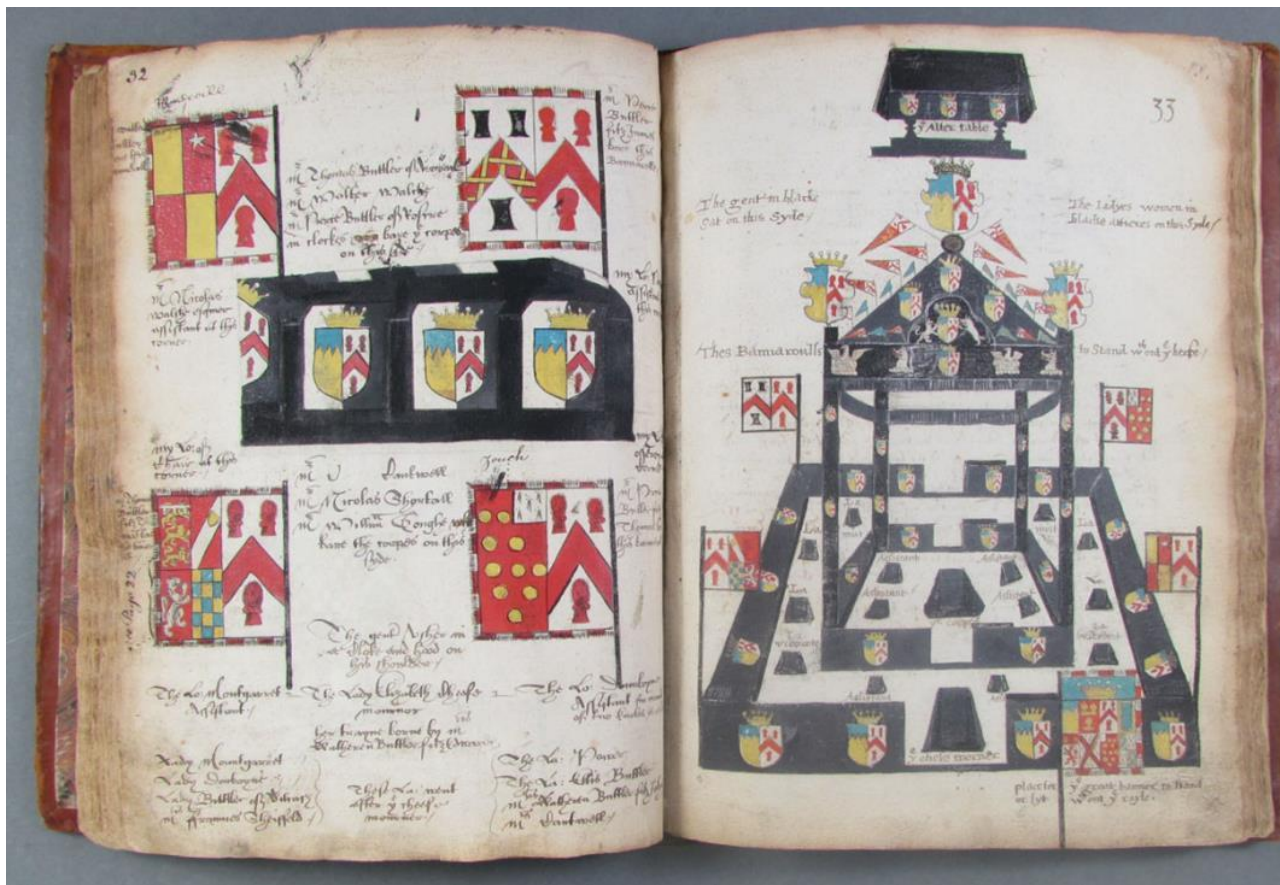


***17<sup>th</sup> century Watermarks in the  
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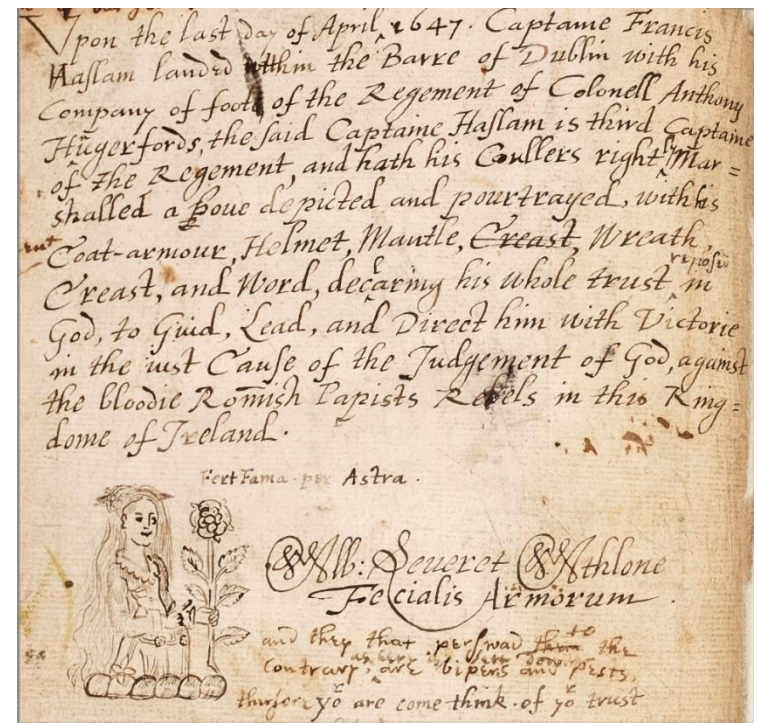
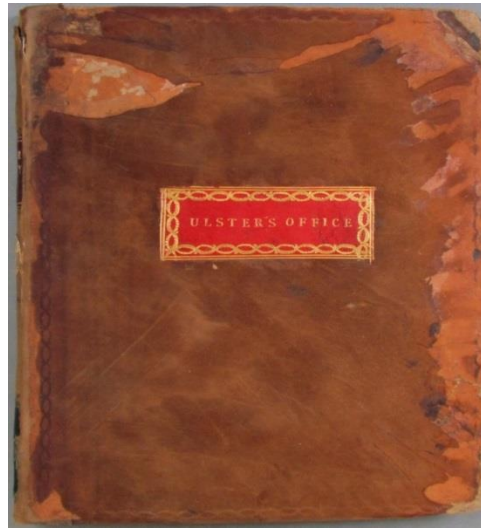
# Heraldic Manuscripts, NLI





