV.iii.1.a. Appointments and Awards

MS 44,454 /1 Appointment of Jenico, 12th Viscount as Deputy-Governor of county Meath in 1803. Also appointment of Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount) as High Sheriff of county Dublin in 1843; 2 items
1803 and 1843

MS 44,454 /2 Appointment of Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount), to the Commission of the Peace for county Meath; 1 membrane
3 April 1840

MS 44,454 /3 Appointment of Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount), as Deputy Lieutenant of county Meath; 1 membrane
12 Nov 1841

MS 44,454 /4 Appointment of Jenico, 15th Viscount to the Commission of the Peace for county Meath; 1 membrane
23 Feb 1909

MS 44,454 /5 Appointment of Jenico, 15th Viscount as Deputy Lieutenant of county Meath; 1 membrane
6 May 1909

IV.iii.1.b. Public Administration

MS 44,455 Court Book of Manors, one ledger containing the proceedings at the court of Anthony, 11th Viscount in the counties of Meath and Dublin;

62 pp
1772-1787

- MS 44,456 /1** Correspondence with Jenico, 12th Viscount and Edward Bligh, 5th Earl of Darnely, Lord-Lieutenant of county Meath concerning the appointment of Jenico, 12th Viscount and his son Edward, later 13th Viscount as magistrates of county Meath. Jenico, 12th Viscount declined the invitation to become magistrates; 4 items
1831
- MS 44,456 /2** Official letters from Kilmainham Gaol to Jenico Preston (later 14th Viscount) in his capacity as a member of the board of superintendence of the gaol. The letters concern meetings to confirm appointments of governor and matron, and to consider rules and regulation of the gaol; 7 items
1862
- MS 44,456 /3** Letters from Thomas Boylan, Sheriff of county Meath to Jenico, later 14th Viscount. One letter requests Jenico to attend as a grand juror for county Meath and one letter confirms that all fines from public cases will be paid to the crown; 2 items
1862
- MS 44,456 /4** Official passes and correspondence concerning the coronation of King Edward VII on 26 June 1902. Includes regulations to be observed on the day, map of route, carriage and entrance passes. Also includes a letter from the Home Office to Jenico, 14th Viscount conveying His Majesty's thanks to the magistrates at Julianstown Petty Sessions for their expression of sympathy on the death of King Edward VII; 9 items
1902 and 1910

IV.iii.2. Political Roles

IV.iii.2.a. General Elections and the House of Lords

- MS 44,456 /5** Letter from Jenico, 12th Viscount to unnamed source concerning the recent election. Jenico declares his support for the candidate, Marcus [4th Baronet] Somerville, M.P. for county Meath between 1800 and 1831; 1 item
c. 1830
- MS 44,456 /6** Draft speeches of Edward Preston (later 13th Viscount), notes are mainly in German and contain lists of points; 6 items
c. 1843
- MS 44,456 /7** Copy letter from Edward, 13th Viscount to [?Taylor] concerning the

possible appointment of a Catholic Peer as a Lord-in-waiting (government whip) by the Prime Minister, Edward Smith-Stanley, [14th Earl of Derby]. In the letter Edward offers himself for the position. Also one letter from the House of Lords to Taylor which refers to Edward, 13th Viscount's letter to Lord Derby and notes that Derby 'fully intended to offer the post of Lord-in-waiting to one of his Roman Catholic supporters in the House of Lords when, unfortunately, he received a communication from the Queen'; 2 items
July 1866

- MS 44,456 /8** Copy of a letter sent to Benjamin Disraeli, Prime Minister, from Edward, 13th Viscount. In the letter Edward thanks Disraeli for creating the peerage Baron Gormanston; this peerage entitled a seat in the House of Lords. [The Conservative Party lost the general election of 1868 and Disraeli resigned as Prime Minister on the day this letter is dated]; 1 item
1 Dec 1868
- MS 44,456 /9** Papers concerning Jenico's (later 14th Viscount), campaign in the 1868 general election, when Jenico stood as a representative for county Louth. Includes a copy of Jenico's speech 'to the independent electors of the county of Louth'; election campaign expenditure incurred by B. [?Brabazon] on behalf of Jenico and a copy of a resolution that Jenico supports the present conservative government and that he will 'oppose any pressure for the disestablishment or disempowerment of the Church in Ireland'; 4 items
1868
- MS 44,456 /10** Notices and documentation concerning the Parliament Act in the House of Lords, 1911. (The first Parliament Act 1911 asserted the supremacy of the House of Commons.) Includes an urgent notice of the Bill and a circular from the Patriots League proposing 'to commemorate the gallant resistance made by the Patriot Peers on Thursday last by the creation of an Order of Honorary Membership of the Patriots' League, which shall be restricted to those Patriot Peers who took part in last Thursday's Division against the passing of the Parliament Bill.' Also includes a letter from the Road Improvement Association (Incorporated) seeking support in the House of Lords; 3 items
1911 and 1912
- MS 44,456 /11** Correspondence and circulars to Jenico, 15th Viscount in the House of Lords. Includes an appeal to 'help British children in India' from the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, with a copy letter from King George V to the British National Council and a reprint of a letter to *The Times* concerning 'the education of Europeans and Eurasians in India.' Also

