

CPMH Hybrid Seminar**18 October 2023, 5:00pm****“Ships, Sugar & Slavery”, Catholics, Provisioning and
Eighteenth-Century Cork’**

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Abstract

Cork’s wealth in the eighteenth century was largely dependent on the sea, not so much on what could be fished from it, but what could be traversed across it. Cork merchants specialised in trading salt-beef, butter and pork. The provisions were primarily destined to be consumed on ships taking enslaved people from Africa to the West Indies or on Plantations in the West Indies. Using a range of sources from newspapers, personal papers, convent archives and memoirs this paper examines the extent to which the Catholics of Cork consciously or unconsciously aided, abetted and benefitted from slavery.



Cartouche from Grand Jury Map of the County of Cork, 1811