**Petition of Anne Owens: 14 Apr 1844**

To Major Mahon

The humble petition of Anne Owen of Drumoden humbly sheweth.

That petitioners Husband who went to America twelve years ago (leaving Her a family of young children) held nine acres of the Lands of Drumorden for many years, and at His going off left petitioner but one rood, with the dwelling house, the rent of which she punctually paid.

Patrick Birne who lives on said lands threatens to deprive petitioner of the one rood which supplys Her poor orphans (for orphans she may call them) with a scanty proportion of food, altho petitioner presumes to say, that she would get security if she held five acres of the Lands. Petitioner has a small Cabbage garden annexed to Her field which she has held for the last twenty four years, which Beirne insists on getting. Petitioner had no alternative but an appeal to your Honor to take compassion upon Herself and orphans and see Her Justifyed.

And petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray for your Honors spiritual and temporal welfare.

Anne Owens

Petition of Anne Owens (widow) of Drumavooden for her cabbage garden to be left to her. To be referred to John Mahon & granted if [possible] 14th April 44