includes one letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount from K.S. Jassawala, president of the British Association for the Protection of Indian Cattle and one circular appeal from Jassawala; 4 items
1912 and 1913

IV.iii.2.b. Governor of British Colonies

Under various land laws of the late nineteenth century, Jenico, 14th Viscount was forced to make over parts of his estate to his tenants; the resulting loss of income forced him to seek employment. From 1885 until 1900, the 14th Viscount served as Governor of various British colonies; during this time Gormanston Castle was closed. This section contains papers relating to these official appointments and issues relating to the various posts.

IV.iii.2.b. (1) British Leeward Islands

The British Leeward Islands was a British colony including Antigua, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, St Christopher, St Kitts and Montserrat. Jenico, 14th Viscount was appointed Governor of the Islands in 1885 a post he held until 1887.

- MS 44,457 /1** Appointment of Jenico, 14th Viscount to be Governor and Chief of the Leeward Islands; 1 item
4 Sep 1885
- MS 44,457 /2** Letters of welcome to Jenico, 14th Viscount on his visits in the colony. Includes a letter from the Bishop and clergy of Roseau on Jenico's first official visit to the colony of Dominica; one letter from the clergy and inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth and the parish of Saint John on the occasion of Jenico's first visit; one letter from the pupils of the convent of the faithful virgin, Roseau and one letter from the vice president and members of the general legislative counsel 'to thank your Excellency for the able address which you have been pleased to deliver to us on the occasion of the opening of the present session of the counsel'; 5 items
[1 item is in French]
c. 1885-1886
- MS 44,457 /3** Letters to Jenico, 14th Viscount from C.H. Sturgeon, originator of the People's Jubilee Arch. Two copies of a letter from Sturgeon concerning the erection of an arch in honor of Queen Victoria's golden jubilee, includes a list of people who contributed to the arch; 2 items
7 July 1887
- MS 44,457 /4** Copies of speeches delivered by Jenico, 14th Viscount to the general legislative counsel of the Leeward Islands; 4 items
1887

IV.iii.2.b. (2) British Guiana

Jenico, 14th Viscount served as Governor of British Guiana from 1887 until 1893. This office existed from 1833 when the colonies of Demerara-Essequibo and Berbice united as British Guiana until 1966 when Guyana attained independence.

- MS 44,457 /5** Official typescript copies of speeches delivered by Jenico, 14th Viscount to the general legislative council of British Guiana. Includes details of taxation, expenditure and industries; 29 items
1887-1993
- MS 44,457 /6** A paper presented to Jenico, 14th Viscount in thanks of his support for the celebration of the jubilee of emancipation (commemorating the abolition of slavery in British Guiana in 1838.) Signed by members of the Committee of the Jubilee of Emancipation; 1 membrane
1888
- MS 44,457 /7** Tributes to Jenico, 14th Viscount on his departure from British Guiana. Includes one letter from the members of the Demerara Rifle Association; one copy of a farewell address from the Roman Catholics of British Guiana; a tribute from officers and warders of her Majesty's Penal Settlement on the Rio Massaruni, signed by the warders; one letter from the Society of St Vincent de Paul and one declaration from the elective members of the combined court of British Guiana, signed by each; 5 items
[1 item is torn and may require conservation]
1893

IV.iii.2.b. (3) Tasmania

Jenico, 14th Viscount served as Governor of the Australian state of Tasmania, from 1883 until 1900.

