

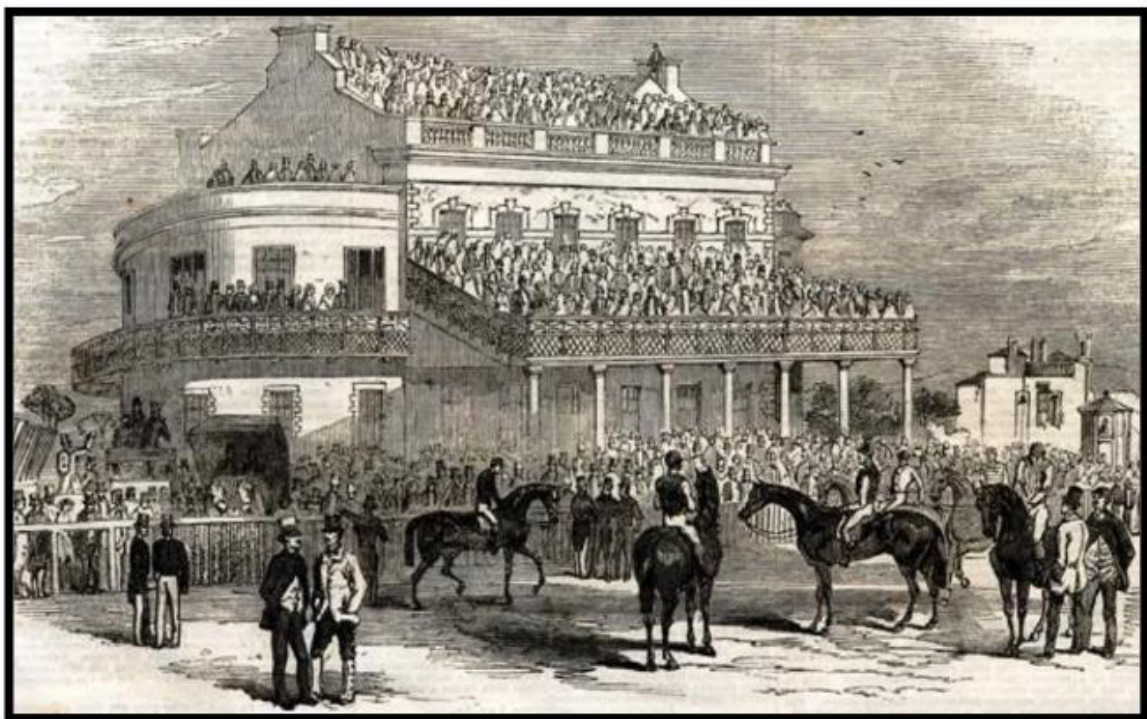
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## GEORGE IV AND THE CURRAGH.

His Majesty presented a superb Whip to the Duke of Leinster at the Curragh Royal Meeting. In handing the Whip to his Grace, his Majesty turned to Captain Browne, the Ranger, and was pleased to express himself in the following gracious manner:

“Mr. Browne, I intend this Whip to be presented to the owner of the best horse in Ireland, weight for age, and I wish to fix the weights and draw up the articles according to which the race is to be run each year; and in addition to this Whip, which is to be run every year, I give a Stakes of 100 guineas annually. As I wish to encourage the breed of strong horses in this country, you will take care to make the weights very heavy and that no horse under four years shall be permitted to run for it.”



Curragh Racecourse Grandstand



**King George IV**  
Coronation Day 19<sup>th</sup> July 1821