

Text in black = Handwriting of Denis Mahon

Text in blue = Handwriting of John Ross Mahon

Text in red = Handwriting of another writer

1846 Major Mahon  
September 7<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> Sep[tembe]r 1846

My Dear Sir,

I am so much engaged with the Castle & Board of Works that I fear I shall not be able to see you this afternoon, tomorrow I shall be at the Club from 12 o'clock and any hour after 12 that suits you I shall be glad to have some conversation with respecting the steps we may wish to take regarding your undertaking my agency.

Very truly yours

Denis Mahon

John Ross Mahon

1846 Major Mahon  
September 16

Strokestown Park House  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

My Dear Sir

I write to remind you of your promise to let me have the pleasure of seeing you on Thursday next 17<sup>th</sup>. I have just seen my Brother who has promised to meet you here that day. If you leave by day coach from Hibernian Hotel, Daw[so]n St at 7 o'clock you will get here from Longford before our Dinner Hour.

Believe me

Very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J[oh]n Ross Mahon

1846

Major Mahon

Copy of letter of JRM to Major M [Mahon]

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown Sep[tembe]r 18<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear Sir

Upon giving the subject of your agency my best consideration I have ~~come to the resolution of~~ determined upon asking for to allow £65 a year towards the expenses of an office in Strokestown. I have made a calculation which I need not trouble you with, and could not reckon upon the agency defraying the expenses I and my partners would be at, without this allowance – The fees upon the receipt of your rents would be about £435 a year, I should hope you would make this £500 which was the sum originally mentioned to me as the remuneration you intended for your agent. I am quite sensible that the terms you have offered me are very liberal, and that many gentlemen more competent than I am would gladly undertake your agency – still I ~~am I am not without~~ have hopes that you will not consider my request an unreasonable one.

[Archivist Note: this is a draft copy with annotations and corrections]

1846  
Major Mahon  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown Park House  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1846

My Dear Sir,

If I recollect right Thursday next 29<sup>th</sup> [Instant] was the day we fixed at Ballinasloe for your coming down here. I shall be very happy to see you here on that day, as I do not leave home for some days after. The enclosed came here yesterday.

Believe me

Very truly yours

Denis Mahon

John Ross Mahon  
26 South Frederick St

1846  
Major Mahon  
Copy of JRMs letter  
November 5th

Castlegar Ahascragh  
November 5<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear Sir

I intend to be at Strokestown on Wednesday [but] perhaps sooner for the purpose of \*<sup>o</sup> Perhaps you would do me the favour of desiring the Clerk to make out a list of the tenants on each townland separately - & where there are Companies – giving the names & rents of each person in it – I ~~intend~~ \* going over the estate, & ascertaining the means of each tenant as far as is practicable while waiting for your brothers accounts of recovery – ~~as this would be the first thing I should do were I actually in the agency no time will be lost by my not getting up the accounts when last at Strokestown~~<sup>o</sup> - I hope you are now quite well – my intention is to be at Strokestown on Wednesday next or perhaps before that day

Yours my dear Sir

v[er]y faithfully

John Ross Mahon

Major Mahon

[Archivist Note: this is a draft copy with annotations and corrections]

1846  
Major Mahon  
November 10<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown House  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1846

My Dear Sir,

I have desired the office clerk to have the Returns ready for you by Wednesday. I fear I shall be on my move at that time & that it will prevent my having the pleasure of seeing you here. I hope my Brother will have all ready for you on the 20<sup>th</sup> Ins[ta]nt he intends writing to you on the subject.

excuse haste,

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

John Ross Mahon Esq  
Castlegar

altho I am better I am far from well –

1846  
Major Mahon  
John Ross Mahon  
November 19  
explains views on management of Estate

Strokestown November 18th 1846

My dear Sir

I write a line to say that I have just written a letter to Major Mahon to say that we could not carry on his business with satisfaction to him or credit to ourselves unless he allows us to expend £24,000 on Emigration – there are 1600 families average size of holdings 3 a[cres] two thirds should go to make the farms 9 a[cres] & no less will do now I think – no rents paying at all anywhere that I hear of among the lower class of tenants. I collect at Tarmonbarry on the 23rd. Richard is not quite well today but his illness is not of consequence.

Yours sincerely  
John Ross Mahon

RR Guinness Esq

[Addressed to] Messrs Guinness & Mahon, 26 S[outh] Frederick Street.



1846  
Major Mahon  
Nov[embe]r 19

Strokestown House  
19 Nov[embe]r [18]46

Dear Sir

I shall be glad to see you down here at any time convenient to you this forenoon as I wish to talk over the matter contained in your letter of yesterday.

Very Sincerely

Yours

Denis Mahon

John R Mahon

1846

Major Mahon

John Ross Mahon

November 20th

Mem[orandum] of interview with Major M [Mahon]

Strokestown November 19th 1846

My dear Sir

Pray pay Mr Charles G Mahon his years interest due last July - £92.6.2 – will will (sic) write as you suggest to Mr Tilly about Sir James Croftons tenants. Mr John Mahon insists that a great deal of money will be paid by Major Mahons [?] this spring. I was very determined in supporting our opinion that only the largest tenants & those having other means besides their farms, could pay at all. I expect to see the Major on the subject of the letter I wrote him & will let you know the result if I do.

please turn

We have had an interview with the Major – He has requested us to take the agency for a short time & we have consented to hold it for six months rather than that we should be inconvenienced. He was pleased with our business like way of going with his business & said he would be guided by us as to reductions &c that he could not contradict our statements although he thought we had a worse idea of the property than is deserved – that he had no doubt our view of matters as to bringing the estate into order was correct & that the money we required was not more than was sufficient for the purpose, but that he could not make up his mind to the step [?as?] all events so suddenly as it would involve a loss of £40,000

Seeing the arrears due by the persons we propose to send out as emigrants & ~~the~~ their passage money – He is willing to sow any land his tenants may till, waiting till next harvest to be repaid the cost - altogether he speaks as fairly as any man can & is liberal, if he only acts up to his word - I must get his directions in writing, however - We were very anxious to decline the agency & to the last expressed our decided impression that we could not arrange matters without an expenditure of at least £24,000

Yours faithfully

John Ross Mahon

RR Guinness []

[Postscript] Richard is quite well now

[Addressed to] Messrs Guinness & Mahon, 26 S [South] Frederick Street, Dublin

[Postmarks] – Strokestown November 19 1846 ; November 20 1846

[Archivist Note: the memorandum of John Ross Mahon's interview with Major Denis Mahon appears to have been added to this letter by JRM after he had signed his signature and following his interview with the Major. It was then posted to Messrs Guinness Mahon– transcription rearranged to facilitate comprehension of letter]

1846

Major Mahon

November 21<sup>st</sup>

will make reduction on arrears on all overset Lands - & on all accrueng [sic] rent

Strokestown House

November 21<sup>st</sup> 1846

My Dear Sir

I highly approve of your suggestion of having Mr Brassington to walk over the Estate and to value & Map it for me, and I further approve of making a reduction in any Lands that may be considered as overset. I should like to confine the reduction to those lands that are consider[e]d as overset as far as the Nov rent of 1845 is concerned \* but I should not object to make such reduction as you considered advisable on the year 1846, which I should hope would be an inducement to them to pay up Nov 1845. The reduction on 1846 I consider an Act of Justice being really the bad year. 1845 I consider only partially so and believe those Tenants who cry out for reduction in that year are those who are glad to take advantage of that or any other circumstances to enable them to carry out their system of Combination not to pay any Rent. In making those, or any other arrangements which you may consider to be beneficial to my Estate, I shall feel obliged by you submitting them for my approval, prior to their being carried into execution.

Believe me

My Dear Sir

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

John Ross Mahon Esq

Strokestown

\* I would make the reduction on all arrears due prior to Nov 1845 on those Lands considered to be overset.

