

Robert Shipboy MacAdam, 1808-95, Correspondence (RIA MSS 4 B 57-8)

In July 2014 the Library purchased two letters written to Robert MacAdam, Belfast engineer and Irish scholar. The earlier letter is from Eugene O'Curry (MS 4 B 58), 20 February 1844, and relates to the *Táin Bó Cuailgne* saga and *Lebor na hUidre*, then in the possession of Grafton Street booksellers Hodges & Smith, subsequently purchased by the Academy. The second letter (MS 4 B 57) dated 17 March 1851, was penned by John O'Donovan and relates to the 1851 Census of Ireland returns for Irish speakers.



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