**Petition of Michael Beirne of Cregga**

Cregga House

[Honoured] Sir

Being your own tenant I have no dependence on any person so much as on yourself. I hope you wil have me appointed a Gangsman – other Gentlemen have their own favourites to propose to the situation their own favourites. But if possible I know you will find pleasure in appointing me and you will much oblige your humble servant.

[Michael] Beirne

Major Denis Mahon

[Esquire etc etc]

Strokestown

We the undersigned recommend Michael Beirne of Cregga as a very fit and proper young man, as well qualified to fill the situation of Gang’s Man in the works in operation on Crete Hills. Dated this 1st day of August 1846

Michael McDermott PP [Parish Priest] Strokestown

M O’Beirne

James O’Reilly [?CC Catholic Curate?] Strokestown

To Thomas Barton [Esquire], Royal Engineer, BW [Board of Works]