- MS 44,458 /1-2** Draft speeches of Jenico, 14th Viscount delivered while in his post as Governor; 40 items in 2 folders
1885-1900
- MS 44,458 /3** Draft letters from Jenico, 14th Viscount to the secretary of state for the colonies George Robinson, 1st Marquess of Ripon from 1892-1895 and Joseph Chamberlain from 1895-1903; 5 items
1893-1900
- MS 44,458 /4** Vouchers for wages of servants and staff of the Governors palace in Tasmania; 19 items
1895-1900

- MS 44,458 /5-6** Vouchers for living expenses while in Tasmania, receipts are mainly bill heads from stores in Hobart; 98 items in 2 folders
1897-1900
- MS 44,458 /7** Letter from Joseph Chamberlain (secretary of state for the colonies) to Jenico, 14th Viscount concerning the present situation in South Africa. In the ten page letter Chamberlain discusses 'Lord Roberts recent success.' In February of that year, British forces under the command of Frederick Roberts [Field Marshall, 1st Earl Roberts] defeated the Boers at the Battle of Paardeberg and the relief of Ladysmith, during the second Boer War. Ladysmith, a district of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa was under siege for four months. The situation was relieved by British troops in February 1900; 10 pp
8 March 1900
- MS 44,458 /8** Documents concerning a governors pension for Jenico, 14th Viscount. Includes letters from Downing Street confirming the amount of £1,000 per year pension and authority and instructions form from the Paymaster-General's Office, Whitehall for payment of pension; 4 items
1900-1901

IV.iv. Military

IV.iv.1. Yeomanry

John Pratt, 1st Marquess Camden (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1795-1798) sanctioned the establishment of an Irish yeomanry corps, to defend Ireland from invasion and to quell the threat of a national uprising. Yeomen were recruited from amongst local people of good standing; predominately Protestant. Anthony, 11th Viscount attempted to establish a Catholic yeomanry in Ireland and Jenico, 12th Viscount later established a yeomanry brigade in county Meath in 1796.

IV.iv.1.a. Catholic Yeomanry

- MS 44,459 /1** Protestant bias within the ranks of the Meath Volunteers; includes one newspaper clipping detailing a meeting of 'a number of officers of the different corps of the Meath Volunteers,' and one handwritten response to the article, 'to those officers of the different corps of Meath Volunteers whose resolutions are published in the *Dublin Evening Post*,' signed 'a despiser of narrow minds,' [most probably Anthony, 11th Viscount]; 2 items
1781
- MS 44,459 /2** Attempts to establish a Catholic yeomanry; includes a copy of a letter sent from Anthony, 11th Viscount to Jeffrey Amherst [Field Marshall,

1st Baron Amherst of Holmesdale], commander-in-chief in Whitehall, offering to establish a corps of 1,000 Irish Roman Catholic men and Amherst's reply to Anthony denying the request; 2 items
16 Feb 1781

IV.iv.1.b. Gormanston Yeomanry

- MS 44,459 /3** License granted by Frederick Howard, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland [5th Earl of Carlisle], for Anthony, 11th Viscount to bear arms; 1 item
31 July 1780
- MS 44,459 /4** Commission to appoint Jenico, 12th Viscount as captain of an armed corps; 1 item
31 Oct 1796
- MS 44,459 /5** Voucher for purchase of material for yeomanry uniforms; also includes one letter from Dublin Castle concerning the admittance of new members to the Gormanston yeomanry corps and a list of arms deposited to his majesty's stores of war in Dublin Castle, 24 August 1798. During August rebels began to assemble around Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare and Meath. The 1798 rebellion began in the early hours of 24 Aug. This list appears to relate to arms confiscated from yeomen; 6 items
1796-1798
- MS 44,459 /6** Two letters from John Foster, speaker in the Irish House of Commons, 'communicating the Thanks of the House of Commons,' to the Gormanston yeomanry; 2 items
1797 and 1798
- MS 44,459 /7** Commission of Jenico, 12th Viscount to continue as captain of the Gormanston yeomanry infantry, signed by E.B. Littlehales [Lieutenant Colonel Edward Baker Littlehales; 1 item
13 Aug 1803
- MS 44,459 /8** Official correspondence to Jenico, 12th Viscount from Dublin Castle; including instructions that the number of infantry members must be restricted to a total of fifty three men; a circular notice to transmit 'a return of the names and place of abode of every member' of the corps and one form confirming delivery of equipment and ammunition from the small-gun office in Dublin Castle to Gormanston yeomanry; 4 items
1803-1805
- MS 44,460 /1** Yeomanry corps pay and details of members. Includes two returns of pay listing members, days paraded and pay to them on 31 March 1798

and from 25 Dec 1803 to 24 Jan 1804; one schedule of allowances to officers and one circular from Dublin Castle concerning pay rates; 4 items
1803-1826

