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1882–1951**

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This collection of personal papers is of paramount importance for those wishing to understand political developments within Ireland and concerning Ireland from the periods 1918–1922.

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This collection was presented to the Public Record Office in two ring binders. As no order, other than a rough chronological one, was apparent within the binders the material was separated and placed in new classifications. This has ensured that, as far as is possible, incomplete letters separated within the binders have now been joined together. For this reason it was impossible to believe that the order was original or the work of George Gavan Duffy himself. Unfortunately many of the letters and reports are incomplete.

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P. to D.

George Gavan Duffy to ()

1		18 April 1919 D. to P.
2		20 April 1919 P. to D.
3	No. 3	8 June 1919 Ex Grand Hotel, Paris
4	No. 5	15 June 1919
5	No. 6	22 June 1919 ex Grand Hotel, Paris
6	No. 7	n.d.
7	No. 8	15 July 1919
8	No. 9	12 August 1919
9	GD. 1	5 September 1919 ex Champs Elysées, Paris
10	GD. 2	10 September 1919 ex Champs Elysées
11	GD. 3	25 October 1919 ex Champs Elysées
12	GD. 6	17 March 1920 incomplete
13	GD. 7	18 March 1920
14	GD. 8	19 March 1920
15	GD. 9	27 March 1920
16	GD. 10	30 March 1920
17	GD. 11	8 April 1920
18	GD. 12	16 April 1920
19	GD. 13	6 May 1920 Includes statement from M

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George Gavan Duffy to ()

20	GD. 14	21 May 1920
21	GD. 15	26 May 1920
22	GD. 16	3 July 1920 incomplete
23	GD. 17	3 July 1920
24	GD. 18	9 July 1920
25	GD. 19	17 July 1920
26	G.D. 20	1 August 1920 includes "note on the need for a foreign press bureau"
27	GD. 21	7 August 1920 includes covering letter to Diarmuid
28		13 August 1920 Letter to Diarmuid
29	GD. 22	15 August 1920
30		1 September 1920 Letter to Diarmuid

P.H.

To George Gavan Duffy T.D. from Runaidhe
na h-Aireachta

1	P.H. 7	28 July 1919
2	P.H. 8	27 August 1919 ex 6 Harcourt St. signed Diarmuid Ó hEighceartuigh
3	P.H. 9	1 September 1919 ex 6 Harcourt St. To S.T. O'Kelly Signed D.O.H.E.
4	P.H. 10	25 September 1919 To S.T. O'Kelly incomplete
5	P.H. 11	9 October 1919 To S.T. O'Kelly. Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
6	P.H.12	30 October 1919 To. S.T. O'Kelly Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
7	P.H. 10	5 July 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
8	P.H. 11	9 July 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
9	P.H.12	15 July 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
10	P.H. 13	July 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
11	P.H. 14	3 August 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
12	P.H.15	17 August 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
13	P.H. 16	23 August 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh
14		13 September 1920 Signed Diarmuid O hEighceartuigh

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P.H.

To George Gavan Duffy T.D. from Runaidhe
na h-Aireachta

15	13 September
16	20 September 1920 Signed Diarmuid Ó hEighceartuigh To Diarmuid from George Gavan Duffy
17	8 April 1920
18	16 April 1920
19	9 July 1920
20	24 August 1920

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L. to G.D.

(Art O'Brien?)

1		20 July 1920
2	P. 7	1 September 1920 Signed A
3	P. 8	4 September 1920 Signed A
4	P. 9	10 September 1920 Signed A
5		12 September 1920 Signed A
6	P. 11	14 September 1920 Signed A
7	P. 13	16 September 1920 Signed A
8		23 September 1920 Signed A
9		25 September 1920 Signed A
10	P. 16	25 September 1920 Signed A
11		25 September 1920 Signed A
12	P. 20	30 September 1920 Signed A
13		16 December 1920 Signed A
14		14 January 1921 Signed A
15	R.1	24 January 1921 Signed A
16	R.2	10 February 1921 Signed A

(Art O'Brien?)

