



Registry of Deeds, Dublin

Deed 1830 862 315 574815

The transcript of this deed, 1830 862 315 574815 (from the Registry of Deeds, Dublin) transcribed by Cyril North, was kindly supplied by Canberra-based Richard Bomford.

Dramatis personæ

Arthur Crawford (1748-1833) of Bloomfield, and his wife **Theodosia Crawford**, née Waddell (1779-1849).

Arthur Crawford was born in Crawfordsburn, the second son of James Crawford.

A neighbour was **John Turnly** of Rockport. (These were all very much the landed gentry of the period).

Arthur's bride, Theodosia (surely his second wife!) was the daughter of James Waddell from Springfield, Magheralin. This was an important family, living beside **Thomas Douglass** of Grace-Hall, with several thousand acres of land (In the late 1870s, **Charles Douglas** [sic], address Grace Hall, Lurgan, owned 2,791 acres).

So the trustees are either neighbours of the bride or the groom.

Richard Bomford suggests that 'probably most of Arthur's money was held by Charles Douglas in trust so that, if Arthur went broke, the money was quarantined from his personally held assets – still common practice if you have a lot of money!'

Arthur Crawford now wishes to sell the rights, the bond, to the Norths in return for cash. This deed reassigns the original 1818 loan. The Norths purchase the rights under the 28 March 1818 settlement and the 3 April bond.

John Henry North (1789-1831) was the only son of Richard North, a military officer ('Ensign in his Majesty's 15th Regiment of Foot') who died while his son was an infant. 'The education of the orphan was, however, tenderly conducted by his mother's brother, the Rev Mr [Ponsonby] Gouldsbury [rector of St Catherine's in Tullamore until 1830], a wealthy and exemplary clergyman who died during the present year at an advanced age' (*The Gentleman's Magazine*, July to December 1831, Vol CI, 24, Part the Second, by Sylvanus Urban, Gent, London (Google Books)).

On 2 December 1818, John Henry North (1789-1831) married **Letitia Dorothea Foster** in Dublin. She was the youngest daughter of the **Right Rev William Foster**, Lord Bishop of Clogher, sister to the Hon John Leslie Foster MP.

The Deed 1830 862 315 574815 was initially described to me as a memorial of an indented deed of assignment dated 20 August 1830 concerning payment and return of an advance of £5,000 made by the trustees of John Henry North and his wife Letitia's marriage settlement to the trustees and creditors of the marriage settlement of Arthur Crawford and Theodocia Waddell (quoting an email from Cyril North, 3 May 2009).

This next paragraph* elaborates on that (I think the two, taken together help to elucidate everything much better!).

Deed 1830 862 315 574815 (in the Registry of Deeds, Dublin) is a memorial of an indented deed of assignment dated 20 August 1830, in which the trustees of the marriage settlement of John Henry North and Letitia North (née Foster) take over a £5,000 bond and charge on the lands of Charles William Vane, Marquis of Londonderry, from Arthur Crawford and Charles Douglas, in return for cash paid to Arthur and Charles (Cyril North email 3 May 2009). The transaction feels like an investment and was done with the consent of all involved. After John Henry North died, Letitia sold their Merrion Square House for £900 ...

* Most of the above paragraph is from the online source *The Norths of Ireland*, part of the *The Irish Bomfords* accessed here:

http://www.bomford.net/IrishBomfords/Chapters/Chapter16/norths_of_ireland.htm

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Transcription by Cyril North:

A memorial of an indented deed of assignment bearing date the twentieth day of August one thousand and eight hundred and thirty made between

Arthur Crawford of Bloomfield in the county of Down esquire or creditor under the settlement of the twenty eighth of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen therein after recited of the first part,

Charles Douglas of Grace Hall in the county of Down esquire adm^{or} of Thomas Douglas late of Grace hall deceased surviving trustee named in the settlement entered into and executed previous to and in contemplation of the marriage of the said Arthur Crawford with Theodocia Crawford formerly Theodocia Waddell spinster his wife of the second part,

John Turnley of Rockport in the county of Down esquire and the Rev^d John Cleland of Stormont in the county of Down clerk, trustees named in the said settlement of the twenty eighth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen of the third part,

the most honourable Charles William Vane Marquis of Londonderry and the Hon^{ble} William Frederick Robert Stewart commonly called Lord Viscount Castlereagh the eldest son and heir apparent of the said Charles William Vane Marquis of Londonderry of the fourth part,

John Henry North of the city of Dublin esquire one of his Majesty's Council at law and Letitia North formerly Letitia Forster [sic] spinster his wife of the fifth part,

and the reverend William Foster [sic] of Collon in the county of Louth clerk and the reverend Charles Strange [sic] of [blank] in the county of Wexford clerk, Trustees named in the settlement entered into in contemplation of the marriage of the said John Henry North with the said Letitia his wife of the sixth part