[Addressed to] John Ross Mahon Esq

1846  
Major Mahon  
Draft of letter from JR Mahon  
November 21st

Strokestown November 21st 1846

My dear Sir

I would now ~~take the liberty~~ of suggesting that I should get Brassington or some other valuator of eminence to walk over your estate and [value] each denomination & that a reduction on the arrears should be made in accordance with this valuation ~~on the arrears due if any lands are found that they are overset probably [as] reduction will be made on many townlands or others I am pretty sure there will~~ – a measure of this sort if carried into effect now will be an encouragement to the tenantry – but if done hereafter will look like weakness. I would suggest in addition that a reduction should be made in the November Gale of 1845 as it would in the usual order of things on this estate be paid in a great measure out of the crops of 1846

1846

Major Mahon

G Brassington

December 11<sup>th</sup>

answ[ere]d 11<sup>th</sup> Dec[embe]r urging a speedy valuation as arrears as [?] rent are dependent on it & all is at a stand still in consequence

5 Bachelors Walk

5<sup>th</sup> Dec[embe]r 1846

On my arrival in Town this morning I received your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst[an]t relative to Major Mahons Valuation. I had arranged with Major Mahon if he was in a hurry with the matter to commence the work in a fortnight from the the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o but I have just received a summons to attend a Railway Inquisition in Tipperary which I fear will not be over till Christmas. I will however communicate with at once upon my return from Tipperary.

I am

Your obed[ien]t Serv[an]t

Cha[rle]s Brassington

John Ross Mahon Esq

&c &c

1846

Major Denis Mahon

December 11<sup>th</sup>

authorizing supplying seed to his tenantry

Southwick Park

Fareham

Hants

Dec[embe]r 1846

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d your of the 4<sup>th</sup> In[stan]t yesterday. I have not given any particular instructions as to supplying Tenants with seed, generally, but I expressed my wish to give to those who were “industriously inclined” and not connected with the non payment of rent party, but in all instances and I still wish to continue the same rule. I shall decline giving it until the ground is properly prepared and reported to you by Drivers or whom you may desire to do so – that the ground is fit & ready to receive the seed. I think you will agree with me that if we have not some fix’d plan of that sort many will get seed, but not make the proper use of it. I shall be glad to hear from you after Mr Brassington has been over the Land with you – I cannot understand why John Maguire of Farm should not be able to pay his Rent as hitherto he does little for me & gets sufficiently paid for it, perhaps he wants a little time. I am rather hurried this morning and must take an opportunity of writing again in a day or two.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
January 1st

1847  
Major Mahon  
January 1st

Southwick Park  
Fareham  
18th Dec[embe]r /46

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d yours of the 12th Ins[ta]nt and regret the account you give of the state of the country & the difficulty of getting tents, but I am inclined to hope we shall have “better times” \* that we shall be able to get in the Rent – with regard to John Lynams lease, I am not certain, but I have been inform[e]d that part of what he holds, is from an other (I believe Peter Keary) and that He pays to the person a profit rent much greater than the whole of the Rent he proposes to give to me – however you are the best judge of what is best to be done, & what rent I ought to get for such a Holding. I recollect Mr Conry having some conversation with me about it and have no doubt if you will ask him, he can give you some useful information on the subject. I have a wish to encourage [John] Lynam to lay out money on the Buildings, but I also wish to guard against a president which would make others apply for Leases, on the same terms. Perhaps you would be so good as to see the premises & the ground for gardens attach[e]d to it, and also make enquiry what terms Lynam holds it on & when in possession of all the fact you will be able to tell me what you recommend me to do as to granting a Lease & the covenants you consider should be put into it – because sh[oul]d the money not be laid out as agreed on, I would not be bound to the granting the Lease. With regard to cleaning the streets I have often wished to have it done and shall willingly pay a Shilling a Week with the manure to any fit person who you appoint to undertake the task, Nothing is more wanting in the Town of Strokestown. I shall be very glad to give out lime to whitewash the house of the lower class indeed of any you approve of perhaps you will speak to Saul about the lime. I am sure he has some burned. I am sorry to hear that Fever is so bad – take any measures you consider advisable to try and prevent its increase. I am sorry Mr Brassington has allow[e]d anything to interfere with his engagement to visit Strokestown. I hope your letter may have the effect of bringing him down immediately. I hope those men at work at the Quarry at Scramogue where the pay clerk was robbed, have been all dismissed the Public Work, they ought to be, if only for example sake. With regard to the presentment for £100 for Drainage on the Lands of Ballintobber & Rosmeen, I should feel obliged if you will enquire whether it will not benefit those Lands very much, having the money laid out on them - & if those who are to benefit are anxious to have it done – as I should prefer laying it out, where it has been granted for (if it is desireable) [sic] to giving it to be laid out generally on the Electoral Division – but you will be best judge what to recommend after you have enquired into the circumstances. I shall write again in a few days when I have fix[e]d a time for leaving this.

believe me,

My Dear Sir,  
very sincerely yours  
Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
January 5th

Landsdowne Hotel  
Leamington  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 1847

Mr Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o I rec[eive]d here yesterday. I regret very much that the time does not admit of my stating any plan, but I trust my last letter has put you in possession of my wishes, as to the Reproductive Works. there are many parts of my Estate that require draining, & gravelling &c and that money would be much better laid out in such works than on useless Roads. I am sure Mr Conry can point out Townlands, that from his own knowledge, it w[oul]d be desireable [sic] to improve, and I feel confident he will give every assistance in his power to carry out any plan of work that is desireable [sic]. I have written to him on the subject by this post, with regard to that part of your letter about the sale of cattle distrained. I see no objection to your putting them into the Demesne, after you purchase should you be obliged to do so – but with regard to your other question, as to storage [sic] in case of the sale of goods, I am at a loss how to advise, would it be advisable to store them in, or about my own premises at the House? I should think my costs & Labourers might be employ[e]d if wanting to convey or carry any goods seized on by the Sheriff and as far as those in my own yard I should desire them to be employed if you required them, as I am quite satisfied that Rents will not be paid, if we give way, and as I only wish to proceed against those that are known to have means to pay, (at least a part) and will not do so from being join[e]d with others in combination not to pay, against such as those I will give every assistance in my power & request every legal means may be resorted to to get rid of such off my Estate, and as to any remarks the Roscommon Journal may make, I need them not. We are not doing any tyrannical [sic] or cruel act, and making those pay their rent, or give up their Land, who are known to refuse doing so from Combination is but an act of justice to those who pay & are willing to do so without putting us to trouble – I am satisfied if we allow those persons to escape paying their rent now, that we shall find it impossible to get it hereafter – and where there is so much employment given, so much money raised by subs[criptio]n for purchase of food &c there is not a fair or just excuse for not paying part of whats due, out of crop in their possession – those who the Bailiff knows to have crops, & the means of paying should be the first made to pay, - and any of those that combination can be brought home to should be served with Ejectments & got rid of without any compromise, those are my views & wishes on the subject, leaving you to act in such cases, as you think it advisable to act otherwise with – being satisfied that you will bear in mind the object I have in view – which is to protect & assist the good & willing Tenant, and to get rid of the idle and bad one. I hope to hear from you as soon as you have any thing to tell me regarding the Special Session.

very truly yours  
Denis Mahon



1847  
Major Mahon  
January 23<sup>d</sup>

Hakes Hotel  
Manchester Sqr  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan[uar]y [18]47

My Dear Sir,

I have just rec[eive]d yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> Ins[tan]t. I send you a paper that was forwarded to me respecting Drainage it appears a great sum (£100) for 18 acres will you enquire into it & see that is a work you recommend before I sign it. the drainage of the River[s] on Longford Line appears a more desireable [sic] work. I write to save this Post so excuse this hasty scrawl

very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847

Major Mahon

January 28<sup>th</sup>

order to subscribe £1 for Soup Shop for Miss Mahon

Hakes Hotel

Manchester Square

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have this moment received a letter from Mr McDermott PP of Strokestown it is dated from the Relief Committee Room – 16 January 1847. He requests my subscription towards a fund for the Establishment of a Soup Shop in Strokestown. Will you have the kindness to enquire into this, and ascertain if it is desirable [sic] to place our funds at the disposal of the Relief Committee or open one ourselves, under the care & management of Mrs Fallon, who if she will undertake it would be a very fit & proper person –it seems that if a sum of money is made up by subscription, that an equal sum will be granted by the Central Committee in Dublin & Mr McDermott states £48 being the amount of their Collection. If the plan they intend to adopt is a good one, and that the soup will be fairly & properly distributed to the poor and starving persons in and about Strokestown then I should think the one soup committee would be sufficient. I leave it to you to [sic] decide as to what plan you may consider my subscription will be most serviceable to my poor & the Tenants that are in such distress. Pray let me hear from you on this subject as soon as you can.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon

