

**Name of memorial:** French 1796 Invasion Memorial

**Inventory No. 1183**

**Place:** Dromacoosane

**Address and map reference:** Dromacoosane, Bantry, Co. Cork.  
Map reference: V 980 465 (Sheet 85).  
Co-ordinates: N 51.6617°; W 9.4730°.

**Access:** at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** difficult.

**Position:** at the roadside, 3.5kms from Bantry on the N71 road to Skibbereen.

**Description and dimensions:** wall with inscription, and old anchor.  
Height: appx. 200cms. Width: appx. 300cms.

**Recorded by:** Edward Bourke, 3 June, 2019.

**Text:**

**THIS ANCHOR WAS TAKEN IN A TRAWL  
BY THE MOTOR TRAWLER 'SAOIRSE'  
SKIPPERED BY PAT DEASY ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 1964. EXPERTS BELIEVE  
THAT IT IS ONE OF THOSE ANCHORS  
LEFT BEHIND WHEN THE FRENCH FLEET UNDER  
WOLFE TONE WHICH WAS COMING TO  
ASSIST THE IRISH REBELS IN 1796  
WERE FORCED TO CUT THEIR ANCHORS IN A GALE  
AND RETIRE. THE ANCHOR WEIGHS 17 CWT  
AND WAS ERECTED COURTESY OF  
ANCHOR BARS.**