- MS 44,460 /2** Letter to Jenico, 12th Viscount from Robert Peel [2nd Baronet], then Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Peel states that, 'I have received the Lord Lieutenant's directions to send your Lordship sixty pounds, which his Excellency requests you will distribute amongst the men of your yeomanry corps who attended your Lordship on taking Collier.' [Michael Collier was a Robin Hood-type highwayman who attained notoriety during the early 19th century. He was born near Bellewstown and used the Duleek Commons in county Meath as a hideout. After his arrest he was transported to Australia.] Also includes a letter to Patrick Bellew (1st Baron, father-in-law of Jenico, 14th Viscount) on behalf of Robert Peel, concerning the appointment of a post master in Bellewstown, county Meath; 2 items
27 Sep 1816 and 15 March 1862
- MS 44,460 /3** Official forms for yeomanry, including one Exercise and Inspection Pay Return; one County Roll; one Permanent Pay Return and two Pay-List and Return. All forms are blank; 8 items
1830s
- MS 44,460 /4** Oath of allegiance to King William IV, signed by all seventy-five members of the Gormanston yeomanry; 1 item
23 May 1831
- MS 44,460 /5** A list of ammunition delivered from the storekeeper's office of ordnance in Dublin to the Gormanston corps of yeomanry. Also includes drill instructions; 4 items
1831
- MS 44,460 /6** Yeomanry pension, including one letter concerning the claim of pension for permanent sergeant and drummer; claim form for pensions and returned forms signed by drummer and sergeant confirming payment of pension; 4 items
1834-1835

IV.iv.2. British Military

IV.iv.2.a. Military Roles and Duties

- MS 44,461 /1** Military reports of Captain Patton's company. Includes an alphabetical role of the troops stationed around county Cork, 24 Feb 1827; report of the orderly office of the 12th Regiment, Charles Fort and a completed

- questionnaire concerning the establishment of the company; 4 items
1815 and 1827
- MS 44,461 /2** Letters from the Horse Guards concerning the purchase of a
lieutenancy for Charles Preston (son of Jenico, 12th Viscount) in the
12th Regiment. Also letter from the Horse Guards concerning the
purchase of a lieutenancy for Robert Preston (son of Jenico, 12th
Viscount) in the 75th Regiment; 3 items
1824-1826
- MS 44,461 /3** Correspondence concerning a scandal involving Ismay, née Bellew (1st
wife of Jenico, later 14th Viscount.) One letter from Edward Staunton
(brother-in-law of Jenico, later 14th Viscount) to Ismay Preston
containing details of the scandal. Includes correspondence between
Jenico Preston (later 14th Viscount), Arthur Cass (Major 10th Hussars),
Col Baker and Edward Staunton; 21 items
May and June 1866
- MS 44,461 /4** Appointment of Jenico Preston (later 15th Viscount) as a 2nd Lieutenant
in the Land Forces, reserve of officers; 1 membrane
8 July 1904
- MS 44,461 /5** ‘Conditions generally applicable to officers now serving with the
infantry militia who join the special reserve of officers for service with
the reserve unit.’ Also includes a letter from War Office to Jenico, 15th
Viscount granting permission to travel to Italy in 1913; 2 items
25 Feb 1913 and Undated
- MS 44,461 /6** Draft copy of Jenico, 15th Viscount’s resignation from the reserve of
officers and a letter from the War Office accepting resignation; 2 items
19 March 1913
- MS 44,461 /7** Correspondence concerning transfers between battalions. Includes
letters from Jenico, 15th Viscount and reply letters from Grattan Bellew
of the 4th Battalion, McConnaught Rangers, Bere Island, Bantry Bay
and the commanding officer of the 15th Battalion, London Regiment; 7
items
1914 and 1915
- MS 44,461 /8** ‘Notes on duties of N.C.O.’s [non-commissioned officer] in trenches,’
by Lieut F.R. Radice, 1/15th Bn. Lond. Regt. Also includes notes on
platoon management; 2 items
c.1915
- MS 44,461 /9** ‘2/15th Battalion, London Regiment, program of training for week
commencing Monday 3rd May, 1915.’ Also includes letters from Irish

command headquarters, Parkgate Street, Dublin and the war office concerning duty in Ireland; 6 items
1915-1918