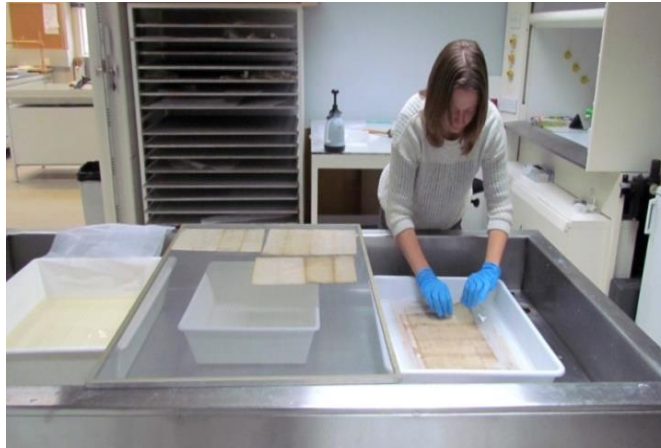
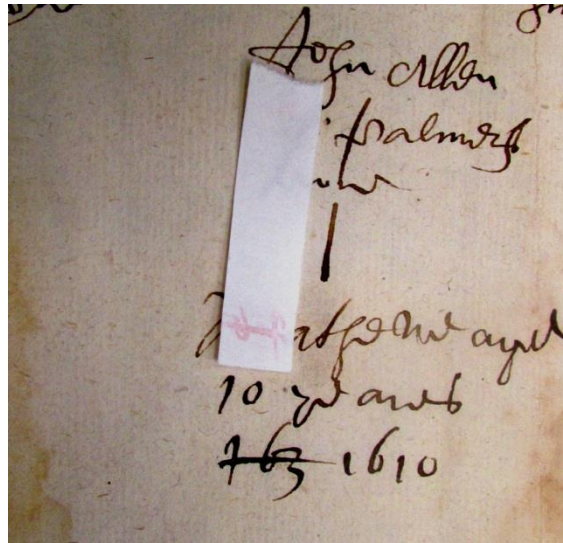
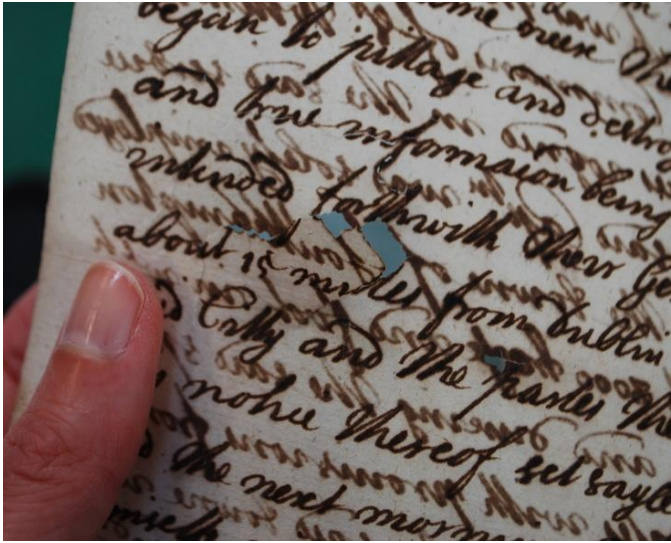


- Ulster King of Arms founded in 1552
- Over 800 volumes [part of](#) NLI since 1987

