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**Building Specifications and Related Materials
Concerning Various Church-Related Properties
and Other Premises in the City and County of
Armagh (*many executed by or for John Farr,
Builder, The Mall, Armagh*.*)**

1842-1856; undated

*According to *Slater's Directory*, John Farr, Builders was located at Rokeby Green, Mall, Armagh city.

From St John the Baptist Cathedral, Sligo, 2021*

[*Provenance is probably explained by an inadvertent transfer during the deanship of the Very Revd HS Mortimer in 1983, as he had previously served as rector of St Mark's parish Armagh from 1966-1983]

**1. Estimates and Specifications (or Detailed Correspondence)
Concerning Specific Named Buildings/Works, 1844-1858; &
undated**

1. Specification for erecting a parapet wall and pailing in front of the cottages on the Newtown Hamilton Road, for His Grace the Lord Primate [Lord John George Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh, 1822-62] dated 19 January 1844
2. Detailed estimate for works completed for James Maxwell, dated January-November 1844
3. Detailed draft outbound correspondence to unidentified architect including sketches and detailed descriptions of earthwork, sewers, masonry, brick work, stone cutting, carpentry, plastering, glazing, plumbing and railing for property in Abbey Street, some executed for the Revd S. [Savage] Hall [Rector of Loughgall, 1844-51], 4 March 1848
4. Detailed estimate for repairing a tenement in Barrack Street, Armagh, the property of the late William McWilliams Esq, taken for occupation by Henry Clancy, cabinet maker, dated April 1848; undated
5. Letter from William Farrell, Dublin, 113 Baggot Street, indicating that the Primate is 'going to get some works down at the Royal School, Armagh and has expressed his intention of employing you to execute them...' and seeking a meeting, with rough draft reply from John Farr possibly on the same works, 29 November 1848; undated
6. Estimate for works on library [not indicated if at the school] and other works commissioned by the Revd F. Flavel [Josiah Francis Flavell, Vicar Choral of Armagh Cathedral, 1834-51], dated November 1848-October 1849.
7. Detailed estimate for works completed for Revd Dr Guillemard [William Henry Guillemard, Headmaster of the Royal School, 1848-69], dated June 1849-23 August 1849, together with draft description of instructions concerning the royal arms, 24 June 1849 [see also 13 below]
8. Estimate for works at Armagh Gaol, for Messrs Ross & Murray, 1849
9. Detailed specification for building a school house at St Mark's in the city of Armagh, signed by William Fullerton, Armagh, Architect, 28 March 1850
10. Detailed specification for building new shambles in the city of Armagh, signed by William Fullerton, Armagh, Architect, February 1852
11. Estimate for works to an unspecified schoolhouse and masters residence, for Messrs Hardy, July 1854

12. Detailed and extensive list of dilapidations taken at the Precentory [Cathedral Precentor's residence], Armagh, including principal residence and all related out buildings, 11 May 1858
13. Estimate for sundry work at repairing and altering the tenements in Thomas Street, by Mr John Canning, for John Farr, undated
14. Estimate for providing new trimmings and repairing windows at the Primate's schoolroom, at the Royal School, undated. [see also item /6 above].

2. Related Correspondence and Other Miscellaneous Contractor-Related Correspondence

1. Brief correspondence items, including outlines of work, invoices for specified works and receipts covering commissions (some of them including those above) executed between 5 August 1842 and 15 November 1856
28 items
2. Bundle of rough figures, draft letters and other items bearing multiple copies of John Farr's signature, undated

3. Miscellaneous Items

1. Workman's Account-Book – proforma printed schedules in volume [partially completed] detailing workmen's names, hours and payments per day on works at the Northern Bank, 1845; the Work House, 1846 and 'Works Generally', 1846
2. Drawing of the front external elevation with ground plan of an unidentified residential quarters, being a divided building with a two porches, parlours, kitchens, partition wall and staircases; undated
3. Detailed sketch of a wall showing blocks and ashlers, undated