PS Will you put Miss Mahon's name down for £1 which she wishes to subscribe to the funds for the supply of soup for the Poor

[Archivist Note: This letter is a photocopy of the original letter which is in the Strokestown Park Archive (STR/1A/126) – the photocopy appears to have been copied from a letter in the NLI but the original is not part of the NLI scans]

1847  
Major Mahon  
February 1<sup>st</sup>

Hakes Hotel  
Jan[uar]y 28<sup>th</sup> 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have consented to give up my claim to a clause that justly speaking should be inserted in the Lease of the ground I give to Build a National School House on in the Town of Strokestown. I have done so because I consider it so desirable to let any work go on that will give employment to the Distressed Tradesman at this moment of such unparalleled privations as our unfortunate Country have been visited with, and in all probability the contingent I look to may never occur viz “the giving the National Schools at any future period”. I shall write to Mr Roper to withdraw any objection to perfecting the Lease, but I should very much wish you before the Lease is granted to see if the site is the best that can be fixed on. I think one higher up Elphin St on an open plot & at the corner of a Lane would be better, as to situation, and can as easily be given as the other. I have this day written to Mr McDermott and requested he would communicate with you on the subject. May I beg you will be so good as to see to it, as it would be a pity to Build the House in any but a good situation. I hope you have rec[eive]d my letter of yesterday.

believe me

My Dear Sir

very truly yours,

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
February 1st

15 Upper Brook St, Grosvenor Square, London

1847  
Major Mahon  
Jan February 1st

Hakes Hotel  
Manchester Square  
29th January [18]47

My Dear Sir,

I have had a letter from some Tenants at Carromeen who are very anxious for the division of their land, which I long since promised them should take place this spring – the maps are with you & Maguire in the Rent Office can afford you every information as also can McLaughlin the surveyor, if you can see the Land, and are of opinion it will be of advantage to both the Tenant & myself, I shall thank you to have it carried out, at your earliest convenience. I have not heard whether Mr Brassington has yet been able to attend you as to the Valuation of the Estate. Whatever seed you may have considered it advisable to advance to the Tenants, has been done under an agreement to repay it when demanded, after the crop has been saved, that will enable the Tenant in distress, to crop his ground, & pay for the seed when he has ample means to do so. I am not certain whether my Brother handed you the letters of administration I took out to the late Lord Hartland's affairs, if not it will be necessary you should have them as Mr Roper says he will require them on a Trial where a Tenant named Michael McDermott has taken defence in an ejectment case in the courts above.

I shall write to my Brother to send them to you in case he has not already done so.

believe me  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

[Archivist Note: two annotations from JRM on this letter]

1847  
Major Denis Mahon  
Feb 15

US Club, Pall Mall  
Feb[ruar]y 12th 1847

My Dear Sir,

With regard to Stephen Mulready, I can say he is a sober man, & altho[ugh] he did occassionally [sic] some time back “take a little” he gave it up & at no time did he drink to be Drunk in fact he “muddled a little” but when he found he would be parted with, he gave it up, & I should think is not at all likely to return to it again, he is perfectly honest, & the most civil & obliging servant I ever had. Mrs Mahon liked him very much & had he been sufficiently acquainted with London we should not have parted with him. I think he would be a man likely to be very attentive to any Lady he had to carry about or who was an invalid. I have only time to answer your letter as regards him, fearing my delay might be an any [sic] inconvenience, & wishing to save this Post,

believe me,  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847

Major Mahon

February 26th

I am very sorry the Soup Kitchen has not been finish[e]d before. I shall be glad to know what, sums have been subscribed and what assistance we got from other sources. was there ever any money or meal sent for the [?Paper?] I forwarded? I should like to send another if that was successful to that part of the Estate. Where [?Mrs/Mr] Boyd resides Lissanuffy & all that part is very badly off. let me hear from you on this head soon, who is to be Chairman of the Relief Committee in place of Mr Geo[rge] Knox appointed R.M. [Resident Magistrate] in Co Sligo. I hope some one that will take an interest in it

[Archivist Note: Letter appears to be missing the end section]

1847  
Major Mahon  
JRM – copy of letter  
February 28<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown February 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

My dear Sir

~~I have received your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> which I partly answered last Friday but the most important parts remain unanswered nor am I able to offer an opinion on them~~ — vis The haberes have arrived & I have written to the Sheriff to know what day he can put me in possession of Murrays Farm. I have also noticed all the tenants under ejectment to come in and make some arrangements – some of them I have already seen but with no good result nor do I expect any. They fully expect to be ejected & are not taking any steps towards preparing their Land for seed – I cannot take upon myself the responsibility of ~~advising you~~ acting as I may suppose most beneficial to the estate because I am confident that nothing whatever can be done in the way of improvement until the Land is cleared of at least two thirds of its population ~~I refer I am told that the few tenants who are able to pay that proportion of the tenantry not having any means whatever of paying rent.~~ If you do not put out these there is no prospect in my mind of your ~~say~~ getting any rent for years if ever again for the Land i[s] their their [sic] possession. If you supply seed to persons of this class you will never be reimbursed – if you do not I do not see how the land be sown. I shall inform the Carrick Tenants that they will get seed oats & a reduction of £10 p[er]cent on their rents – do you mean 10 p[er]cent on the amount of the years rent which would be £20 p[er]cent on the half year. Lord Clonbrock remitted on gale due 1<sup>st</sup> Nov[embe]r [18]45 one half or £50 p[er]cent to tenant[s] whose rents were under £5, one third to those under £10 – one fourth to those under £20. I would be disposed were I in your place to borrow from Government for seed. The Tenantry will be more likely to repay the Loan. No one has as yet been appointed Chairman of the Relief Committee. Mr Gale has not yet come to value your property – He has been delayed in the north on some Railway business, he promises to be here on an early day, I fear the ~~money~~ valuation will be of little use – nothing you can do will get Rents this year - & ~~nothing I think you ought to desire Roper to send some persons from Dublin to get possession of the Lands from the Sheriff.~~ Have you heard of any one likely to suit you as an agent. Three [months] of ~~my~~ the six for which I hold your agency have expired & as I am at far greater expense from my residence here involves far greater expense than the fees or my collections amount to I should be very glad to resign as soon as may suit you, Believe me to be greatly obliged for the ready cooperation I have at all time met with from you and your readiness to adopt any plans I may propose as being beneficial to the Property, but as I have said before I do not think any improvement can be effected until a clearance ~~of part of~~ of tenantry is ~~effected~~ made , both in consequence of their poverty & the overpopulation as well as the combination which exists –

Your obliged & [obedient servant]  
JRM [John Ross Mahon]

1847  
Major Mahon  
March 8th

1847  
Major Mahon  
March 8th

15 Upp[e]r Brook St  
4 March [18]47

My Dear Sir,

I recollect Mr Hague having often applied to me to take the NewTown land off his hands, but I always objected to do so with any of "His Tenants" remaining on it – if Mr Hague cannot get those out who he put there himself how can he expect I could get them out or get any rent from them their natural reply to me would be we are not Tenants of yours we are Mr Hagues. Mr Hague forgets that for the several years those Tenants did pay that he enjoyed the profit & now that they fail he would willingly hand me over the Land, the Bad Tenants, and all, still I am willing to do anything in my power to relieve Mr Hague & I told him so, but in doing so, I must not saddle myself with Tenants that most likely will neither pay me any rent or even acknowledge me as Landlord. I should think Mr Hague ought if he wants me to take that place from him, give me possession of the Land free from Tenants. does it strike you in the same point of view? I wish you would see if anything can be done as I w[oul]d wish to relieve Mr Hague from holding the Land longer than he wishes. I am not aware what Land Mr Devenish alludes to, or which of the Mr Devenishs it is that makes the application. Mr Rob[er]t Devenish has land from me, which he held under the Courts at a very low rent, and the Rent Mr Conry & myself put on it, when we look[e]d at it was £1 an acre, which Mr D was satisfied to give on my getting the Estate into my hands, the first gale of rent now to be paid by Mr Devenish must be the May 1846 and this will of course be subject to the agreement made for the £1. If it is Mr John Devenish who wants me to take any Land from him it must be Land he holds from a Mr Payne, & I believe Mr Ps lease is unexpired [.] will you be so kind as to enquire into this matter also, & see if it is desireable [sic] for me, in the present state of things to step in, & take the residue of a Lease of Land in which the Rent is badly paid. I am sure you will agree with me, that this is not a time to saddle a Landlord with additional difficulties, when "no rents" are paying. It stricks [sic] me that it is not fair for those who have had their profits for years, to turn short on the Landlord when they find the time get [sic] bad. with regard to Mr Cowen & the period he requires for the payment of any arrears due by his mother, I am quite satisfied he should have any time that is a matter of convenience to him – the arrangements he made with my Brother (when Agent) I am not at present aware of, but If he enter[e]d into any I suppose he is liable to fulfil them. I regret the contents of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o which I shall reply to shortly.