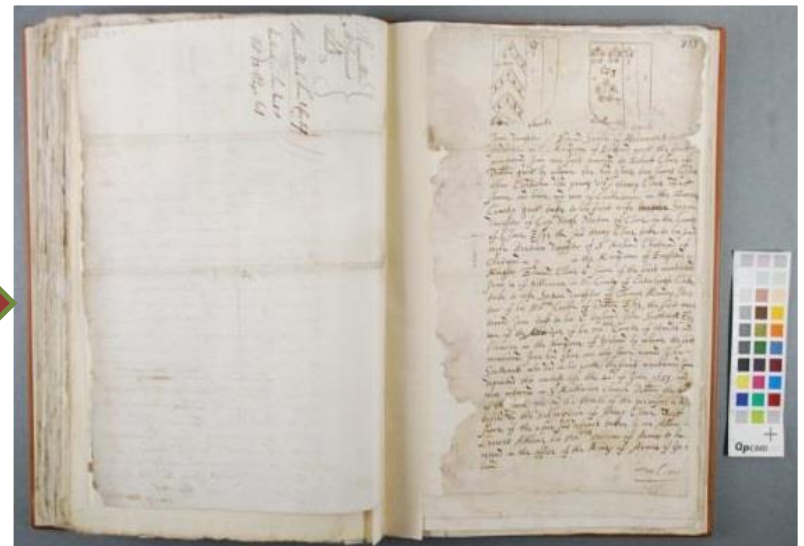
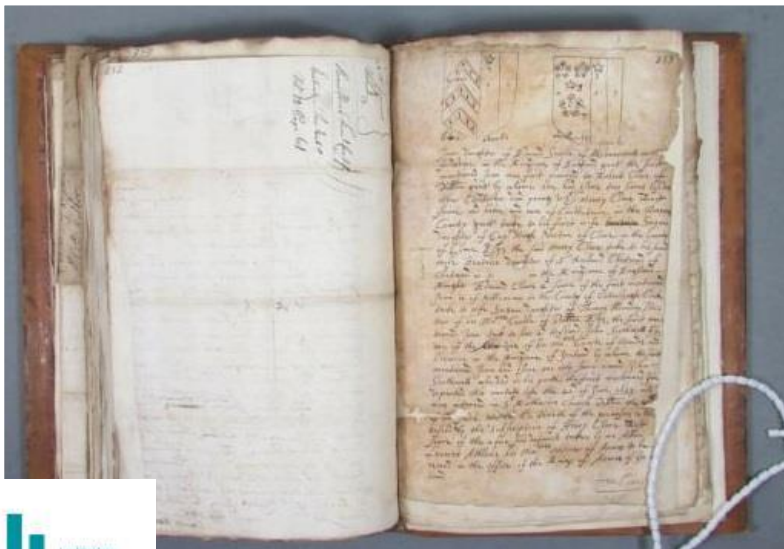
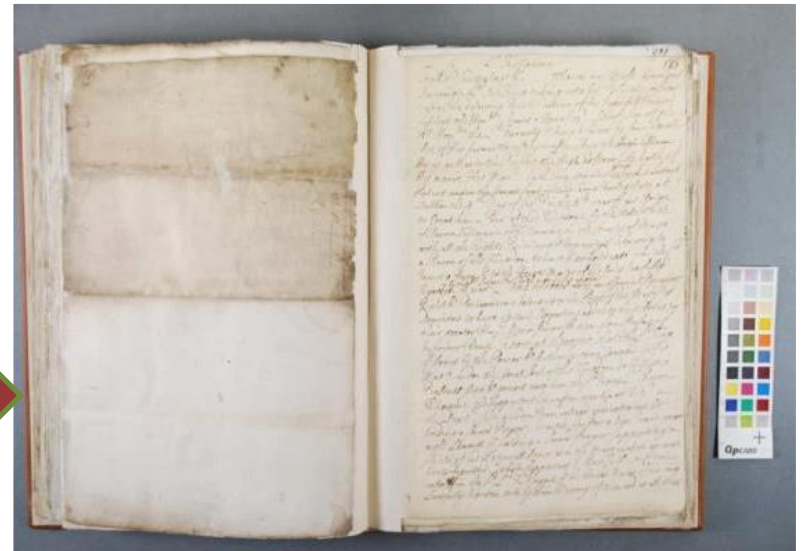




# Conservation Project 2014-2017



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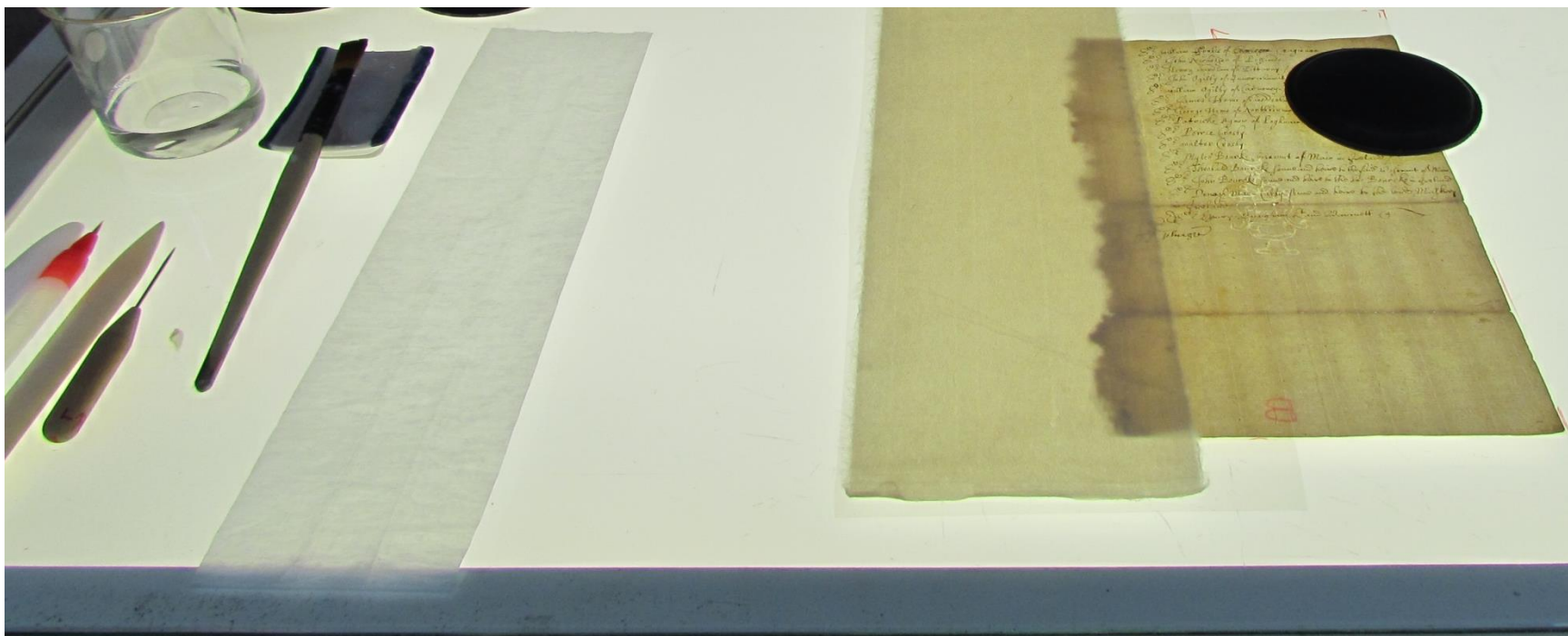




