C CAA Administrative Records of The County of Hull 1918-1951

Historical Background: In 1440 the town of Kingston upon Hull was separated from Yorkshire as an independent county (sometimes known as Hullshire) with its own sheriff and the burgesses were empowered to elect twelve aldermen to assist the mayor and to serve as magistrates for the new county. This system of government remained in force until 1835 when the ancient corporation was abolished and the Municipal Reform Act was passed. While the rural villages of the former county were transferred to the East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston upon Hull itself continued to function as the Town and County.

Administrative records created by the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Hull during the normal course of their business.

Description: Records of the Clerk of the Peace. Two letter books, both indexed.

Extent: 2 volumes

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C CAA/1	Records of the Clerk of the Peace The Clerk of the Peace was the chief officer of the quarter sessions, most of whose duties were performed by his deputy. A trained lawyer, the Clerk of the Peace advised on points of law, took minutes of proceedings and was responsible for the custody of all documents of the courts. A statute of 1361 stated that a clerk was to "assist the justices assembled in Quarter Sessions in drawing indictments, arraigning prisoners, joining issue for the Crown, entering their judgements, awarding their process and marking up and keeping their records". The Clerk of the Peace's duties were to serve the Justices in their administrative and judicial work and to prepare and file the records produced. The Clerk held the post for life, and received a small official salary for his attendance at the sessions. He could also claim fees from individuals for work carried out on their behalf within the sessions (his main remuneration), and money from court funds for each action carried out in his official capacity. The post was abolished in 1972. 2 volumes	Mar 1918- Jan 1951
C CAA/1/1	Clerk of The Peace Letter Book Alphabetical index at front of volume 1 volume	18 Mar 1918- 9 Jul 1926
C CAA/1/2	Clerk of The Peace Letter Book Alphabetical index at front of volume 1 volume	10 Nov 1944- 24 Jan 1951