**STR/1A/105: Clonahee Petition**

The Humble Memorial of the undernamed The Tenantry of Thomas Conry Esq etc

Gentlemen

We the undernamed having each of us tickets signed by your Honourable Chairman and two other Gentlemen of Your Committee – beg leave most humbly and respectfully to state that we are this fortnight without employment. When we go to Mr Barton he would tell us apply to Mr Warnock, and when we go to Mr Warnock he sends us back to Mr Barton. In speaking to Mr Barton today he says he must break 100 men more out of the work, and thus we have no hope of relief from him. And what must we do. Our families really and truly suffering in our present and we cannot much longer withstand their cries for food. We have no food for them our potatoes are rotten and we have no grain. And Gentlemen. You know but very little of the state of the suffering poor. If Mr Barton knew our state he should not adopt the policy of breaking 100 men more to protract the work instead of giving us employment. But Gentlemen We must cry out against the policy of protracting the work for the few, while we are suffering from famine and distress and the want of employment. Are we to resort to outrage. We have peaceably and quietly conducted ourselves and patiently submitted to the will of Divine Providence and cannot refrain from expressing to your our feelings and our wrongs. Gentlemen We fear that the peace of the country will be much disturbed if relief be not immediately, more extensively afforded to the suffering peasantry, We are not for joining in any thing illegal or contrary to the laws of God or the land unless pressed to by Hunger, we are willing to work, and hope [Gentlemen] you will take part in remedying our present calamity by giving us employment or by getting Mr Barton to do so Memorialists therefore hope and trust you you will for Charity’s and suffering humanity’s sake use your influence to this effect and We will be in duty bound to pray

William Flanagan, John Flanagan, Patt McEvoy, Pat Caulfield, Thomas Burne, Mich[ae]l Kelly, Martin Ratican, John Kelly, Peter Dockery, Patt Regan, Frances McHugh, Terrence Beirne, Pat Winters, John Tracey, of Clonahee.

Sir John Conroy’s Tenantry - Gilbert Monaghan, John Beirne, [Michael] Monoughan, Pat Gregory, Peter Caslin, Peter Monaghan Of Killaclogherney