# Watermark

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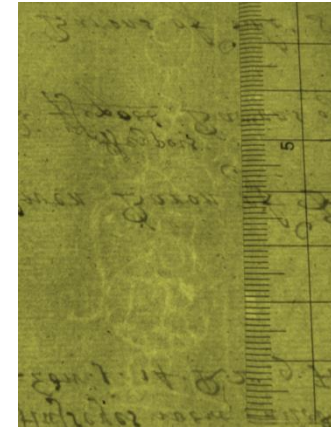
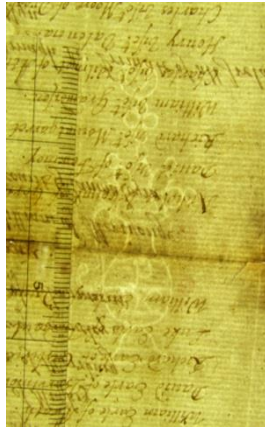
- 'List of Peers, Baronets and Knights; c.1619 -1727'
- 157 folios
- 32 watermarks – 10 [now online](#)



# Pot Watermarks



Dated 1634 (folios 7, 15, 61-63, 183)  
 Letters 'P | DO'



Not dated – c.  
 Letters 'PR'  
 (bf 131-  
 137,125,127,133,135)



14 March 1639  
 (Folio 189)  
 Letters 'FC'



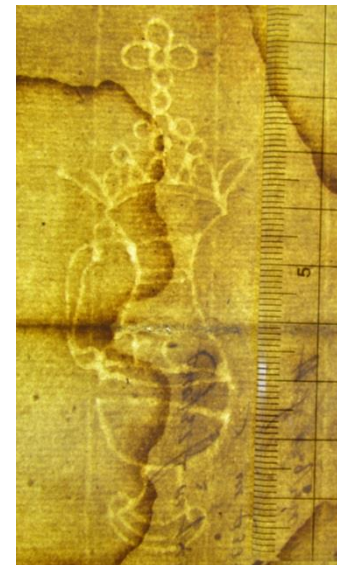
Not dated (bf 17-  
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Not dated (folio  
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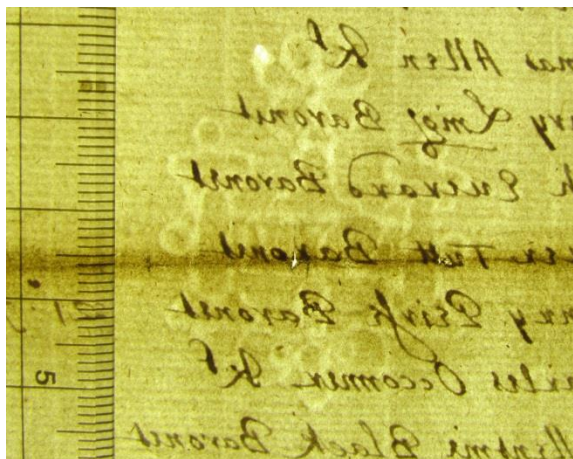
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 Letters 'PO'



14 May 1639  
 (bf 157-159  
 Letters 'FC'



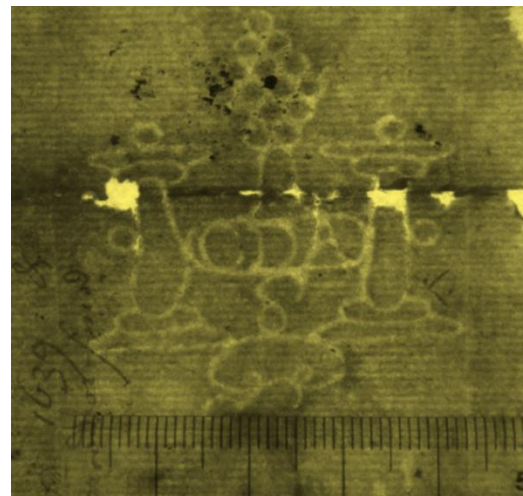
# Post/Pillar/Column Watermarks



Not dated  
letters 'MO'? (bf 25-27)



Not dated c. 1640  
Letters 'CDA' (bf 41-43)



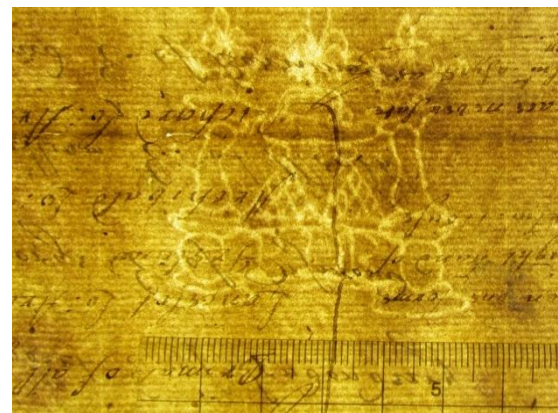
16 March 1639  
Letters 'CDA' (f 235)



Not dated c. 1641  
(folio 85)



Not dated c. 1633  
Letters 'GC' (folio 155)



16 March 1639  
Letters 'PDR' (bf 207-209)



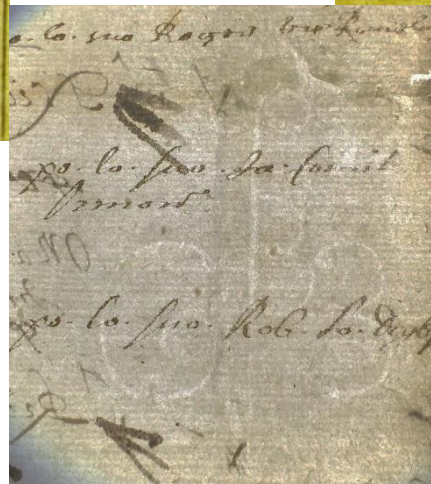
# Urn (1), flag (1)