17	R.5	25 February 1921 for M.E.D. Signed A
18	R.6	26 February 1921 Signed A
19	R.7	28 February 1921 For M. E. D. Signed A
20	R.8	5 March 1921 for M.E.D. Signed A
21	R.9	5 March 1921 for M.E..D. Signed A
22		14 March 1921 Signed A.
23	R.10	24 March 1921 for E.D. Signed A
24	R.11	1 April 1921 Signed A
25	R.11a	5 April 1921 Signed A
26	R.12	8 April 1921 Signed A
27	R.15	11 April 1921 Signed A
28	R.14	15 April 1921 Signed A
29	R.15	21 April 1921 Signed A
30	R.16	26 April 1921 Signed A

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L. to G.D.

(Art O'Brien?)

31	R.17	29 April 1921 Signed A
32	R.18	2 May 1921 Signed A
33	R.19	3 May 1921 Signed A
34	R.20	10 May 1921 Signed A
35	R. 21	18 May 1921 Signed A
36	E.22	27 May 1921 Signed A
37	R.23	27 May 1921 Signed A
38	R.24	4 June 1921 Signed A
39	R.25	7 June 1921 Signed A
40	R.31	2 July 1921 Signed A
41	R.33	28 July 1921 Signed A

ALSO

42		13 December 1919 Signed Art
43		18 December 1920 Signed A
44		19 January 1921 Signed A

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L. to G.D.

(Art O'Brien?)

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17 March 1921
Signed A

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25 April 1921
Signed A. O'Brien

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R. to L.

S. to Arthur

1	9 November 1920	
2	10 November 1920	
3	22/23 March 1921	
4	24 March 1921	
5	30 March 1921 Signed	
6	6 April 1921	
7	12 April 1921	
8	18 April 1921	
9	19 April 1921	
10	3 May 1921	A
11	4 May 1921	B
12	11 May 1921	C
13	19 May 1921	D
14	29 May 1921	E
15	12 June 1921	F
16	24 June 1921	G

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R. to D.

1	102	24 March 1921 incomplete
2	108	19 May 1921 Signed S.G.D.
3	109	28 March 1921
4	110	6 June 1921
5	111	6 June 1921
6	112	12 June 1921
7	113	24 June 1921

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R.B. to G.D.

1	22 April 1921
2	13 May 1921
3	24 May 1921
4	June 1921
5	8 June 1921

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**Correspondence between George Gavan
Duffy and Desmond Fitzgerald**

- 1 3 May 1920
from Fitzgerald
- 2 6 May 1920
from Gavan Duffy
- 3 14 May 1920
from Fitzgerald
- 4 18 May 1920
from Fitzgerald
- 5 21 May 1920
from Gavan Duffy
- 6 31 May 1920
from Fitzgerald
- 7 4 June 1920
from Fitzgerald
- 8 30 June 1920
from Gavan Duffy
- 9 8 July 1920
from Gavan Duffy

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(Gavan Duffy) to S.T. O'Kelly

1	3 September 1919
2	8 September 1919
3	27 July 1920
4	17 April 1921
5	22 April 1921
6	23 April 1921
7	3 May 1921
8	10 May 1921
9	28 May 1 921
10	9 March

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Correspondence to Gavan Duffy

1919–1921
from
Patrick Fitzgerald
Ismy
Patrick McCartan
Fred Mael

to and from

Maurice Bourgeois
Michael Collins
Earnán de Blaghd

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Correspondence from Gavan Duffy

1920–1921
to Henry Anderson
Cathal
Mrs. Green

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**Correspondence between S.T. O'Kelly
and Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh**

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | 24 August 1919 |
| 2 | 29 August 1919 |
| 3 | 1 September 1919 |

S.T. O'Kelly to G. Gavan Duffy

ex Délégation au Gouvernement Elu de la République Irlandaise, Grand Hotel, Paris to Rome

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|----|--------|--|
| 1 | G.D. 4 | 2 November 1919
from G. Gavan Duffy to (....) |
| 2 | | 5 August 1920 |
| 3 | | 27 December 1920 |
| 4 | | 6 January 1921 |
| 5 | | 18 April 1921 |
| 6 | | 25 April 1921 |
| 7 | | 25 April 1921 |
| 8 | | 6 May 1 921 |
| 9 | | 25 May 1921 |
| 10 | | 20 June 1921 |
| 11 | | 29 June 1921 |
| 12 | | 2 July 1921 |
| 13 | | 4 July 1921 |
| 14 | | 14 July 1921 |
| | | ALSO |
| 15 | | 3 September 1919 from Grand Hotel, Paris |
| 16 | | 7 March 1920 from Irish College, Rome |
| 17 | | 10 March 1920 from Irish College, Rome |
| 18 | | July 1920
Postcard from Pisa |

