

WEST STRAND

THE OLD
CUSTOMS HOUSE

Grade II Listed

In the 17th Century Whitehaven's Port was

one of the busiest in England.

This building was where taxes due on exported coal and salt, and imported rum, sugar and tobacco were paid.

Richard Wordsworth, uncle of Lakes poet William, was Collector of Customs here in 1778, during John Paul Jones' daring raid on the town's harbour.

The right half of the building was formerly the George Inn, the town's first public house, built in 1686.

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