Not dated c.1639 & 1641 (folio 191)  
Letters 'BCM'

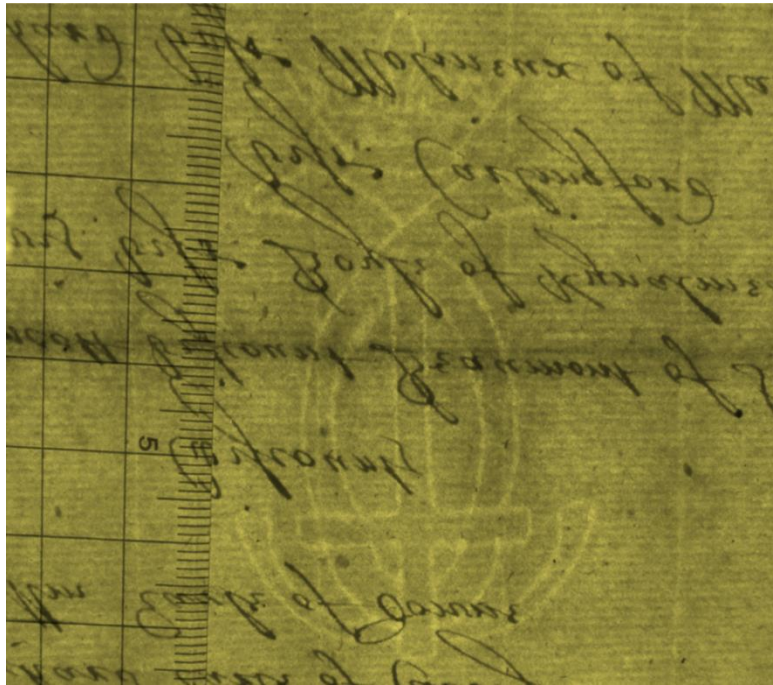


1639 (folio 83, bf 191-193, 195-197, 199-201)  
There is also a countermark (f191)

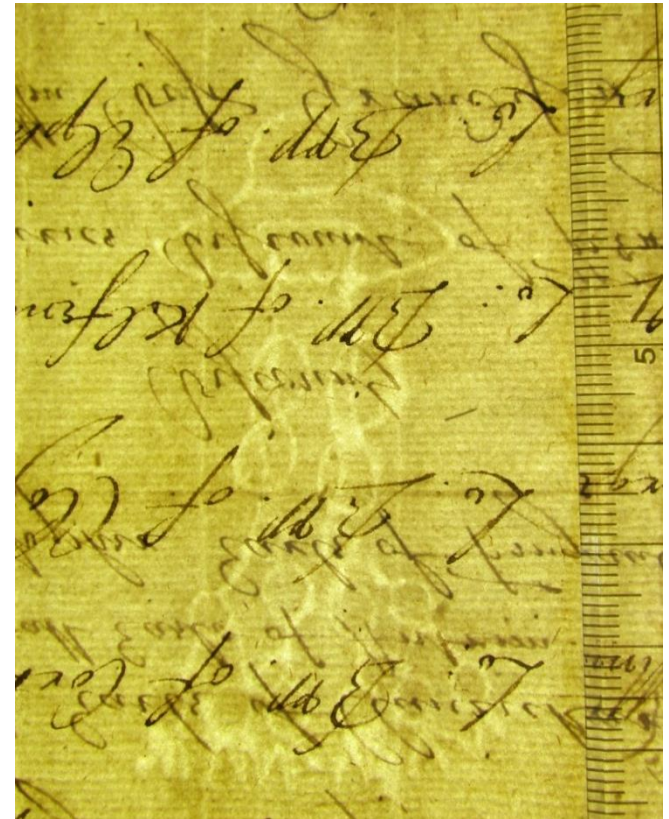




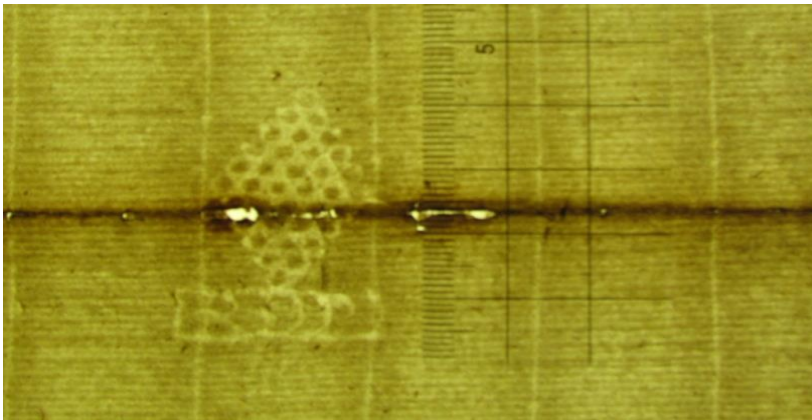
# cross (1), cardinal's hat (1), grapes (1)



Dated 9 June 1641 (bf 249-251)



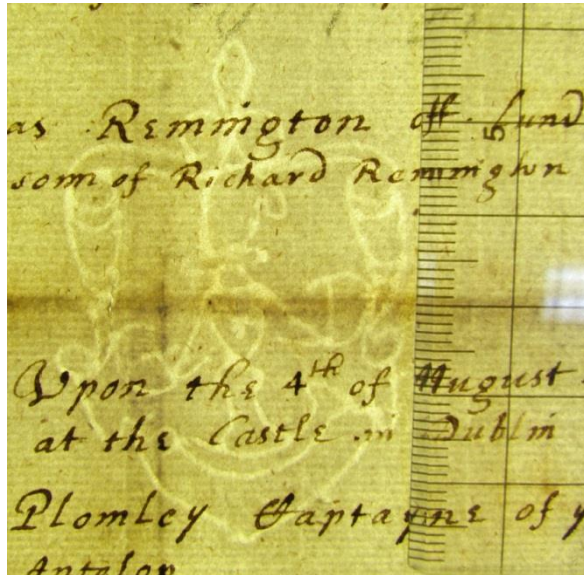
27 Oct 1640 (folio 203)



