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Dáil Éireann Appointments, 1919-1921.

COMMENTS OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

The annexed documents were supplied by the Assistant Secretary of the Government at the request of the Director; see correspondence attached. The information they contain was extracted from an Appointments Book in the custody of the Government which he, the Director, prepared when he was Assistant Secretary to the Government.

[Handwritten signature: P.J. Brennan]

Signature of Investigating Officer.
(P.J. Brennan)

Date..... 27th January, 1958. Secretary of the Bureau of Military History
1913-1921.

22, Meán Fomhair, 1948.

Rúnaí do'n Rialtas.

The Director would like to have, for the purposes of the Bureau, a record of all appointments made by or with the authority of Dáil Éireann during the period 1919-1921.

He is aware that much of this information is available in an Appointments Book which he prepared in his capacity as Assistant Secretary to the Government, and he would appreciate it very much if it were possible to let him have a copy of the relative pages, with permission to utilise the information contained in them for the purposes of the Bureau.

The main entries will be found on four or five sheets covering Ministerial appointments during the years 1919-21, and individual sheets dealing with the appointment of Envoys abroad and of members of the staffs of Dáil Éireann and of Dáil Departments of State.



(P.J. BRENNAN.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

DUBLIN

22 Deireadh Fómhair, 1948.

An Rúnaí,
An Buro Staire Mileata, 1913-21,
26 Raedh na nIartharach,
Baile Átha Cliath.



I am to refer to your minute of the 22nd ultimo regarding particulars of the appointments made by, or with the authority of, Dáil Éireann during the period 1919-21, and to enclose, as requested, a copy (in duplicate) of the pages of this Department's Register relating to such appointments. The matter has been the subject of discussion with a member of your staff and it is understood that the enclosure is on the lines of the Director's requirements.

I am to state that there is no objection, in so far as this Department is concerned, to the utilisation of the enclosed particulars for the purposes of the Bureau.

Rúnaí

BUREAU OF MILITARY HISTORY 1913-21

BURO STAIRE MILEATA 1913-21

No. W.S. 1,728

DÁIL EIREANN

(1919-21)

List of Appointments
President or Head of Ministry

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Cathal Brugha	22.1.1919.	1.4.1919.

The first Ministry was a purely temporary one, and was dissolved on the resignation of the President with his Ministry on 1.4.1919.

Eamonn de Valera	1.4.1919.	26.8.21.
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Eamonn de Valera	26.8.1921	9.1.1922
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Deputy President or Deputy Head of Ministry

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Arthur Griffith	17.6.1919	January, 1921
Michael Collins (<i>substitute</i>)	1.12.1920	do.

Minister for Finance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Eoin Mac Neill	22.1.1919	1.4.1919

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Michael Collins	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
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Michael Collins	26.8.1921	9.1.1922
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Minister for Foreign Affairs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Geo. Noble Count Plunkett	22.1.1919	1.4.1919

The first Ministry was a purely temporary one, and was dissolved on the resignation of the President with his Ministry on 1.4.1919.

Geo. Noble Count Plunkett	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
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Robert Brennan (Under Secretary)	6.2.1921	
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Arthur Griffith	26.8.1921	9.1.1922
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Minister for Home Affairs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Michael Collins	22.1.1919	1.4.1919

The first Ministry was a purely temporary one, and was dissolved on the resignation of the President with his Ministry on 1.4.1919.

Arthur Griffith	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
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Austin Stack (substitute)	16.1.1920	26.8.1921 (presumably)
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Austin Stack	26.8.1921	9.1.1922
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Minister for Local Government

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Wm. T. Cosgrave	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Kevin O'Higgins (Substitute)	9.4.1920	3.12.1920
Kevin O'Higgins (Asst.Minister)	4.12.1920	26.8.1921
Wm. T. Cosgrave	26.8.1921	9.1.1922
Kevin O'Higgins (Asst.Minister)	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Defence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Richard Mulcahy	22.1.1919	1.4.1919

The first Ministry was a purely temporary one, and was dissolved on the resignation of the President with his Ministry on 1.4.1919.

Cathal Brugha	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Richard Mulcahy (Asst.)	1.6.1920	26.8.1921
Cathal Brugha	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
J.J. O'Kelly ("Sceilg")	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Agriculture

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
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In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Agriculture.

R.C. Barton	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Art O'Connor (SUBSTITUTE)	11.3.1920	26.8.1921 (presumably)
Art O'Connor	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Fisheries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
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In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Fisheries.

Sean Etchingham	28.11.1919	26.8.1921
Sean Etchingham	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Labour

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Labour.		
Countess Constance de Markievicz	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Thomas Kelly (SUBSTITUTE)	19.8.1919	Oct.1919
Joseph McGrath (Substitute)	8.11.1920	
Countess Constance de Markievicz	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Industries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Industries.		
Eoin MacNeill	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Robert Barton	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Trade and Commerce

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Trade and Commerce.		
Ernest Blythe	4.4.1919	26.8.1921
Joseph McGuinness (Substitute)	27;10.1919	
Ernest Blythe	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Propaganda

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
In the temporary Ministry formed 21.1.1919 there was no portfolio for Propaganda.		
Laur. Ginnell	2.4.1919	26.8.1921
Desmond Fitzgerald (Substitute)	17.6.1919	9.5.1921
Erskine Childers (2nd Substitute)	9.5.1921	
Desmond Fitzgerald	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

Minister for Fine Arts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Count Plunkett	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

By a decision of the Cabinet on 11th January 1922 this Ministry was merged into that of Education, and lapsed accordingly as a separate Ministry.

