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**Paul Henry RHA (1876-1958)**

DOOGORT FROM SLIEVEMORE, ACHILL, 1919-1920

oil on canvas board

with label of Reeves & Sons, Ltd, London sketching tablet on reverse

7.50 by 10.50in. (19.05 by 26.67cm)

**Provenance:**

The collection of Mrs. Barrett, Bervie Guest House, Achill Island;  
Christie's, 'Fine Irish Paintings and Drawings', 26 May 1989, lot 281;  
Private collection;  
Adam's, 26 February 1990, lot 87, as *The Sandy Shore*;  
Private collection

**Literature:**

Kennedy, S.B., *Paul Henry Paintings Drawings Illustrations*, Yale University Press, New Haven & London, 2007, p.211, catalogue no. 538 (illustrated)

When Paul Henry first arrived on Achill Island he lodged with John and Eliza Barrett, who ran the post office in the village of Keel. 'To this day,' he wrote late in life, 'I have a warm feeling of gratitude to John and Eliza Barrett,' who in due course gave him 'infinite and ungrudging' hospitality (Henry, *An Irish Portrait*, London, 1951, p. 4). The Barrett's granddaughter, who today with her husband runs The Bervie Guesthouse at Keel, later owned the picture. The strand in the foreground is the beach at Doogort and the road on the right hand side still winds its way through the tiny hamlet, which is little changed from Henry's time. The distant mountains are on the mainland of Co. Mayo, just north of Mallaranny. The fluid handling of the paint, with moderate impasto, is characteristic of Henry's later Achill period and thus suggests a date of execution of around 1919-20.

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€6,000-€8,000 (£4,918-£6,557 approx).



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**James Humbert Craig RHA RUA (1877-1944)**

GETTING TO BANGOR, COUNTY DOWN

oil on canvas board

signed lower left; signed and with title inscribed on original label on reverse

9.50 by 13.50in. (24.13 by 34.29cm)

**Provenance:**

Collection of Belfast watercolourist Mrs Margaret Rutherford (1889-1968);  
Thence by descent to the previous owner;  
Whyte's, 27 April 2004, lot 210;  
Whence purchased by the present owner

See website catalogue for a note on this painting:  
[www.whytes.com](http://www.whytes.com)

€3,000-€5,000 (£2,459-£4,098 approx).