Not dated c. 1639 (Folio 229)



# Shield (3)

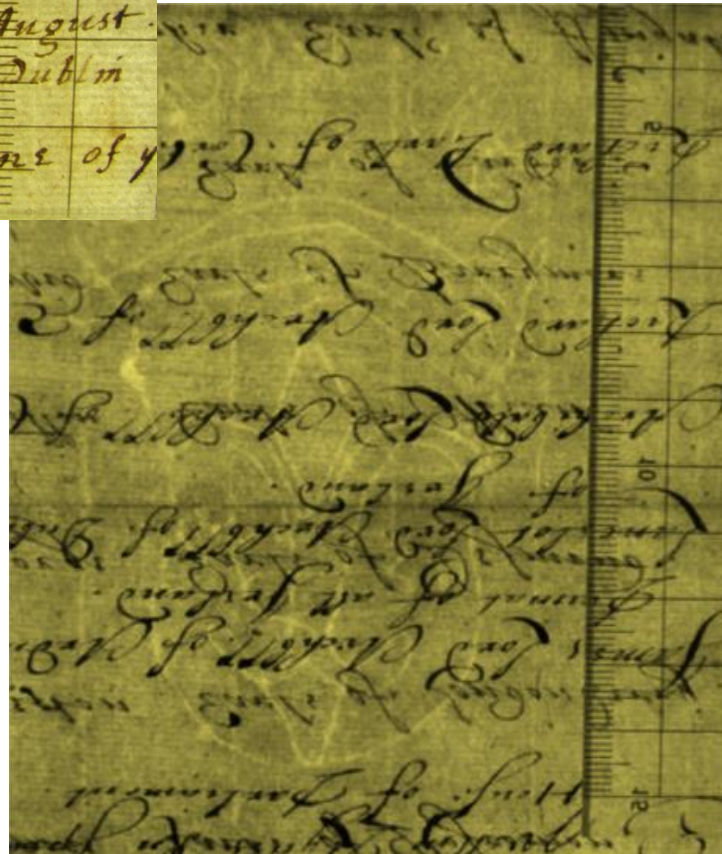


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son of Richard Remington

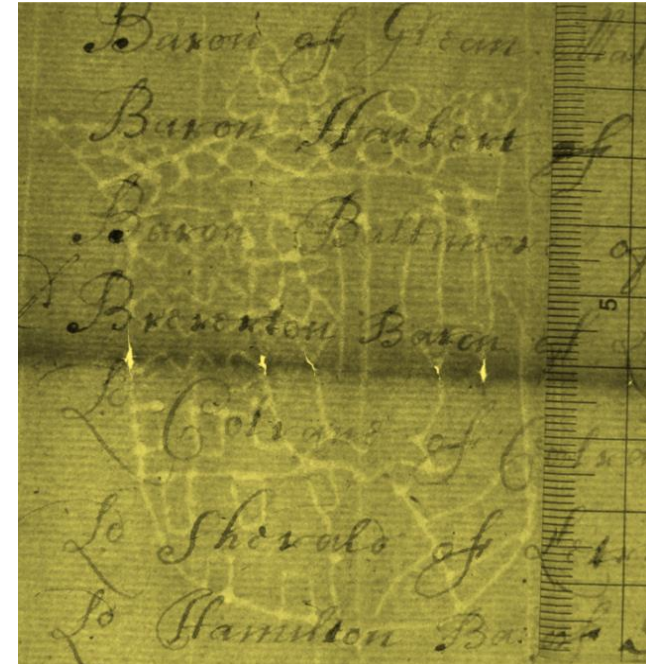
Upon the 4<sup>th</sup> of August  
at the Castle in Dublin

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Not dated 1633? (folio 55)  
Letters GD



Not dated c.1640s  
(bf 171-177) 'Coat of arms'



