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Item Level Description

Calendar of Prisoners of High Sheriff, County Cork, 1821 (Ref. IE CCCA/U.336/2)

Identity Statement

Reference Code:	IE CCCA U.336/2
Title:	Calendar of Prisoners of the High Sheriff of County Cork at Summer Assizes
Dates:	1821
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Context

Creator

Henry Green Barry, High Sheriff, County Cork, 1821

Archival History

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Biographical / Administrative History

The high sheriff was the Crown's head representative in the county, and as senior law officer of the county was responsible for carrying out directions of the central administration, supporting the judiciary and helping to maintain law and order, implementing royal writs, collecting crown revenue, appointing the county grand jury, supervising parliamentary elections, and presiding over the assizes/county court sittings.

Civil and criminal cases were heard before the assize courts (county courts), presided over by judges dispatched to the county on twice yearly circuits (Spring and Summer). The assizes were also the occasion for the meeting of the grand jury who met to determine the validity of

indictments, as well as performing various local government functions such as bridge and road construction and maintenance.

Major-Gen. H. G. Barry, Ballyclough house, Co. Cork (b.1770- d.1838). Son of James Barry and Elizabeth Green. Married Phoebe Drought in 1804. Ensign and later lieutenant in the 15th foot. Served at Dominica in the spring of 1792, and returned in 1795. In May 1794 he was promoted to a troop in the 7th dragoon guards. He served in Ireland during the 1798 rebellion, and acted as Aide-de-camp to Major Gen. Sir W. Myers. On the 23rd Jan. 1801, he was removed to a company in the 25th foot; and in July following he was promoted to a majority in the 55th; from which he was removed to the 15th foot in October of the same year, and in March following promoted to the Lieut. Colonel of the same regiment. In Jan. 1805 he went out to the West Indies, returning in June 1808. He received the brevet of Colonel in 1810, and that of Major-General in 1813. He subsequently served for some time on the army general staff of Ireland, and was stationed at Dublin, and subsequently at Limerick. (Ref: Gentleman's Magazine Vol.10, 165, London, 1838)

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

A calendar of prisoners in the custody of Henry Green Barry, Esq., High Sheriff of Co. Cork at Summer Assizes 1821. Contains 5 sections as follows:

List of 166 prisoners, giving a running number, name of prisoner, by whom committed, when committed, crimes/offences, whether acquitted/guilty or by whom bailed, when bailed; such as; 33. Judith Morgan, committed by Revd. [James] Chester May 28th for stealing plate out of the house of the Revd. Michael H. Becher, guilty ; 48. Patrick Coughlan, committed by Herbert Gillman Esquire June 11th, for stealing a sheep and 2 lambs, acquitted ; 74. David Flinn, committed by A.O'Sullivan Esq July 13th, for firing a pistol at James Sullivan, bailed by Tim O'Driscoll Esq. on July 24th; 135. Jeremiah Cummins and 9 other prisoners, surrendered Sept 12th, part of riot at Bandon in which shots were fired, bailed by Mr. Newsom Esq. 12th and 17th Sept, all discharged.

List of 54 prisoners 'Under Rules of Court' giving running number, name of prisoner, date of conviction, nature of conviction, sentence given; such as ; 16. John Connors, convicted at Spring Assizes 1821 of stealing money, under rule of transportation (possibly to Australia, etc.) ; and such as ; 51. Richard Daly, convicted at Mallow Sessions April 1821 of riot and assault, six months imprisonment. Also details of a further 8 prisoners 'Convicted before Magistrates'; such as 61. Daniel McCarthy, convicted by Nathaniel Evanson Esq. Sept 20th of cutting timber, three months imprisonment or £5 fine.

List of 2 prisoners, Cornelius Whelton and John Barry, convicted before Sub Commissioners of Customs in the district of Kinsale for harbouring smuggled tobacco, penalties of £195 and £19.4.3 imposed.

List of 5 prisoners 'Under Green Wax Process' (to do with fines, issues, forfeitures and goods of felons). Such as John Mahony £50, Sept 17th, forfeited at Spring Assizes 1821. List of 2 deserters from the military; Redmond Burke of 81st regiment captured/convicted by Sir. D. Perrier, Knight April 17th; and John Trainer of 48th Regiment, captured/convicted by Mr. Newsom Esq., Aug 7th.

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