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

[Archivist Note: two annotations from JRM on this letter]



1847  
Major Mahon  
March 10<sup>th</sup>

15 Upper Brook St  
7<sup>th</sup> March 1847

My Dear Sir,

I regret very much the account your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o gives of the prospect before us as regards rents, but I still more regret that you are unwilling to remain as my Agent, as I had hoped with your experience and assistance that we should have been able in the course of time to bring matters round. I am aware of the difficulty that at present exists of collecting any rent, but I still think, that with such a course as you might consider advisable to pursue, you would be able to do a great deal of good on my Estate, and to enable you to do so, I should willingly make such reduction in the Gales of rent due, and those coming due, as you would recommend, & such as would help you materially to get in the rest. Perhaps you would be so kind as to state a scale of such reductions as you would recommend, me to adopt, I am quite ready to adopt the plan you state Lord Clonbrock to have taken as regards the reductions on his Estate, if you recommend it. with regards to the Haberes I cannot bring myself to desire them to be put in force against all, there are some who are known to be able to pay, whom I am most anxious to proceed against. If you could get a few of those selected out & made examples of, no person could complain of my doing a harsh or an unjust act - perhaps if you made a reduction of whatever percentage you consider fair, those Tenants who are afraid of being ejected, would come in & pay you some & give their notes of hand for the rest. Altho[ugh] I am aware the Law admits of my taking possession yet I would willingly in the present unfortunate state of the people, make any sacrifice, sooner than put the Law in force, but of course you will agree with me, that this indulgence is not to be extended to those who have taken defence and whom we have obtained Decrees against in the Courts above - if it should be consider[e]d advisable to let any such remain, it must be, when all costs are paid in addition to the full rent they owed. In a former letter you named one man who came in and offered to pay the Costs &c. I shall write to Mr Roper on the subject. You mention having applied to the Sheriff to name a day for getting possession of Murry's Farm, if he is one of those who put us to the Expense & trouble of a Trial above, and knew well he had no right to do so. I should say for example sake "let him be put out". I will forego all and even leave the Land waste for a year, for the sake of showing that the man who acts so, shall not remain on my Estate. I hope I shall soon have the list of the Population I named to you in my last letter. I am quite surprised at the delay in opening the Soup Kitchen, I trust it will not be delayed much longer. Pray let me know what the steps are I should take as to the borrowing money from Government for the purchase of seed for Tenants. I saw in one paper, that the loan would be given for the exclusive purchase of Green Crop seeds, but not for oats, that the Landlord was to provide that, there are few of us in the present state of things able to put his pocket & provide seed for a large Tenantry. I am most anxious to return to Ireland, and as soon as I am at liberty I shall do so.

believe me, very truly yours

Denis Mahon

1847

Major Mahon

March 28<sup>th</sup>

at Strokestown. have you any plan in contemplation for providing seed for those who have such very small holdings, as to be unable to purchase it - there are many of that Class who ought to give up the Land and perhaps it would be better to pay them something to Emigrate & let the Land be waste a year sooner than keep such Paupers on it - your experience and knowledge in those matters will enable you form such opinions as I shall be glad to follow with your assistance to carry them out - I give up this House next week and shall be at a Hotel. Will you be so good to direct to me at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, London. believe me

Very sincerely yours

Denis Mahon

J R. Mahon Esq

P.S. Will you let know as soon as the Sheriff may have put you into the possessions - what the Lands are you have got & by whom it was Tenanted

[Archivist Note: Letter appears to be missing beginning section]

1847  
Major Mahon  
Copy of letter to E Roper  
April 7<sup>th</sup>

Copy

30<sup>th</sup> March 1847  
15 Upper Brook St  
Georges Sqr [Square]

My dear Sir,

I have been so busy I had not time to let you know that the papers and Letters &c were all correct and duly executed prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins[tan]t. George Nally has gone to Boulonge and I have given all the Letters and drafts of Letters to Mr Dickinson who has promised me I shall have fair copies of the [Defences]. I shall thank [you] to look after them. There were some one or two Tenants that took Defence in Dublin an[d] [ag]ainst whom we obtained decrees. [Let] Mr Ross Mahon know what the [ex]penses are, as I shall expect all expenses paid by those who app[ea]led for permission to remain as well as all rent due up to Nov[embe]r 1846. [I] hope to be in Dublin 10<sup>th</sup> of next month but if you wish to write to me before then direct to me at United Service Club, Pall Mall, London

Believe

[Yours]

Denis Mahon

[Archivist Note: copy of letter and not in the handwriting of Denis Mahon – probably copied by JRM]

1847  
Major Mahon  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
will provide Funds for emigration

United Service Club  
Pall Mall  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have just rec[eive]d yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ins[ta]nt. I am inclined to agree with you as regards the purchasing seed for the "Poor Tenants" & I fear that plan would not answer, I am aware that you have from the commencement recommended Emigration to a great extent, & I have no doubt it would be attended with the best results. I am therefore willing, if you will but undertake to carry out the plan of Emigration to provide funds to be at your command, and I should also willingly try Mr Gales plan on one or two Townlands, if I can get a sufficient sum of money to do both - but if I undertake this it must be with your assistance to carry it out - and I shall feel obliged if you will let me know if you think my presence desirable [sic] at this moment or whether you would yourself make the arrangements you contemplate. I should not go over immediately unless you consider my presence desirable as in case I go now I shall return here for a short time early in May. but if you think my going for 3 weeks now can be of any material service I shall do so with pleasure, therefore be so kind as to let me hear from you as soon as you can.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

1847  
Major Mahon  
Copy of my letter – Resig[nin]g agency if Emigration to a great extent cannot be carried on  
April

April 1847 – Strokestown

My dear Sir

Few tenants of the class desirable to keep on your property are anxious to go to America. I doubt that there are any. I am sorry you cannot make arrangements for emigration to a large extent as I am convinced ~~it is the only plan for making~~ unless the greater part of the population are removed from your estate the Poor rates of this electoral division will exceed the receipts of rents & the division being almost entirely your property the greater part of the poor rate must fall upon you. The rates of passages to Quebec have been raised in Dublin since I last wrote from £3.10.0 to £4.10.0 so that I suppose we will not be able to get a vessel on the terms I mentioned £2.10.0 for each adult. Two men named Rush of Scramogue left their holdings clandestinely [clandestinely] they had excellent Houses on the right hand side as you go up the Hill. they put two complete paupers into them who I immediately [distrainted ?] & put keepers on ~~and~~ a large party attacked them at night however there was not any damage done & I removed ~~all the~~ from one House anything there was into the town the next day ~~but~~ whereupon I got possession of it by giving ~~£1 to~~ a trifling sum. The other I have not got possession of but expect to do so as the person holding was a tenant & I intend distraining her on her own take. I have also had 5 men concerned in the attack arrested & hope to [punish] them [severely]. ~~If you~~ Possibly you could meet me or Mr Guinness in Liverpool, and thus be fully aware of what arrangements are necessary in engaging a vessel - I have already spent [from] £80 to £100 in sending persons away & getting possession & expect to pay away at Least as much more today ~~at least~~. Taking the view I do of your tenants & their means it only remains for me to beg of you (as you do not wish to embark so extensive an emigration as ~~you~~ I think necessary) – to appoint an agent in my place as I conceive I can be of no service to you either [Improving] by receiving rent or improving your property –Believe me to be