- MS 44,461 /10** Official letters from the Irish Command, Parkgate Street, Dublin to Jenico, 15th Viscount concerning secret military business. Concerns the issue of the 'present critical situation regarding the man-power of the country, a matter which is causing the gravest apprehension.' 3 items
Dec 1917

IV.iv.2.b. Military Related Organisations

- MS 44,462 /1** Circulars and correspondence from the Voluntary Recruiting League. Includes a letter to Jenico, 15th Viscount requesting his signature on certificates for members who 'have rendered valuable assistance'; one letter and news clipping from the *Times* to Jenico, 15th Viscount confirming his resignation as a vice-president of the League and one circular from The Central Council for the Organization of Recruiting in Ireland, providing details of a new recruiting scheme, the 'Irish recruiting news bureau'; 5 items
1915 and 1916

- MS 44,462 /2** Circulars and correspondence from various military related organisations. Includes a leaflet concerning 'territorial's death after anti-typhoid inoculation,' from the National Anti-Vaccination League; a petition for funds 'For Our Catholic Soldiers and Sailors who are on Active Service'; share certificate in the Army and Navy Co-Operative Society Ltd; circular concerning the National Service Manifesto and one letter from the Civil Service Commission; 7 items
c. 1915

IV.iv.2.c Railway Transport Officer

During World War One, the British government established a Railway War Board, to coordinate the rail transportation of troops to training centers, then on to ports of embarkation and across the Atlantic. To oversee this operation, military personnel were appointed as Railway Transport Officers (R.T.O.) Jenico, 15th Viscount was appointed as a R.T.O. in 1915.

- MS 44,462 /3** Appointment and instruction details for Jenico, 15th Viscount as R.T.O. Includes 'guide to Railway Transport Officers in making out and issuing railway warrants. (Army Books 75 and 206) in Ireland'; R.T.O. armband; Midland Railway warrant and instructions from the Irish command to meet with R.T.O. at Kingsbridge Station; 5 items
1915 and 1916

- MS 44,462 /4** R.T.O. secret timetables for moving soldiers. Includes details of units moved; numbers of vehicles and horses; station of entrainment; destination and times of travel; 10 items
1915-1917
- MS 44,462 /5** Official correspondence concerning Jenico, 15th Viscount. Includes two copies of a letter from L.B. Friend [Major-General Friend, commander-in-chief of British forces in Ireland], promoting Jenico, 15th Viscount from Lieutenant to Staff Captain; one confidential report by Colonel Ralph Carr-Ellison of the Irish Command, concerning Jenico's inability to conduct his duties due to deafness and copy of response letters from Jenico resigning his post; 5 items
April and Dec 1916

APPENDIX I

Notes on Gormanston Papers held by the National Library of Ireland

Ainsworth's Reports on Private Collections: Numbers 103 & 468

Between 1940 and 1980 the Irish Manuscripts Commission conducted a survey of manuscripts which were held privately. The results were compiled by Sir. J.A. Ainsworth in a number of reports which are available to consult in the Manuscripts Reading Room; the reports on the Gormanston collection is number 103 and a supplement report number 468. The manuscripts in these reports have since been acquired by the National Library of Ireland and are now listed in this Collection List.

List of other Gormanston Papers held by the National Library of Ireland

This section contains all papers relating to Gormanston estate listed in the Hayes's *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation and Supplement*, the card catalogue and the online catalogue. This Collection List thus comprises a full catalogue of all available sources relating to the Gormanston estate.

I. 'The Gormanston Register'

The Gormanston Register is a collection of ancient manuscripts dating back to the 12th century belonging to the Viscounts Gormanston, and is now lodged in the National Library of Ireland. The document is primarily an entry book of the title-deeds of the Preston estates at the end of the 14th century and appears to have been prepared in 1397-8 for the purpose of registering the title deeds of the property inherited or acquired by Sir Christopher de Preston. The volume of entries is contained in an ancient binding of oak boards covered with calf-skin. This is one of the earliest documents held in the National Library and the original is not available for consultation; a copy on microfilm can be accessed in the main library. An edited calendar of the register is also available in published form: *The Calendar of the Gormanston Register*, Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, edited by James Mills and M.J. McEnery, University Press, Dublin, 1916.