Minister for Irish

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
John J. O'Kelly (Sceilg)	Between 7.11.1919 and 20.2.1920	26.8.1921
Francis Fahy (Asst.)	27.8.1920	26.8.1921

With the dissolution of the Cabinet of the 1st Dail the Ministry for Irish lapsed as a separate Ministry.

DÁIL ÉIREANN

(1919-21)

List of Appointments

Envoys

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appt.</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Henry James (Harry) Boland	Irish Rep. in U.S.A.	23.9.1921	Feb.1922
Robert Brennan	Envoy Extraordinary + Minister Plenipotentiary to U.S.A.	23.8.1920	1917
George Gavan Duffy	✓ Secretary to Cabinet	22.1.1919	1.4.1919?
	Irish Representative at Paris	1919	-.8.1920
	Irish Representative at Brussels	-.8.1920	-.12.1920
	Irish Representative at Rome	-.1.1921	-.9.1921
	✓ Member of the Delegation of Plenipotentiaries and signatory of the Treaty of 6.12.1921.	14.9.1921	6.12.1921
Jeremiah Fawsitt	Consul-General at New York.	Sept.1919	-
Michael MacWhite	Press agent to the Irish Delegation in Paris	1.3.1920	3.9.1920
	In charge of Irish office in Paris	4.9.1920	-.10.1920
	Gen.Secy.to the Irish Delegation in Paris	-.10.1920	6.10.1921
	Irish representative at Geneva	7.10.1921	
John Murphy	Attached to Staff of Irish Representative in Paris.	1.11.1920	

Envoys

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appt.</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Gerald O'Kelly de Gallagher et Tycooly	Irish Representative in Switzerland	15.7.1919	31.3.1921
	Irish Representative in Belgium (Brussels)	1.4.1921	
John T. O'Kelly	Irish Representative abroad, viz: Paris Rome Paris	Sept.1918 Spring 1920 Sept. 1920	Spring 1920 Sept.1920 March.1922
Joseph P. Walsh	Attached to Staff of Irish Representative at Paris	1.11.1920	-.2.1922

DÁIL ÉIREANN

(1919-21)

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Members of Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Daniel J. Browne ✓	Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (1st and 2nd Dail)	- .11.1920	22.3.1922
Daniel McCarthy ✓	Half-time Asst. to Minister of Local Government	13.2.1920	12.3.1920
George McGrath ✓	Accountant-General Dail Eireann	23.9.1920	30.6.1922
Eoin McNeill ✓	Ceann Comhairle-2nd Dail	16.8.1921	8.9.1922
Jeremiah S. O'Hegarty ✓	Clerk of the Dail <i>(one of four)</i>	21.1.1919	21.1.1919
	Clerk of the Dail	1.4.1919	15.8.1921
	Actg. Secy. to the Cabinet	1.4.1919	15.8.1921
	Secy. to the Cabinet	16.8.1921	15.1.1922
	Secy. (one of four) to the Delegation of Plenipotentiaries who negotiated Treaty of 6.12.1921.	9.10.1921	6.12.1921
Bryan O'Higgins ✓	Deputy Speaker	26.8.1921	28.2.1922
John J. O'Kelly ✓ (Sceilg)	Deputy Ceann Comhairle	1.4.1919	16.8.1921
	Minister for Irish	Prior to 20.2.1920 and subsequent to 7.11.1919.	26.8.1921
	Leas Ceann Comhairle	16.8.1921	26.8.1921
	Secy. for Education	26.8.1921	9.1.1922

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
John T. O'Kelly	Speaker of Dail Eireann	21.1.1919	16.8.1921

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Miscellaneous

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Erskine Childers	General Secretary to ✓ Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries	9.9.1921	
Edmond J. Duggan	✓ Plenipotentiary for negotiations with Gt. Britain 1921 and Signatory of Treaty of 6.12.1921.	14.9.1921	
	✓ Liaison officer (between England & Ireland)	1921	
Finian Lynch	✓ Asst. Sec. to Dele- gation of Pleni- potentiaries 1921.	23.9.1921	
William J. Mellows	✓ Director of Purchases	26.11.1921	
James C. Meredith	✓ Judge of Dail Eireann Supreme Court (1st Dáil)	3.9.1920	13.8.1923
Sean Milroy	✓ Sec. to the Ulster Com- mission (Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries 1921)		6.12.1921
Richard J. Mulcahy	✓ Chief of Staff	25.11.1921	9.1.1922
Jeremiah S. O'Hegarty	✓ Director of Communications	-.3.1918	-.3.1920
	✓ " " Organisation	-.3.1920	-.4.1921
Kevin O'Shiel	✓ Land Commissioner	6.2.1921	16.1.1922
Gearoid O'Sullivan	✓ Adjutant General (I.R.A.)	-.2.1920	20.3.1924

Miscellaneous

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Termination</u>
Austin Stack	✓ Appointed in charge of Legal & Constitutional Commission (Delegation of Plenipotentiaries, 1921).	5.10.1921	6.12.1921
	✓ do. do. Commission on Ulster	5.10.1921	6.12.1921
	✓ One of two Deputy Chiefs of Staff (Army)	25.11.1921	

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