My dear Sir most faithfully yours

John Ross Mahon

1847

Major Mahon

April 16th

not Funds for Emigration on a large scale

US Club, Pall Mall

13<sup>th</sup> April [18]47

My Dear Sir

I have been prevented answering your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> until this day. I am quite of your opinion that Sligo would be the best port to send them from, and if it could be done for about £2.10 a Head for adults. I think as far as 500 would be sufficient to commence with. I think it not advisable to let every one go that likes it. I would keep some of the good Tenants, and I sh[oul]d like to confine the leave to persons on certain townlands so that we might get some one place cleared of the over population at once, for to do all at once on the Estate, I fear I shall not be able to command funds for doing so, at least just at present – will you let me know what sum you will require to enable the first 500 persons to Emigrate and I shall Immediately direct that the sum, as far as one Thousand Pounds shall be at your disposal. Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins[tan]t has just reached me. You mention that those names entered amount to enough to load Two Vessels of 600 ton, that w[oul]d according to your calculation includes [sic] about 1000 persons, and the cost for 2 vessels w[oul]d be £1800, that is by the calculation you made in your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ins[tant]. I shall be glad to know

[Archivist Note: NLI Scan #90 – appears to be missing ending of letter]

1847

Major Mahon

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Is glad I am making arrangements for emigration

Coburgh Hotel

Charles St

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1847

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d yours of the 30th instant yesterday. I am glad you are making arrangements to get some of the Tenants to go to America. Will it not be advisable to try & make arrangements to get them to embark at Sligo, which ought to be a great saving. I am told that Lord Palmerston is doing so, and that he states his plan for the Emigration of his Tenantry in Co Sligo, goes on very well - do you know his Agent ? Would you consider it advisable to communicate with him on the subject? I regret to say I shall not be able to go over so soon as I had intended. I have got a very severe cold, which will take me some days to shake off however I feel satisfied that with your assistance my absence will not signafy [sic]. And to undertake the journey with so bad a cold would only make matters worse - I hope the Sheriff has been able to attend to your call, and that those Tenants who for example sake deserve no indulgence may have been put out will you be so good as to name if the "Soup Kitchen" goes on well - direct to me at the U.S. Club, Pall Mall

believe Me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J. R Mahon Esq

Strokestown

1847

Major Mahon

Copy of Queries answered by Mr Gale's friend relative to emigration

April 8<sup>th</sup>

Which are the best Ports for Poor Irish Emigrants to go to? and where will they obtain employ[en]t quickest & the best wages

Probably Quebec - unless they had means furnished to travel some 500 or 1000 miles inland in which case the United States may be preferable.

Which is the cheapest passage & what is the difference generally speaking between the rate from Liverpool & from an Irish Port to the place recommended

Present charge N[ew] York or Boston or Philadelphia £4 p[er] adult £3.5.0 p[er] child. To New Orleans £3.10.0 p[er] adult to £1.15.0 p[er] child. Quebec £3.3.0 to £1.11.6. Charges from Irish Port much the same

What would be the cheapest mode of sending out a large number of Emigrants say 2000 or 3000. Whether to Charter a Ship for a time - to Charter the out voyages only, or to pay a rate per Head in transit ships for each emigrant.

To charter ships for a term is out of the question. Whether it will be better to charter ships out only or engage passage by ships on the berth at a certain rate p[er] adult will depend altogether on the [?in the?] Practical Knowledge of the Parties wishing to send the emigrants out

What is the number of Passengers allowed by Law per Ton Register & the probable cost of tonnage for 2 to 3000 Emigrants

If to U[nited] States Ports 2 Souls whether adult or child for every 5 Tons. If to British America 3 adults including crew to every 5 Tons - 2 children under 14 count one adult

What might be the probable cost of Sea Store for each emigrant & of what should it consist

Is provision (exclusive of ship allowance of 1lb per day) be meant - bedding cooking utensils from 20/ to 40/ p[er] adult according to quantity & Quality



1847  
Major Mahon  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

US Club Pall Mall  
14<sup>th</sup> April 1847

My Dear Sir,

I shall send you by tomorrows mail the 800 notices to Quit, signed & dated by me. I hope the [sic] will arrive in sufficient time to have them served before the 1<sup>st</sup> May. I have been considering over the numerous applications we have had for assistance on the score of Emigration, and it strikes me that many of those applying are of the better sort of Tenant, and if possible should be kept at home but at all events if determined to go, they should do so at their own Expense. I think the “first class” for us to send is, those of the poorest & worst description & who would become a charge on us for Poor Houses, “outdoor relief” and that would relieve the industrious Tenant from having such a description on the Land. I should then prefer to take the next grade of that class who hold a very small quantity of Land - I fear there are many who propose to go now, do so, because I am giving assistance, and that some of the best will go by being tempted with the assistance we give - will it not be desirable before we let them go indiscriminately, to let the List be gone thro[ugh] and Maguire, & those in the office, such as Robinson, can point out those, that it w[oul]d be desirable to send - I name this from a fear that we shall not be able to send all that apply, and that in the end the worst description will be left with us. Write to me to this Club as my letters will be sent to me the following day during the week or Ten days I shall be absent. I leave this on Saturday for Leamington, and any letter written on that day, would find me at Post Office Malvern Wells, G[rea]t Malvern on the Tuesday following

believe me  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

[Addressed to] J Ross Mahon Esq &c, Strokestown, Ireland  
[Postmark and Postage Stamp] [15 April] 1847

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St  
15<sup>th</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have just received yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ins[an]t and also a letter from Messrs Robinson to say that 350½ adults were on Board the “Naomi” the remainder about 55 on Board “John Munn”. I have calculated the am[oun]t of “passage money” &c for that number viz 405½ 405½ [sic] adults at £3.13.0 each, it comes to the sum of £1480.1s.6d - let me know by return of Post, If I shall pay the Bal[an]ce due to Messrs Robinson viz £730.1s.6 as in case you have made no advances to them, I can do so & that would close the Ac[oun]t as far as that batch is concern[e]d. with regard to “Castlenode” I am inclined to follow your recommendation therefore we will not decide on not sending them - let me know the number that would have to go, and the Am[oun]t required - there is no doubt I am getting the money at a high rate, but if there are not many, It may be better to take advantage of the present moment, to get rid of them. Land such as Castlenode, and within such a distance of Strokestown, will be sure to let well. I shall make arrangements for my return to Ireland by the latter end of this month - and shall remain a few days in Dublin. I shall wait your letter before I pay Messrs Robinson the Bal[anc]e of their Ac[oun]t

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

US Club Pall Mall  
15<sup>th</sup> April [18]47

My Dear Sir,

I send by this nights mail, as many of the notices as I could accomplish signing this day, and believe there are from 5 to 600 - the remainder I shall sign & send by tomorrow's Post, but fearing you might want some of them I w[oul]d not delay another Day. Will you try to get some of the better sort of Tenants to purchase out some of the bad ones, it would be a great help to me, and by getting some help in that way we can do more with regard to those we try to send out on the Emigration Plan. I have directed the Parcel to Strokestown, and have not paid it, as I fancy it will be more attended to if there [sic] any thing to pay on delivery - excuse haste, to save a post.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

1847

Major Mahon

April 19<sup>th</sup>

approves of my going to Liverpool

US Club, Pall Mall

My Dear Sir,

I have this moment rec[eive]d your of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ins[tan]t. I shall be glad you adopt what plan you consider most advisable for the purpose of sending the first batch to America and if you think going to Liverpool to make the arrangements w[ould] be advisable I hope you will do so & certainly Sligo seems to be the best place for my people to embark at. I think the paying the passage & if absolutely necessary giving rations is quite enough for me to pay. I am not getting any large Holdings. I agree with you that those going owe me quite enough of Rent not to think of giving them more. I shall when next I hear from you make the necessary arrangements for having any money that may be required in readiness at least as far a “one thousand” which I can command at present. I shall write to you in a day or two to tell you when to direct to me in the county. I have this day sent the remainder of the notices, Dated & signed & directed the Parcel to you at 26 Frederick St. I wrote a line to Mr Gale to request he would forward them to you. I hope you will be able to see Farn & let me hear what you recommend viz giving to the “outgoing Tenant”.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

