**Petition of John Brooks, Strokestown: 4 Sep 1847**

Strokestown

4 Sept 47

Sir

I have most respectfully to acquaint you that I will accept the offer made me by you for the possession of the House and Plot in Church Street, Strokestown together with the crop thereon. I beg to state “Sir” that it was not for want of disposition to pay my rent that the arrear due has accrued but the depressed state of the times the expenses incurred by the Death of my Father and Mother. Therefore I leave the whole matter to yourself “Sir” feeling confident that you will act humanely towards me as you are wont to do.

I am “Sir” your [obedient Servant]

John Brooks

To

Major Mahon

To Major Mahon, Strokestown House

John Brookes letter offering to give up his House & Plots. 4th Sept 1847