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**Correspondence neither to nor from
Gavan Duffy**

Often incomplete
1919–1921

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Treaty Negotiations

Carbons of correspondence and
communiqués
13–18 July 1921

Memoranda etc.

- 1 12 January 1918
Edward E. Lysaght ex Irish Conventor to
Lloyd George
Concerning Lysaght's position on convention
2 pp
stencil
- 2 28 December 1918
"An urgent preliminary note for the
information of the President of the United
States of America with regard to Ireland and
the Peace Conference"
6 pp
stencil
- 3 Minutes of Mansion House meeting
7 January 1919
5 pp
stencil
- 4 25 January 1919 Gloucester Prison
Letter and opinion from Arthur Griffith
7 pp
stencil
- 5 October 1919
Instructions regarding U.S. vessels trading
with Dublin Port
5 pp
carbon
- 6 16 January. 1920
Declaration of the Delegation of the Republic
of Ireland, Grand Hotel, Paris
5 pp
stencil
French
- 7 4 March 1920
Declaration of the Delegation of the Republic
of Ireland for the Catholic Press Concerning
terror in Ireland
3 pp
stencil
French

Memoranda etc.

- 8 24 March 1920
Report on Interview given by Gavan Duffy to
U.S. Press
incomplete
1 p.
carbon
- 9 22 April 1920
Telegram re. Gavan Duffy interview –
exclusive to Associated Press
2 pp
carbon
- 10 26 September 1920
French text on le Bureau Antimaconnique
International and English Précis
5 pp
carbon and stencil
- 11 March–June 1921
Irish Republican Association of South Africa
and World Conference on Irish Race
Correspondence
- 12 May 1921
Orders prohibiting importation of meat into
Ireland and Britain
ex. L.H. Kearney, Paris
2 pp
carbon
- 13 June 1921
Foreign Affairs memorandum re. “Emigration
from Ireland”
1 p.
carbon
- 14 11 August 1922
Letter from Gavan Duffy to the Editors of the
Irish Daily Press
Concerning his resignation from the cabinet
2 pp
carbon

Memoranda etc.

- | | | |
|----|---|------------|
| 15 | 18 October 1922 | Donnybrook |
| | Letter from Maurice Moore
Concerning Irish prisoners in English jails
4 pp
stencil | |
| 16 | 27 April 1923 | |
| | National Reconstruction Alliance objectives
1 p.
carbon | |
| 17 | 20 January 1951 | |
| | "Voice recording made for the Bureau by the
Hon. George Gavan Duffy, President of the
High Court.
5 pp
typescript | |
| 18 | n.d. | |
| | "Report on visit to London"
Concerning the foreign press in London
7 pp
carbon. | |
| 19 | | |
| | "Copy memorandum from Mr. Thomas
Hughes Kelly to Mr. Art O'Brien"
Concerning U.S. funds
3 pp
typescript. | |
| 20 | n.d. | |
| | Typescript of U.S. passport | |
| 21 | | |
| | "The Drafting of the Irish Free State
Constitution"
Chapter 1.
Brian Farrell
corrected
xerox copy | |

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**Draft of 1922 Constitution with
emendations**

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Draft 1922 Constitution – 1922

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Stencil copy of the draft 1922 Constitution for the Irish Provisional Government with handwritten corrections and expansions.

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P [Arthur Griffith?] to Gavan Duffy

6 October 1920

15 October 1920

16 October 1920

16 October 1920

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MM [Michael McWhite] to Gavan Duffy

3 September 1920	recd.
5 September 1920	recd.
7 September 1920	
10 September 1920	recd.
10 September 1920	
12 September 1920	recd.
18 September 1920	
20 September 1920	recd.
22 September 1920	
23 September 1920	
28 September 1920	
29 September 1920	recd.
n.d.	
n.d.	
n.d.	
[incomplete]	

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**R.O.B. [Riobárd O Breanáin]
to Gavan Duffy**

25 May 1920

2 March 1921

11 March 1921

11 March 1921

18 March 1921

22 March 1921

1 April 1921

3 April 1921

8 April 1921

8 April 1921

23 June 1921

28 June 1921

28 June 1921

1 July 1921

13 July 1921

4 August 1921

13 February

21 February

8

n.d.