1847  
Major Mahon  
April 30<sup>th</sup>

Belmont Hereford  
28<sup>th</sup> April 1847

My Dear Sir,

both your letters reached me only this morning and I fear you had left Dublin before my letter telling you where to address me, reached you, yours directed Post Office Leamington has travelled about for some days. I now fear I shall not find you at Liverpool in case I go there, unless you intend remaining there some time. I shall be perfectly satisfied with any arrangements you make but if on receipt of this, you would like to see me at L[iver]pool, I shall go there with great pleasure. I much fear the longer we delay sending out those that are to go, the greater will be the Expense, as the number of Vessels required, will no doubt make the owners advance their demands. If you will make the necessary arrangements, and fix the time for the Vessels to be with you & all the details which will be required I will take care to have the money ready. If you receive this at Liverpool you will then be aware when any letter you write will reach me. I shall be tomorrow (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April) at Cheltenham and on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we shall be in London - therefore any letter you write on Saturday or Sunday had better be directed to me - at Mivarts Hotel, Brook St, London - had your letter to Leamington reach[ed] me, I should have been at Liverpool next day, however it cannot be helped.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 5<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel  
4<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

On my arrival yesterday evening I rec[eive]d – both your letters the one to Cheltenham having been forwarded before I arrived there - I shall please God, leave tomorrow morning, by the Mail Train, and get to Liverpool by a little after 5 o'clock. I shall go to the Adelphi Hotel on my arrival & hope I may find you there - at all events should you be engaged at that hour, I shall hope to see you early on Thursday morning when I shall be happy to give all the assistance in my power as to the carrying out our plan of Emigration.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

I have dated this from Mivarts altho[ugh] written as you will percieve at the US Club

1847

Major Mahon

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Mem[orandum] of arrangement entered into for emigration also arrangements for a fixed salary to agent & other matters

Liverpool May 6<sup>th</sup> 1847

Agreed with J & W Robinson for passage of from 200 to 300 statute adults to Quebec at £3.2.6 each. with Calculation, that with passage from Dublin to L[iver]pool additional provisions &c &c each adult will [?stand] £3.12.0 to £3.15.0.

Kilmacknananey Cregga House division Plunkett Quarter Cloonrairie [?] the places clear[e]d - turn

Major Mahon will accept surrender of Farn if he gets it up free of tenants & will give M Knox £100 Warrick Major M [Mahon] thinks has a Lease. Major Mahon would assist in repairing his House - see his House & arrange what he should get.

Lynam may get a Lease at value of frontage - provided he gets rid of the Paupers & builds good slated Houses from House to archway - Major Mahon will [?] £2/6 per foot if all is well done

Major Mahon will pay at the rate of £300 p an [per annum] from 20<sup>th</sup> May 1847 provided my fees do not amount to so much in lieu of them but when they ~~that~~ amount to that sum ~~fees~~ at 5 p [per] cent [?only] be charged upon collection this independand [sic] of £100 allowed for bailiffs salaries & clerks.

Mr Robert Devenish to be charged £1 an acre from death of Lord Hartland [?joins] M[oun]t Pleasant – Clooncurry bridge

[Archivist Note: this document is included in the NLI scans under the heading 'Major Denis Mahon's emigration account']

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 14

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel Brook St  
11<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have not heard from Messrs Robinson as yet with regard to the number the Vessel is to take to Quebec. I hope he has written to you. It will be necessary to lose no time in getting this first Batch over the line and I see by the papers this morning “an order in Council” respecting the [strict] examination of all Steamers from Ireland to Liverpool to report any fever or illness on Board. This in itself will cause a few days delay, therefore be so kind as to make allowance for it, we must avoid sending any that are Ill or likely to be reported as “Fever Cases” when inspecting at Liverpool. I find by a letter received from Saul this day, that he will require to purchase 100 2 year old Wedders, and 10 Heifers, at the Fair of Strokestown on the 16<sup>th</sup> Ins[ta]nt. I have therefore written by this days Post, to Messrs La Touche to request they will send down to you Bank Post Bills for the sum of Three Hundred Pounds and shall thank you to let Saul have the money to pay for the Cattle, or to pay for them yourself in case Saul wishes you to do so. After the Fair I hope you will be able to make some of the “better Class” pay up a little. I find from Saul there has been an auction at Farn and that they are removing everything out of the House and also the shrubs & flowers out of the Garden - that I do not care about but I wish before we take it from Mr Knox that you would see the Lease, he held under, and ascertain if those “under Tenants” are not his property and whether he’s not bound to give it up to me without a Tenantry. I believe he has no right to commit any waste or destroy any thing that he has done as improvement, he talks of the Value of Trees, all such (not register[e]d) being the Property of the Landlord.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

[Archivist Note: two annotations from JRM on this letter]



1847  
Denis Mahon  
May 13th

Mivarts Hotel  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

This mornings Post brought a letter from Messrs Robinson stating they had Chartered a Ship 830 Ton Register, and should expect our full number stipulated for viz 300. I am opinion that in the 1st Instance, the 300 are sufficient for me to send at present, & have no doubt from what we agreed on in conversation at Liverpool you will be of the same opinion. I shall not answer Mr Robinsons letter as to the sending any beyond the 300 adults until I hear from you what answer you may be inclined to send him. you will perceive by his letter that he expects our people by the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> Ins[ta]n[t]. I hope you will send them off without delay & let me know when they are to leave Dublin. I send this to Dublin, and not wishing to have any delay I send a similar one to you at Strokestown. I shall lodge the money for about half the Expenses say £600 tomorrow.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
26 South Frederick St  
Dublin

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 13<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel  
12 May 1847

My Dear Sir,

This days Post brought a letter from Messrs Robinson stating they had chartered a vessel 830 Ton Register and should expect our full number as stipulated for viz 300. I am of opinion that in the 1<sup>st</sup> Instance the 300 are sufficient for me to send at present & have no doubt from what we agreed on in our conversation at L[iver]pool you will be of the same opinion. I shall not answer Mr Robinsons letter as to the sending any more than the 300 until I hear from you what answer you may be inclined to send him. You will percieve [sic] by the letter he expects our people by the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will send them without delay – let me know what day you expect to send them from Dublin – and I think John Robinson should be sent with them to Liverpool. I fear the Passage to L[iver]pool will have risen ~~↑~~ at least so the papers say – let us get this first batch off well, and no doubt it will help us in our future operations. I shall pay £600 by tomorrow into Mr Robinsons Bankers hands in London

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Has lodged £470 to a[ccount] of J & R Robinson – emigration

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St  
London  
13<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have this day lodged £470 with Messrs Robinsons Bankers here as being the probable amount of half the Passage Money for the number of Emigrants we shall I hope be able to send out in the ship he has engaged for me. You have no doubt before this written to say how many you will be able to send to Liverpool and the probable time of their arrival,

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

To JR Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 20

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St[reet]

My Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter. I am quite satisfied with the arrangements you are making as to the Lands of Kilmackenny & others. I shall on my return to Town tomorrow make arrangements for placing £400 at your disposal when you get to Liverpool.

excuse haste

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
26 S[outh] Frederick St[reet]

1847

Major Mahon

Copy of letter to Messrs Shaw, Liverpool

May 20

Strokestown May 20<sup>th</sup> 1847

Gentlemen

I had the pleasure of seeing you when in Liverpool about the 12 of this month when I spoke to you on the subject of sending emigrants to Quebec - at that time you said you would undertake it at £3 a head p[er] statute adult provided I supplied a number - and that you would make a reduction of 1/s or thereabout, p[er] head probably. However I do not seek for this, as my object is that the business should be well done - and Lieut Hodden expressed himself so well satisfied with your method of conducting your business both as regards the people he sent as well as generally, that I am anxious to deal with you. I beg further to say that should the fares have risen, which I do not anticipate since I was in Liverpool. I shall be happy to give a proportionate rise. I expect the people to be in ~~Liverpool~~ Dublin on the 24th and will depend upon your answer whether I embark them from that Port or bring them to Liverpool. I shall therefore expect your answer by return of Post addressed to Guinness & Mahon 26 South Frederick St Dublin - ~~stating~~ ~~if~~ if it is in the affirmative you may consider the matter as closed. The number of adults I calculate on embarking is [blank space] ~~but if a larger number would be an object I think I could supply as many more within 5 or 6 days or even a larger number but this I will not undertake~~ I hope to deal with you for ~~some of these & others hereafter~~ others immediately on a larger scale if you wish. The fares to be paid by me on the passengers embarking as is usual - I beg to [refer] you to Lieut Hodden.