Reciting among other matters that the estates of the said Marquis of Londonderry stood charged with the sum of five thousand pounds late irish currency and was then vested in the said Arthur Crawford and Charles Douglas

and reciting that said Arthur Crawford and Charles Douglas were desirous to obtain payment of said principal sum

and said William Foster and Charles Lestrangle [sic] as trustees of the settlement entered into on the marriage of said John Henry North with said Letitia his wife at the desire and request of said Charles William Vane Vane [sic] Marquis of London derry and William Frederick Robert Viscount Castlereagh and with the privity and approbation of the said John Henry North and Letitia his wife testified by their executing said presents had agreed to advance unto said Charles Douglas said principal sum secured as aforesaid upon an assignment thereof to them said William Foster [&] Charles Stronge [sic] as such trustees as aforesaid

in which assignment the said Charles William Vane Marquis of Londonderry and William Frederick Robert Viscount Castlereagh had agreed to join as assenting parties

it is by said deed of which this is a memorial witnessed that for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand six hundred and fifteen pounds seven shillings and eight pence farthing of lawful money of said United Kingdom to said Charles Douglas, with the privity and approbation of the said Arthur Crawford, in hand paid by said William Foster and Charles Strange at or immediately previous to the sealing and delivery thereof the rectpts [sic] whereof is thereby acknowledged

they the said Arthur Crawford and the said Charles Douglas according to their respective estates and interests by and with the privity and approbation and the desire and request of the said Chas William Vane Marquis of Londonderry and William Frederick Lord Viscount Castlereagh and with the privity and approbation of the said John Henry North and Letitia his wife testified by their being parties to and severally ... and delivering said presents

did grant bargain sell assign transfer and make over unto the said William Foster and Charles Stronge his ex^{ets} adm^{ots} and assigns all that the aforesaid principal sum of four thousand six hundred and fifteen pounds seven shillings and eight pence farthing secured by the therein recited bond of the third day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and charged upon or effecting the manor or estates towns lands tythes fee farm rents and other rents hereditaments and premises situate in said county of Down and in said county city and liberties of said city of Londonderry comprized in the therein recited indenture of settlement of the twenty eighth of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and in the term of one thousand years thereby created and limited to said John Turnley and John Cleland their exors admors and assigns as therein before mentioned

together with all interest thereafter to grown due on the same principal sum after the rate of five pounds per cent per annum

and all the estate right title and interest for ... claim ... and demand whatsoever of them the said Arthur Crawford and Charles Douglas and each of them of which to the same and every part thereof and all powers and remedies in him the said Arthur Crawford or in the said Charles Douglas as person[al] representative of said Thomas Douglas the surviving trustee of the marriage settlement of said Arthur Crawford vested for recovery thereof under or by virtue of said in part recited indenture of twenty eighth of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and said term of one thousand years thereby created and limited [sic] as aforesaid the aforesaid bond of the third day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen or otherwise howsoever

to hold the said charge or principal sum of four thousand six hundred and fifteen pounds seven shillings and eight pence farthing thereby assigned together with said bond all other securities for same and all interest thereafter to accrue and become due and owing upon said charge or principal sum after the rate aforesaid unto them the said William Foster and Charles Stronge their executors administrators and assigns as their proper monies goods and chattels for ever

and in which said deed of which this writing is a memorial is contained several other clauses covenants provisoes and agreements

and the execution of the said deed by the said Arthur Crawford is witnessed by William Crawford of Belfast in the county of Antrim gentleman attorney and Robert Quin of Bloomfield in the county of Antrim yeoman

and said deed and this memorial as to the execution thereof by the said Charles Douglas are witnessed by George Patterson of Belfast aforesaid gentleman and Lucas Warring of Lisburn in the county of Antrim aforesaid gentleman attorney.

Charles Douglas (seal)

Signed and sealed in presence of George Patterson Lucas Warring.

The above named George Patterson maketh oath and saith he is a subscribing witness to the deed of which the above writing is a memorial and also to said memorial and saith he saw said deed and memorial duly executed by Charles Douglass [sic] one of the executing parties thereto and saith the name George Patterson subscribed as a witness to said deed and memorial resp^{ly} is this deponent's proper name and hand writing.

George Patterson

Sworn before me at Belfast in the county of Antrim this 23^d day of August 1830 by virtue of a commission fourth of his Majesty's Court of Chancery in Ireland to me directed for taking affidavits in and for said county and I know the deponent.

Edw^d Watlins Comm^r.