**STR/1A/165 – petition of tenants of Ballinafad to JRM 1848**

Honourable Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you a second time stating the condition of your humble Petitioners, the former tenants of Ballinafad - who is now cast upon the misfortune of the world - Doomed to seek Food and Shelter and cannot find it. To add to our misfortune we starved our selfs In order to make a crop of potatoes, in hopes to have some food for the winter coming - but our hopes is Blasted, in consequence of the failure of the crops - and no chance of living remains for us – we have neither money or value now to support us unless your honnore [honour] looks to our sad case and give us our crop of wheat that we hard made before we were cast out of our Places. He [Thomas] King tells us that if your [honour] would allow him that he would give it with Pleasure we know it is very little value your [honour] sets on it if you would take us in to Consideration we are very willing to pay what ever King is to pay for it or Any sum that your [honour] is satisfied to chare [charge] us for it Although Any person having a crop on it is not able to pay 1 shilling But their friend would oblige then with it in order that the [they] would have some supper for [the winter].

We your [Petitioners] Humbly and Solemly [Solemnly] request that your [honour] will take their sad case into consideration and give them their crops if your [honour] complys [complies] with their request [they] and the [Starving] will be in Duty Bound to pray for your welfare and the welfare of [your] family.

We your [Petitioners] this day Implore you. And before the throne of Mercy and the Almighty God guide you and your Family and give us our little crops. it will be the means of saving the lives of 30 persons and Procuring for you the unceasing Prayer of them. our money is as good to your honour as any other persons. May the God of Heaven and earth guide and guard you and give us an answer Either good or bad and put us out of [?]

Your petitioners is Patrick Walpole, Michael Bruslan, Luke Feeny, William Fallon, James Carby

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Luke Feeney [and others]

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