I am Gentlemen your

Obedient Servant

John R Mahon

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
£500 Lodged with Haywood & Co

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have this day had Lodged with Messrs Dennison & Co of London the sum of £500 – to be remitted to Messrs Heywood & Co Bankers Liverpool, which sum the [sic] have been advised is placed in their hands to be at your disposal for the purpose of paying the expenses attending the Emigration of those men who are now on the point of Embarkation. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you arrive at Liverpool.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

John Ross Mahon Esq  
Post Office  
Liverpool

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 22

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St  
20th May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d yours of the 17th Ins[ta]nt this morning, and I have this moment sent £500 to the Bank of Messrs Heywood & Co of Liverpool to be at your disposal. I am quite satisfied with the arrangements you have made as regards the exceeding the numbers we had at first agreed on – and I trust you may be able to get some of them to Quebec on better terms than we made with Messrs Robinson – however I am satisfied you will make the best terms you can. I hope to hear from you on your arrival at Liverpool.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
26 South Frederick St  
Dublin

1847  
Major Mahon  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mivarts Hotel,  
Brook St  
22nd May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d yours of the 20th this moment. I have desired my Banker to send a credit to the same House at Liverpool as in the former instance for a further sum of Five Hundred Pounds to be at your disposal for the purpose of sending out the Tenants. When you have made arrangements at Liverpool for this departure &c &c let me know the am[oun]t necessary to be sent down to Messrs Robinson as the Balance due to them for the number sent in their ship also what sum required for the remainder you send this other [?Channels] & I shall have the money paid Immediately in London or by remittance to Messrs Heywood & Co Bankers Liverpool,

believe me  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

J Ross Mahon Esq

PS

I am very glad you have sent the number you have named viz 490 adults. I shall take care to be prepared to treat your wishes as regards "Tully Tenants"

yours  
DM



1847  
Major Mahon  
May 25<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St  
24<sup>th</sup> May 1847

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d a letter this morning from Messrs Robinson stating that they thought they w[oul]d be able to get accommodation for all the persons you wish[e]d to send out this trip - and requesting I would pay into their Bankers hands about £200 for stores they were to provide and also the Ballance [sic] of the half of the Passage for 390 adults. will you be so kind as to call on Messrs Robinson, and say, that as soon as I am aware of what the Bal[anc]e amounts to, that I shall pay it or perhaps you had better do so, and pay for the Stores you have requested them to provide for our people - let me know what steps you have taken to get out the surplus over & above what the "Virginus" takes out. Also let me know how the money I sent you £1000 answers, & if a further supply is required while you are at Liverpool.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
Post Office Liverpool

1847

Major Mahon

May 27<sup>th</sup>

leaving arrangements for 2 ship to my discretion

I think £3 – with the other additional charges makes it come high, however we must go with the times, & I shall leave it to your discretion to do as you consider most advisable. I shall send an order, or lodge the money £500 either tomorrow, or next day at furthest,

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

Adelphi Hotel Liverpool

[Archivist Note: Letter appears to be missing beginning section]

1847

Major Mahon

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Has desired £550 to be lodged with Haywood & Co

Mivarts Hotel

Brook Street

27 May 1847

My Dear Sir

I have this day desired the sum of £550 to be Lodged for your use with Messrs Heywood & Co of Liverpool. I am glad you remain to see the Virginus [Virginius] off, and shall be glad to hear from you after you have put the rest on Board the “Erins Queen” to say, how many you send including women & children. I think you had better prepare for a “Second Batch”, and I shall be prepared with the means to enable you to send them. I have had some letters about “Interest money “ which I will send you in a few days.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq

Post Office

Liverpool

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 8<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St  
5<sup>th</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I shall be prepared to meet the cost of the 400 Adults you intend sending to Liverpool on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins[tan]t which you state will Am[oun]t to the sum of £1460. I am quite satisfied you would not recommend my sending out an other batch were it not to my advantage to do so. I shall therefore make the necessary arrangements to have a sum of money to command for the purpose of sending out those whom you may select for going on the 15th Ins[tan]t (being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batch) I hope you will be so good as to confine it to those persons from whom we get some Land & Houses in return for the forgiveness of all rent, and the great expense of sending them out. You know I am against paying for those that could have paid me rent but refused to do so "from Combination", there are several of those and if they give you up the Land &c and "pay their own way" we may forgive the rent due I am sure you would approve of this arrangement. I am quite satisfied that in your hands, whatever is most for my advantage, & benefit of the Estate will be attended to. therefore I shall leave it to your selection & arrangement - let me know, as soon as you can, the number of adults of which the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batch will consist. do not let it be "too large" as I may have a difficulty in getting so much money - the Government are now talking of an Emigration Plan I hope it may be of assistance to us, it must be of use taken in addition to what I am doing myself

believe me

very sincerely yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
Strokestown  
Ireland

PS let me know what state the Town and vicinity of Strokestown is in as regards Fever. I should be glad to return shortly if you consider it advisable for me to do so. What has been done as regards Mr Knox's part of Farn? I hope you will have the Sheriff to give you possession of some of those Lands you have obtained Haberes against.

PS If Saul requires change for £50 Bank Post Bills will you manage it for him.

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 9<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St  
7 June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have had a letter from Mr Conry requesting I would write to you to send out some of my “Kildologue Tenants”. I believe you are aware that Mr Conry holds that part of my property (a Bishops Lease) in his Agency for the present. I am inclined to enquire before I consent to send any of them out, whether they have in the first instance got rid of their “under Tenants” – as I consider it hard on me to send out people who not only owe me rent but also leave me a Parcel of pauper under Tenants. that Land being so near the Town, must be of value to those holding the adjoining Lands, and if I forgive the Rent due, I do not think I am called on to send them out besides before I left the County, there were many in the Lands of Kildologue that would pay, what rent was due, if I would give it them on their getting out the old Tenant. be so good as to let me have your opinion as to what you recommend regarding Kildologue. I expect every day to hear from you respecting the Batch of 400 adults and shall have the money ready to meet your call.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847

Major Mahon

Copy of JRM's letter about sending Emigrants from Castlenode

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown June 8<sup>th</sup> 1847

My dear Sir

I have ~~in ever~~ avoided as much possible giving passages without getting up land. ~~in some cases~~ You put a very heavy responsibility on me in trusting so much to my judgement and I can scarcely hope that in every case you would have acted precisely as I have done here ~~as I was had your opinion~~ upon the general outline of the plan adopted had your approval I must trust to your goodness to make allowances for any difference in the details. Your liberality in giving me permission to send another batch of emigrants makes it more imperative on me than ever to exert myself to lay out your money to the best advantage and to make every exertion to collect your rents so as in some measure to compensate for your great outlay. I shall communicate to you as soon as possible what the number of adults for the next batch will be. I am very much disposed to take up Castlenode which the tenants offer to surrender except two – it is well cropped & you would therefore have a greater return for your expenditure, it is true that the tenants are in better circumstance than they are in other townlands, but I look forward to being able to get rid of those in very bad circumstances, by a v[er]y small outlay comparatively speaking & in harvest by enabling them to go to work in England where they will be glad to go ~~get them~~ at that time of year. It is ~~quite true~~ not so charitable or so liberal a plan as sending the poor creatures to America, but as there must be a stop to your expenditure – I ~~certainly would~~ would be disposed to recommend it for the benefit of the estate. I shall be glad to hear ~~from~~ your wishes on this subject by the next post – as whatever persons go, they will be anxious to dispose of their cattle should they have any, & the Castlenode people, I should suppose have a good many among them

Yours My dear Sir

JRM [John Ross Mahon]

Major Mahon

Mivarts Hotel London

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fever sheds may be erected on Farms