Microfilm p.5071

The 'Gormanston Register,' a volume of transcripts of documents relating to the lands of the Preston's and related families in counties Louth, Meath and Dublin from the 12th to the 14th century, compiled in 1397-8, with additions to the first half of the 15th century.

II. Estate Record Books

12 volumes of Gormanston estate records dating from 1734-1900. These volumes were deposited in the National Library in 1962; accession number 2324. The status of this acquisition was disputed by Lord Gormanston in 1999. These estate record books were eventually included in the terms of a purchase of material that Lord Gormanston deposited on loan with the Library in 1964.

- MS 12,188** Rent ledger detailing transactions with tenants of the 10th Viscount Gormanston, mainly in the Nobber district, county Meath; 1 item
1734-1748
- MS 12,189** Rent ledger of the estate of the 10th and 11th Viscount's Gormanston, mainly relating to the barony of Balrothery, county Dublin and the barony of Duleek Lower, county Meath, 1744-1758, with briefer entries to 1776; 1 item
1744-1776
- MS 12,190** Day book of cash received by Francis Frayne, steward of the Gormanston estates, including notes of cash received from Lord Gormanston and from tenants, by sales and so on; 1 item
1797-1810
- MS 12,191** Day book kept by Francis Frayne, steward of the Gormanston estates, recording cash received from Lord Gormanston and from tenants, by sales and so on; 1 item
1797-1811
- MS 12, 192** Steward's account book concerning sales of timber, hay, purchase of stock and other farm transactions on the Gormanston estate; 1 item
1808-1820
- MS 12,194** Petty cash book giving a daily account of minor expenditure on the Gormanston estate; 1 item
1820
- MS 12,193** Daily reports of employment of men, boys and animals on the Gormanston estate; 1 item
1822-1823
- MS 12,195** Account book giving details of expenditure on domestic transactions, food and services in the household of Viscount Gormanston; 1 item
1867-1873
- MS 12,196 –
MS 12,198** Daily record of employment of farm staff on the Gormanston estate, 3 volumes: 1869-1872; 1872-1876 and 1876, with some accounts at the

end of the volumes; 3 ledgers
1869-1876

MS 12,199 Domestic account book of the Gormanston household; 1 item
1885-1900

III. Genealogy

This material is held in the Office of the Chief Herald, National Library of Ireland, 2-3 Kildare Street and is available to consult in the Manuscript Reading Room. This relates to the pedigree and coat of arms of the Preston family.

GO MS 164 Pedigree of Preston, Viscount Gormanston and Baron Taragh, Baron
pp. 71-5 St. George in Flanders.
c. 1000-1783

GO MS 163 Pedigree of Preston, Viscount's Gormanston.
p. 29 1383-1686

GO MS 47 Visitation certificate of James Bath and Marjorie Ballard of Drogheda,
p. 10 his first wife, and Elizabeth Warren of the Novan, their daughter and
of his second wife, Elizabeth Burnell of Balgriffen, county Dublin, and
of their son John Bath who married Eleanor, daughter of Jenico,
Viscount Gormanston.
1568

GO MS 35 Emblazon of coat of arms, banners and crest of Preston, Viscount of
p. 3 Gormanston.
c. 1640

GO MS 95 Proofs and vouchers for the genealogy of Preston, Lord Viscounts of
pp. 97-113 Gormanston and in particular for Jenico Preston, Trefoncier of the
Cathedral of Liège, Belgium.
15 Feb 1783

GO MS 150 Copy of report on the claim of Jenico Preston to be Lord Viscount
pp. 468-84 Gormanston;
1800

GO MS 150 Petition of Lord Gormanston to vote at an election of temporal Peers,
pp. 152 his disabilities having been removed.
1831

IV. Title Deeds

Microfilm Entry-book of the title deeds of the Preston's, Lords of Gormanston,

- n.4978, p.5071** relating to lands in counties Meath and Dublin, compiled for Sir Christopher de Preston in 1397-8, with additions to the first half of the 15th century; 1 item
c. 15th Century
- Microfilm
n.4213, p.3884** Annales Hiberniae ab anno Christi 1162 usque ad annum 1370. Formerly in the possession of William, 2nd Viscount. [Original in Bodleian Library, Oxford].
c. 15th Century
- D 9992** Commission to Jenico, 5th Viscount, George (Montgomery), Bishop of Meath, and others to assist collection of lay subsidy in county Meath; 1 item
15 Dec 1615
- D 9993** Recovery in which Jenico, 5th Viscount and others, are demandants, Christopher (St. Lawrence) Lord Howth, and others, tenants, and Redmond Wyatt, vouchee of lands, tenements, and rents in Howth, Kilbarrocke, and elsewhere in county Dublin; 1 item
8 May 1616
- D 16,229** Agreement between Jenico, 7th Viscount and Christopher Pippard, relating to land held by the latter in Drogheda; 1 item
5 Dec 1685

