



## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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- Seasons Greetings from The O'Malley Clan Association
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### Christmas Greetings to all O'Malleys around the globe!

Chieftain Pearce O'Malley and all of us here in the O'Malley Clan Association would like to wish all of our subscribers, all of their families, all of our friends, and all O'Malleys in every corner of the world a Happy and Healthy Christmas, and here's to a fabulous 2018, where We'll all be looking forward to meeting up for the Annual Clan Rally in Westport, County Mayo, (when its warmer!!)



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- The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley.
- How O'Malley's have added to the "O'Malley" name.
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**Welcome to our new newsletter** from Clan Chieftain Brigid O'Malley

When you read this newsletter, you will find a lot of information about the O'Malley Clan. It is a great way to keep up to date with the latest news and events. We hope you will find it interesting and useful.

**The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley**

Mr Kevin F O'Malley is a descendant of Granuaile. He is a very successful businessman and a member of the O'Malley Clan. He is proud to be the new US Ambassador to Ireland.

**How O'Malley's have added to the "O'Malley" name**

O'Malley's have added to the "O'Malley" name in many ways. Some have been successful in business, while others have been successful in sports. We are proud of all our members and their achievements.

**The O'Malley Clan Rally 2018**

The O'Malley Clan Rally 2018 will be held in Westport, County Mayo. It is a great opportunity for all O'Malleys to meet and share their stories. We hope you will be able to attend.

**How Peter Browne, a descendant of Granuaile**

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**About the O'Malley Clan Association**

The O'Malley Clan Association is a group of O'Malleys who are interested in their heritage. We provide information and support to our members. We hope you will find it useful.

**President's Report 2017**

The President's Report 2017 provides an overview of the activities of the O'Malley Clan Association. We hope you will find it interesting.



### Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O'Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



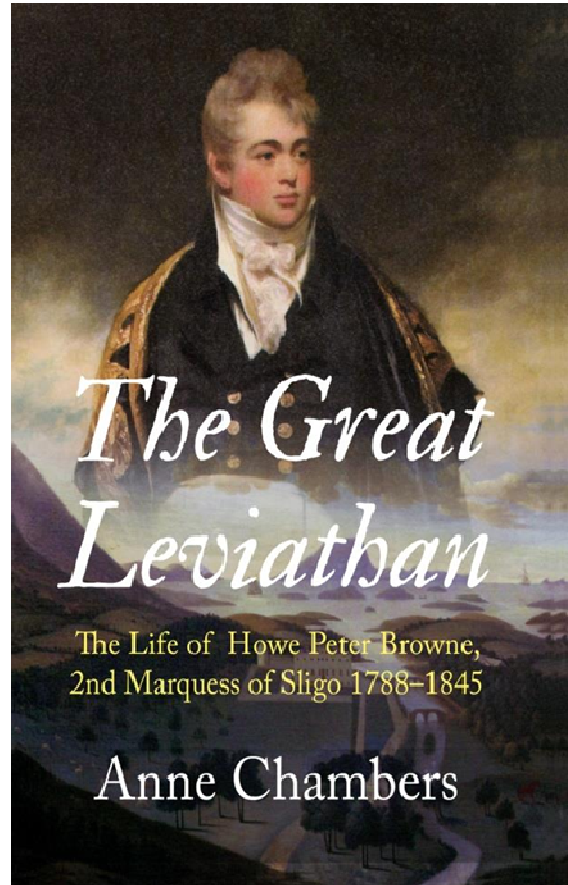
## Howe Peter Browne

### **The Great Leviathan The Life of Howe Peter Browne, 2nd Marquess of Sligo 1788-1845** - *Anne Chambers on her latest Book about Howe Peter Browne, a descendent of Granuaile*

Located in Westport House, a collection of manuscripts and papers survived four hundred years of war, rebellion, famine, fire, rodents and damp. During the course of my research among these remarkable relics for biographies of Ireland's sixteenth-century Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley, and her son, Lord Mayo, I came across the correspondence of their descendant, Howe Peter Browne, 2nd Marquess of Sligo.

Brimful with incidents and historic events, with a cast of famous and infamous personages, the story of the 2nd Marquess of Sligo brought me on a journey from Ireland to England, France, Greece, Italy, America, the West Indies and many places in between. Like his enormous portrait by Sir William Beechey, which overshadows those of his ancestors and descendants in the Long Gallery at Westport House, Sligo was truly larger than life. The portrait of him as a student in Cambridge exudes all the youthful exuberance, confidence and foibles of an aristocratic Regency dandy. In a discreet corner in Westport House, however, a more modestly sized portrait of him in middle age shows a face lined with experience, ill-health, worries and responsibilities. As I subsequently discovered, the two portraits are, in effect, visual depictions of his journey from a youth of wealth, privilege and hedonistic self-indulgence to a mature reforming, indebted and well-intentioned landlord, statesman and family man.

The range of Lord Sligo's undertakings, the sheer volume of his correspondence scattered in archives throughout the world, as well as the geographical scope of his travels, initially made his biography a prohibitive undertaking. And yet I could not quite ignore him. On visits to Westport House his portrait loomed even larger and beckoned even more. A visit to Jamaica in 1996, in the company of his great-great-grandson the late 11th Marquess of Sligo, to commemorate his contribution to the abolition of slavery on the island in the nineteenth century, was revealing of a man somewhat at odds with the modern-day perception of a nineteenth-century West Indian plantation owner. Researching the Jamaican side of his life for an exhibition in Westport House to commemorate the bicentenary of the abolition of slavery in 2007, I finally realised there was no escape. Howe Peter Browne, 2nd Marquess of Sligo had me hooked.



## Howe Peter Browne

His relatively short lifespan of fifty-six years was crammed with a diverse and extensive range of activities as a Regency buck, an embattled Irish landlord, a peer of the realm, a West Indian plantation owner, Custos Rotulorum, Lord Lieutenant of County Mayo, Knight of St Patrick, militia colonel, governor general of Jamaica, privy counsellor, legislator, intrepid traveller, political commentator, favoured guest at the court of successive kings of England, as well as in the courts of Napoleon's family and in the fashionable salons of Mayfair and Paris, an antiquarian, a patron of the arts, a successful horse breeder, founder and steward of the Irish Turf Club, an emancipator, a friend and fellow traveller of Byron, a spy, sailor and jailbird, as well as the father of fifteen children – each role seemed to warrant a biographical treatment in its own right.

A prolific letter writer, Sligo left behind a vast collection of letters, including copies of his own correspondence with others, which, in turn, was further complicated by his atrocious handwriting! This unique and hitherto unpublished archive throws new light on historical events in Ireland, England, Europe and the West Indies and on the people who shaped them in a period of fundamental political and social change, from the French Revolution, to the abolition of slavery, to the Great Irish Famine.

Unable to resist Sligo's magnetic appeal, or to choose one aspect of his chequered life over another, I decided, like his portrait in the gallery at Westport House, on the big picture – a portrait of his life and times.

*Anne Chambers Dublin 2017*

Below. Sligoville, Jamaica's first "free" town







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*The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.*

*The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.*

*We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.*

## **The O'Malley Clan Rally 22nd to 24th June 2018**



The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2018 takes place in beautiful **Westport**, County Mayo on the weekend of the **22nd to 24th June 2018**. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. There'll be plenty of music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only just over 6 months to go!!!

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, and you'll be able to book online there too!

We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!