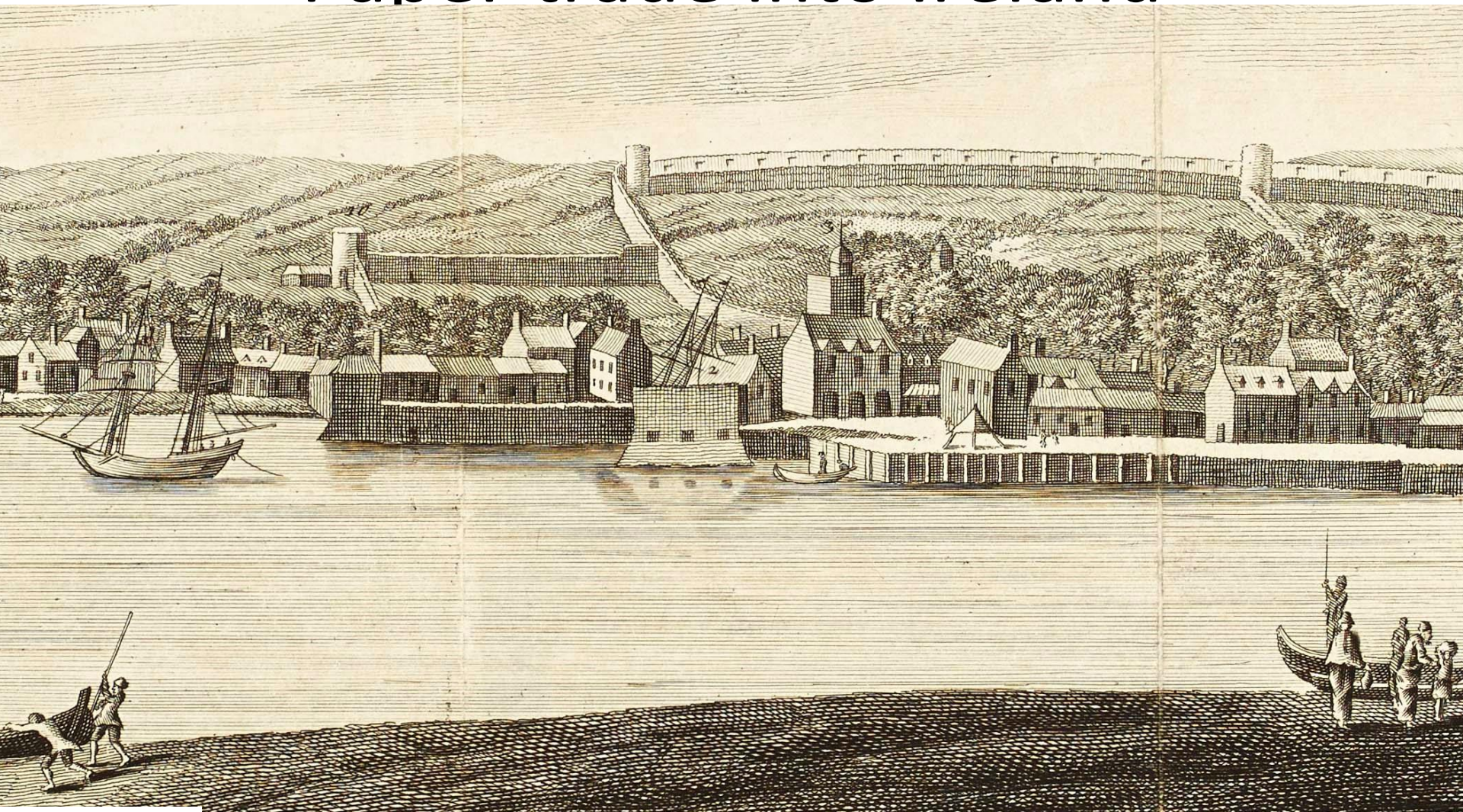
Baron of Glen. That  
Baron Herbert of  
Baron Bultmore  
Brenton Baron of  
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Lo Shervals of  
Lo Hamilton Baron

Not dated c.1640s  
(bf 171-177) 'Coat of arms'

Not dated c.1641 (folio 267, 271-  
273, 269-275)



# Paper trade into Ireland





# Paper trade into Ireland – Bristol records

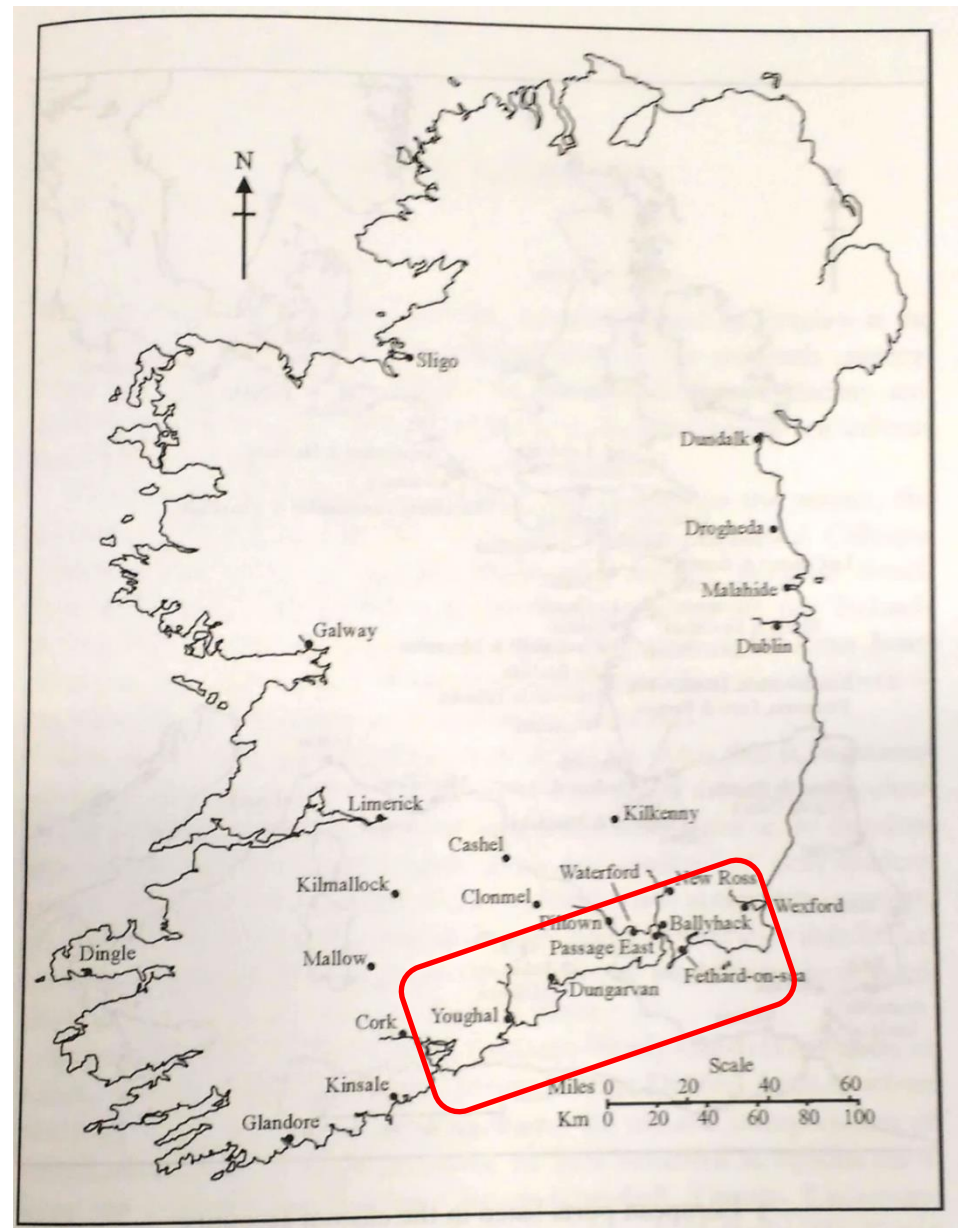


Passage East, Co. Waterford. c.1685.  
Detail from drawing, NLI MS [3137/11](#)

**1594/5** – 81 reams are recorded passing through Bristol port from La Rochelle in France to Ireland's southern ports, via Bristol.