1920

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Micheál Ó Coileáin to Gavan Duffy

3 September 1920

18 October 1920

25 November 1920

2 December 1920

9 December 1920

30 December 1920

1 January 1921

14 January 1921

3 February 1921

27 February 1921

24 March 1921

31 March 1921

17 May 1921

11 June 1921

18 June 1921

18 June 1921

7 July 1921

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Diarmuid O hÉigearthaigh to Gavan Duffy

25 June 1919

14 July 1919

14 July 1919

25 July 1919

1 October 1920

12 October 1920

23 November 1920

29 November 1920

15 January 1921

29 September

n.d.

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S.T. [O'Kelly] to Gavan Duffy

13 September 1920
[incomplete]

10 September 1920

20 September 1920

6 October 1920

16 October 1920

22 November 1920

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**Miscellaneous correspondence to
Gavan Duffy**

25 October 1920
from D.P.

10 March 1921
from E de V[alera]

16 July 1921
from Daithí O Donnchaidhe

3 August 1921
from ?

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From Gavan Duffy to M

8 March 1921 Genoa

6 April 1921

3 May 1921

29 May 1921

6 June 1921

1 July 1921

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**From George Gavan Duffy to
Riobárd O Breanáin**

24 March 1920
to Rib [Riobárd O Breanáin]

2 April 1920 Paris
to Riobárd [O Breanáin]

12 April 1920
to Riobárd [O Breanáin]

21 April 1920
to Riobárd [O Breanáin]

30 June 1920 Paris
to Riobárd [O Breanáin]

30 December
to Riobárd [O Breanáin]

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Gavan Duffy to [Micheál Ó Coileáin]

14 July 1921

Rome

30 July 1921

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**Miscellaneous correspondence from
Gavan Duffy**

10 February 1920 Berlin
to

30 March 1920
to

5 October 1920
to

12 October 1920 Berlin
to Gerald H. ...

11 January 1921
to

15 January 1921
to

11 March 1921 Rome
to

March 1921
to

12 April 1921
to

30 June 1921
to

30 June 1921
to

7 July 1921
to

12 July 1921
to

30 July 1921
to

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**Miscellaneous correspondence from
Gavan Duffy**

n.d.
to

n.d.
to

n.d.
to

n.d.
to

n.d.
to

n.d.
to

Miscellaneous correspondence

9 September 1920 Paris
Report by Michael McWhite

12 September 1920
from to

24 September 1920
from to

20 October 1920
from to

24 November 1920
from to

8 November 1920
from to

11 November 1920 London
from to

19 March 1921
Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh to Secretary for
Finance

14 April 1921
from to

25 July 1921 recd.
in code

25 July 1921
from to

n.d.
Memo by Acting President on Egypt

Miscellaneous Matters

6 December 1918
39 Mespil Road, Dublin
To the Electors of South County Dublin
George Gavan Duffy

26 June 1921
General Directions
To each Representative of the Irish Republic
Abroad

April 1922
Dáil Éireann
Report on Foreign Affairs
(George Gavan Duffy)

n.d.
Dáil Eireann
Tuarasgbhail Ghnothaí Choigcríche
S. Ghabháin Uí Dhubhthaigh

n.d.
Spanish Affairs

n.d.
(re. representatives)

n.d.
Trade figures

n.d.
Une entente cordiale contre l'Angleterre

n.d.
Copy of Mr Riley's Memo

n.d.
Waterford
Resolution re. murder of Fr. O'Callaghan, Cork
City

n.d.
(Funeral card – Martyrs for the Liberation of
Ireland)

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Correspondence to Mrs. Gavan Duffy

23 November 1920
from Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh

3 March 1921
from D.R. Mud

22 March 1921
from Micheál Ó Coileáin