V. Miscellaneous Papers

- Microfilm
n.2803, p.1705** Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Deputy (Fitzwilliam) about Nicholas, 4th Viscount and Christopher Nugent, 5th Baron Delvin's contempt, in denying to subscribe to the proclamation of rebellion against Gerald FitzJames-FitzGerald, 14th Earl of Desmond; 1 item
[Original in Lambeth Palace Library, London]
1574
- MS 5882** A small number of miscellaneous papers, including rent receipts and an inventory of stock of Jenico, 8th Viscount's lands in county Offaly, 1693-1698. A will of William Brookfield of Cork Street, 1732 and letters to Joseph Innman, Clothier of Thomascourt, Dublin, 1720 and 1728.
1693-1698, 1720, 1728 and 1732
- MS 8022** Fingall Papers: correspondence of Hugh Wilson with Arthur Plunkett, 7th Earl of Fingall and Arthur Plunkett, Lord Kileen (later 8th Earl Fingall), 1780-1790. Correspondence relates to the guardianship of Jenico, 12th Viscount.
1786 -1789

APPENDIX II

Gormanston Papers held in other archives

I. The National Archives of Ireland, Dublin

- M 5479** Papers in the case of the Attorney General V Cummins relating to the quit rent of Gormanston, county Meath.
1894-1897
- M 2550** Volume containing extracts relating to the Viscounty of Gormanston;
1 item
Undated

II. Trinity College Library, Dublin

- MS 660
(E.4.17)** Extracts of the journey of Sir William Fitzwilliam against Gerald FitzJames-FitzGerald, 14th Earl of Desmond. The interment and pedigree of Jenico, 3rd Viscount.
1569
- MS 645
(F.4.23)** Extracts by Daniel Molyneux, Ulster King of Arms, from the registers of several monasteries, St. Mary of Kenlis (Ossory), St. Wolstan, Friars Minor of Clare, St. Thomas, Dublin, Nenagh, Duiske, Dunbrody, and from the Gormanston register.
17th Century

III. House of Lords Archives, London

- Rep.5, App.,
1876, p. 12** Copy of examination of N. Dowdall of Brownestown, county Meath, concerning meetings of the rebels in county Meath, Christopher Plunkett, 2nd Earl of Fingall, Nicholas, 6th Viscount and so on.
[History Manuscript Commission]
17 March 1642
- Vol. III., 1905.
pp. 116-7** Copy writ of error and transcript of record in the case of Richard Coote against John Lynch concerning forfeited lands restored to Jenico, 7th Viscount (1668-9) and bequeathed to Lynch.
[House of Lords Mss. New Series]
25 Feb 1698
- Vol. VIII.,
1923. pp. 364-5** Amended draft of an Act for sale of part of the estate of Anthony, 9th Viscount for payment of his debts.
[House of Lords Mss. New Series]

23 Feb 1710

IV. Miscellaneous

- Franciscan Mss** Petition of Jenico, 5th Viscount, James Butler, 2nd/12th Baron Dunboyne, Christopher Plunkett (later 2nd Earl of Fingall), Sir. J. Gough, W. Talbot and E. Fitz Harris on behalf of the Irish Parliament to the King concerning irregularities in the sending of representatives of certain boroughs to parliament; 1 item
2 July 1613
- Cowper Mss** Letter from Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork to Dudley Carleton, 1st and last Viscount Dorchester, saying there are ten houses of friars, nuns, Jesuits and other orders in Dublin and nuns, daughters of Richard Nugent, 1st Earl of Westmeath; Luke Plunkett, 1st Earl of Fingal; Jenico, 5th Viscount and Theobald, 3rd Viscount Dillon.
[History Manuscript Commission: Rep.12, App.1, 1888, pp 398-9]
9 Jan 1630
- Digby Mss** Letter of Sir. R. Bolton to Nicholas, 6th Viscount, and others, containing a schedule of grievances cited in the Irish House of Lords.
[History Manuscript Commission: Rep.8, App.1, 1881, p. 217.]
18 Feb 1640 [?1641]