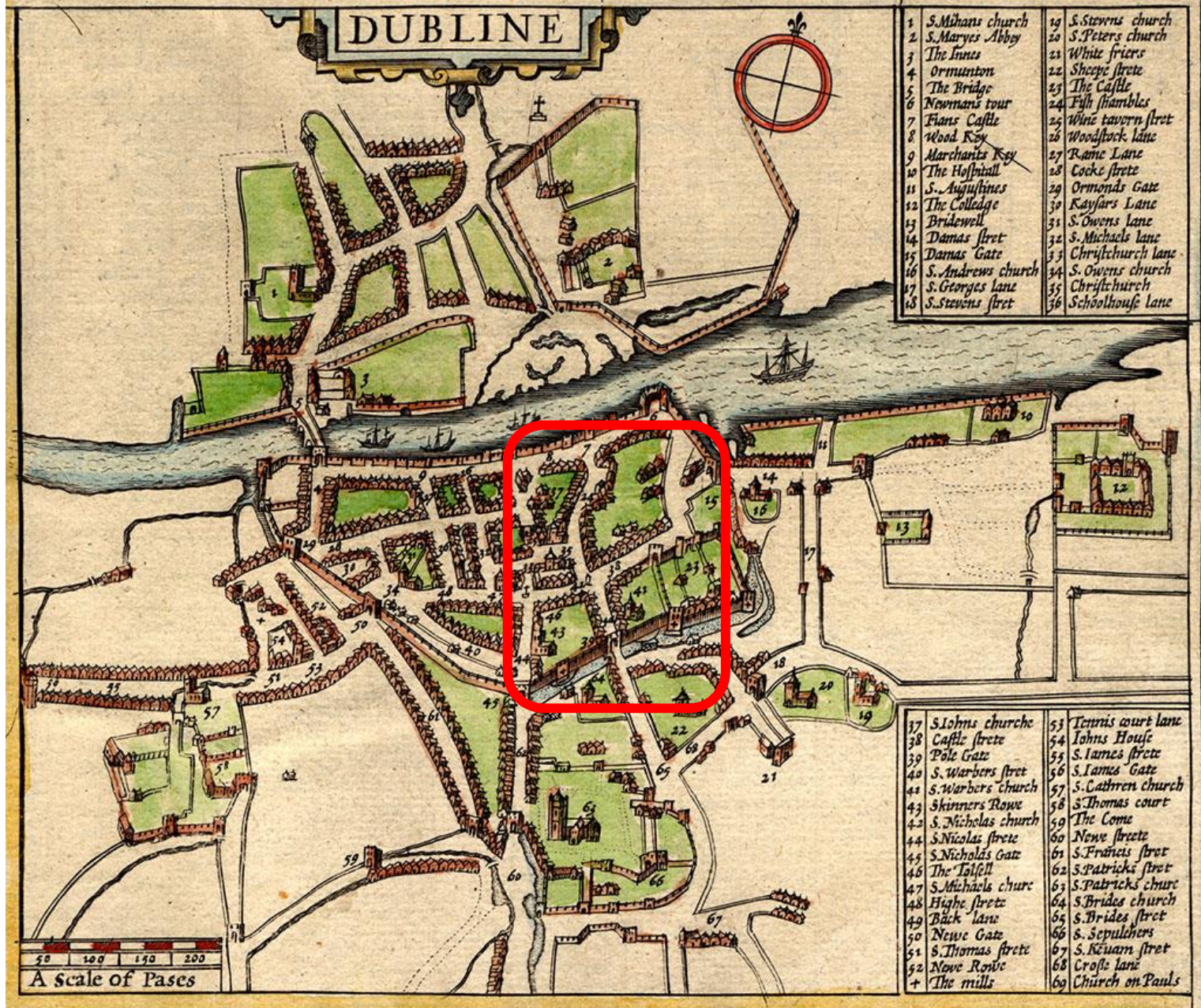
**1601** - 179 reams of paper (including 38 reams of brown paper) from 7 English ports (Hinton, Berkeley, Milford Haven, Gatcombe, London and Westbury-on-Severn)

*‘in paper in  
Dublin is very  
dear scant  
and bad’  
1590*



Map noting Irish ports in 16<sup>th</sup> century (Flavin 2009)





[Speed's Map of Dublin 1610](#)





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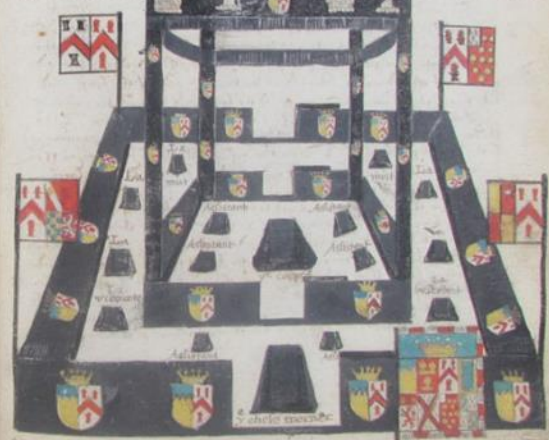


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