

LIST OF ITEMS:

1. Copie of a Printed paper intituled Quaeries Touching the Present Condition of his Majesties Kingdom of Ireland.

Whether it is not Demonstrable by Search made into the Records...that had his Ma'ties Revenue of that Kingdom been well Managed there had been Money enough... (points 1-8)

Quaeries in relation to the Lord Duke of Ormond (points 1-20)

pp 1-7

2. Sr: I have considered as well as I can the two Papers which you sent to me... against the Duke of Ormond... [ends] prevail with the King to over=see and pardon frailties, if not likewise to hate those persons who would endeavo'r to withdraw his love from a Subject and freind of so long tryed Hon'r and fideleity. pp 9-34

[Covers Ormonde's finances, etc., 1641-1666+.]

[Quotes the Remonstrance of the Parliament of Ireland 1647 NS March 17.]

[Quotes the Letter from Charles II to the Lords Justices of Ireland 1660 Dec 6.]

3. Upon the ballance of the whole Accompt of the Duke of Ormonde's Case justly stated it appears 1. That those who Traduce his Ma'tie of Profusenes Towards the Duke... [ends] That the total of the Dukes Losses upon both the accompts before mentioned is 1253999:19:6. pp 35-36

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4. My Lord From the swarms of Mountebanks and Frippons, which dayly appear almost Barefaced... [defends Ormonde against the 14 charges] [ends] I hope your Lordship will pardon my Zeale since it hath bin so well employ'd in shewing itselife a lover of Truth, to which I know your Lordship a perfect votary. I am, My Lord, You Lords'ps most humb'le serv't. pp 41-78

[Considers the attack on O. the work of the King's enemies. Discusses the Irish Rebellion of 1641, O's administration and finances to 166-, O's personal losses to 1660, the Irish settlement, the recompense from the Irish Parliament in 1663, lands rents and towns, the palatinate Court, the loyalty of the Butler family, O's service to Charles in exile.]

[Quotes the Remonstrance (above) of 1647 Mar 17.]

Date: After 1666 when importation of Irish cattle forbidden; before March 1675 when Earl of Meath died.

5. The Suggestions answered. Suggested to be gained by the Duke of Ormond. 1. For Offices sold at Court as Lord Steward 32000 lb. There was Received on the account 16110 l'i and no more... [ends] the interest he now Constantly pays for 28256 l'i remaining yet due to him of the said 71916:02:08. pp 79-90

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6. At the Court at Whitehall the 12 of May 1676. Present ... Whereas Upon Reading at the Board the 18: of February last past, the Humble Petition of his Grace the Duke of Ormond... [largely the answer presented by Ormond to Ranelagh's accusation of mismanaging the Revenues of Ireland 1660-1670]. [ends] not with His Ma'tie the least dissatisfaction touching the administration of the Revenue, during the Government of the Duke of Ormond or of the Earl of Ossory. pp 95-119

[Quotes Ranelagh's charge delivered to the King in Council 1676 Mar 1.]

[Quotes Ormonde's answer delivered to the King in Council 1676 May 12, which discusses his own actions and also those of R. as farmer of the revenues since 1670.]

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7. "Memorandum. These following Papers were copied from the Originals found in the Duke of Ormonds Red Deske after his Death at Kingston-Hall in Dorsetshire, which was on the 22 July 1688." p. 120
8. Draught of a Letter, by his Grace, but in the Name of Capt'n Mathews, as to Debts, and Acquisitions : This may refferr to the Letter Page: 127: and perhaps both do enter in that of p. 132. Having received authority from your Grace, during some Six years time that you were last in England to Manage your Estate in this Kingdome... [ends] may appear very Exorbitant, I have thought it duty to Truth, and Justice to your Grace &c. pp 121-122
[Capt. George Mathews of Thomastown, Kilkenny, was the son of O's mother's second marriage. See Cokaigne.]
9. Found in the Duke of Ormonds Desk upon his death the 22 July 1688. A Paper with the Heads following, either for a Memoir of the Affaires of Ireland or of his own life.
A Troop of Horse
Lieuten:t General of the Horse in the intended Warr of Scotland...
[ends] The Motives inducing me Rather to Surrender to the Parliament than to the Irish. p. 122
10. This paper was found in the late Duke of Ormonds red Desk after his death 22 July 1688: -- 'Tis the Introduction to a Memoire for his life which 'tis supposed he began at Corberry in February 1680/1 for he then discoursed to Sr R. S. of such a thing, and then wrote a Letter to the E: of Ossory which imports as much.
Though I do not intend, nor am able to make a Complete History of my life,...[ends]
Leads me Naturally enough to speak of my Education. pp 123-124
[On his slight knowledge of Charles I.]
11. The Introduction and some progress as farr as 1647 into the affairs of Ireland. this was found in his Grace's Red Deske. 'tis uncertain when it was writt.
In what State the Kingdom of Ireland was in January 1643 when his late Ma:tie made Me Lieutenant... [ends] I was kept in France, in Expectation of Some Assistance from thence, and till Matters might be agreed upon, betwixt the Earl of Inchequin and the Supream Councel of the Irish. pp 125-126
... [Covers his Irish actions 1643 to ca 1647.]
12. Found in the Duke of Ormonds Deske shewing his Late Ma:tie how the Bountys made him were not so vast, but that he should leave his Family more in Debt, than they were in 1641: This was parcel of Some Other writeings and perhaps enters into the ~~fell~~ Narative that followed within 1675.
Having I hope satisfied your Ma:tie that I have been no ill husband of your Revenue... [ends] supposed such envy might do me most harme. pp 127-128
13. Found in the late Duke of Ormonds Red Deske after his death at Kinston-Hall the 22 of July 1688: being the introduction to a Memoir about the affairs of Ireland from the year 1641. This was writt with Care, for so much, and perhaps at Corberry 1686/7 as intending to proceed in the Narative, and to be given to the Queen.
The condition of Ireland is strangly unfortunate it was in a flourishing and Improving Condition in 1641 when the Rebellion began... [ends] by an Oath of Association, and Never to lay down Arms till they had obtained the Conditions Mentioned in that Oath.
[Covers the first events of the Rebellion in Ireland.] pp 129-131

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14. Found in his Graces Red Deske after his Death. It was writt surely in 1674 when he was going into Ireland, -- being Part of a Letter to his Ma:tie.

It is but a year since I beg'd your Ma:ties Leave to go into Ireland... [ends] I have bore it with duty, and more Temper than I am naturally Master of. p 132

15. Found in the Red Deske after the Duke of Ormonds death, being a discourse on his Comportment in his Ma:tis Service. Supposed to be writt in 1675.

Having had the Honor to spend much the better Part of a Longer life than most men... [ends] but they have wanted, and I wish they may never have Occasion to Manifest them on the like Account. pp 133-154

[A letter to Charles II, as a vindication of his administration, his loyalty, and his character.]

[Includes examples of large non-recurring governmental expenses.]

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16. Part of a Letter from his Grace to the Earl of Rochester then appointed to be Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Dub: 28 Decemb: 84. All I can Collect from your L'pps of the 13th of this month in relation to the Affairs of this Kingdom, is that you suppose something may be intended that you are not made acquainted w'th... [ends] I conceive it Cannot properly be Called Changing the Council. pp 159-160

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