Mivarts Hotel  
Brook St  
10<sup>th</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have just received your of the 4 Ins[ta]nt respecting the Lands of Dysart. I am quite ready to agree to any plan that you recommend and shall therefore leave it to your management. You are of course aware of what the quantity of Land is that I have in the Electoral Division of Dysart, and will take care that I only pay for what is actually mine. With regard to the Fever Sheds going to be built near the Town, I have only to say that any place you point out as most desireable shall have my approbation. I shall leave it to you to do as you consider best on the occasion.

believe me  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

J. R. Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847

Major Mahon

June 13<sup>th</sup>

will be quite satisfied if I can pay Interest & Jointure

1847

Denis Mahon

June 13<sup>th</sup>

Mivarts Hotel

11<sup>th</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I shall be quite satisfied with your arrangement as to Castlenode, if you think it desirable to get it up. I was under an impression that “they paid Rent” pretty well & were rather what we call “Snug people”, are you willing to forgo all rent due by them, and let them sell Cattle &c and also pay their Passage out? I should have thought with that Class it would have been ample in Indulgence to have “forgiven the rent due” and let them find their own way out on being forgiven but as I am not able to form any certain judgement as to the poverty of many of them, I shall be quite satisfied with whatever plan you adopt as regards them. I beg to say that I should think the Lands of Cregga would be a good place to get out of the hands of so “bad a set” & such a nest of Paupers. I regret to say I have met with an “unexpected difficulty” in getting the command of Money I had intended to be at your disposal for “a 3rd Batch” at least to the extent I should like to have enabled you to go. We must therefore let it be a very limited number - but I trust next year we shall be able to send out on a larger scale, - pray let me know if you have been able to include the Tully Tenants in the batch of 400 that you have now sent or are sending. Also say where I shall pay the Money required for the Passage of those 400 Adults. Is it to be paid as before to the Liverpool Banker. I trust we shall be able to get in some of the Rents now from the better Class. I do think Mr Browne has had “plenty of indulgence”. I also hope Mr O’Farrell will be made to pay. I am quite satisfied that you will do all in your power to get me in some Rent to enable me to meet the demands for Interest & jointure. I shall not talk of any for my own support & use, which I must provide for the best way I can. I am very much inclined to return to Strokestown the beginning of July. I have much to do there, and could continue to “live on the Farm”.

I shall hope to hear from you in a few days

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq

Strokestown

[Archivist Note: NLI scans for this letter are #25-26 and #33-34]



1847  
Major Mahon  
June 16

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St  
14 June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have not heard from Mr Knox since I wrote and told him the Terms on which I was willing to take the Lands of Farn from him. I then referred him to you & said you were also in possession of My wishes to do everything to accommodate him. His last letter to me stated, he would give up the place to me, & leave it to myself to settle with him as I pleased - of course I have a right to get the rent to the 1st May last. I allow no hanging gales, Mr Knox has not asked me for time, for the Rent but if he applies for it I can have no objection, only let the sum, whatever it is be distinctly settled as I do not wish to mix up the Rent with the settlement of the Executorship of the Late L[or]d Hartland.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq

[Addressed to] J.R. Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 16

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St  
14 June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have this day paid to Messrs J & W Robinson's Bankers the sum of £750 on acc[oun]t of the 1st Instalment for the 416 Adults you have sent over - when they sail, and you let me know the Balance, I shall place it at your disposal at Messrs Heywood & Co of Liverpool or in any other way you may point out as more convenient to you. I regret to say I have had some difficulty in procuring a part of this money & have got it at a loss of above "12 Per Cent". At the present rate of charges for their passage out, I fear it would not be advisable to send anymore just now.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
26 South Frederick St  
Dublin

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 20th

17 June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have heard from Messrs Robinson and they say 416 Adults are going out. If you will let me know the exact number I am to pay for, & state that the account is Correct I shall pay the Bal[anc]e due to them thro their London Banker. This may save you both time and trouble, & on rec[ei]pt of your letter the money shall be paid.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq

1847

Major Mahon

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Has paid balance of emigrants account £729.13.4

Mivarts Hotel, Brook St

21<sup>st</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir

I this day paid the Bal[an]ce due to Messrs Robinson for the Emigrants sent out in the “Naomi” & “John Nunn”. I paid into their Bankers hands £729.13.4. With regard to Castlenode, I should wish to follow your advice, and as they do not exceed 100 I shall try & have the money, in case they are inclined to go. I have mentioned in my letter to Messrs Robinson that I would if tempted by a “reasonable offer” wish to send out about 100 adults and that if they would say £3.5.0 or £3.7.6 per each adult I would send them – you will therefore act as you consider advisable with regard to getting them away. I hope to spend a great part of Tuesday next 29<sup>th</sup> Instant in Liverpool and sail that Evening for Kingstown – so you will be able to judge as to your letters reaching me during the time I remain here.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
June 29th

US Club Pall Mall  
25<sup>th</sup> June 1847

My Dear Sir,

I received your letter this morning, and find that Messrs Robinson will not send under £4 Per head for each adult. I hope you understood my last letter which was to the effect of authorizing you to send out the Castlenode Tenants, in case you found them willing to go. I shall make arrangements to have the money ready for payment to Messrs Robinson as in the former instances. I hope to be in Liverpool on Tuesday morning so as to have time to see Messrs Robinson before I sail, but in meantime we had better write to them as to any arrangements you wish to make. Perhaps you may have them ready to sail in the Champion.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J R Mahon Esq  
Strokestown

1847  
Major Mahon  
July 1<sup>st</sup>

Kildare St Club  
30<sup>th</sup> June 47

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d your letter on my arrival here this morning. I called on Messrs Robinsons when at Liverpool, and I expect to hear from them tomorrow respecting a Vessel they intend sending out shortly after the “Champion’ has sailed. I understood from them that they expected a number of Tenants belonging to Lord Fitzgerald to be sent by you for the “Champion”. I shall remain here until Saturday, and then go into the Co Louth for a Week on my way to Strokestown House. Perhaps you would let me have a line to say what your moves are likely to be.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
Castlegar

1847  
Major Mahon  
July 4<sup>th</sup>

Kildare St  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have had a letter from Messrs Robinson to say they can take 90 or 100 adults in the “Champion” but I fear it would be impossible to have the Castlenode Tenants ready & at Liverpool by the time mentioned. I found from conversation I had at Liverpool that the expense of sending out is likely to fall still more, and that there will be a Vessel from the Robinsons going out about 10 or 12 days after the “Champion”, under all those circumstances I think we had better not think of sending our People from Castlenode by the “Champion” and that you had better write to that effect to Messrs Robinson. I enclose you Messrs Robinsons letter which I shall thank you to send me back by Mondays Post directed to me at Prospect House, Dundalk. I have shown it to McGuinness which will enable him to fill up any vacancies [to ours? in Dublin. Young Mr Guinness is of opinion we had better wait the next vessels as he thinks there will be a fall in the price of sending them out. However should you have acted on my former letter & written to Strokestown to have them forwarded I have no doubt you will take care to have them in time – let me have a line by return of Post to say what you have done. I shall get it on Saturday morning before I leave Dublin.

excuse haste

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J.R. Mahon Esq  
Castlegar

1847

Major Mahon

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

wrote this day to J&W Robinson [that] none would go per “Champion” JRM C[astle]gar

Kildare St Club

1<sup>st</sup> July 1847

My Dear Sir,

I wrote by this Post to Castlegar but as you may have returned to Strokestown I write a line to say that I fear the Castlenode Tenants will not be in time for the “Champion” and that we have every prospect of a cheaper passage for people in a fortnight hence.

excuse haste to save a Post. I have seen Mr Guinness and his son both are of opinion we sh[oul]d not be in time for the Champion

very truly yours

Denis Mahon



1847  
Major Mahon  
July 7th

Prospect House  
Dundalk  
6th July 1847

My Dear Sir

I rec[eive]d your letter of the [sic] this day, and beg to say that I hope to arrive at Strokestown House on Monday 12th In[stan]t or at latest on Tuesday. I find our assizes are fix[e]d (for fiscal Business) Wednesday 14th – so I shall only be one day at home before the assizes. I think you judged quite right not to send any of the Castlenode Tenants by the “Champion”. I have had an interview with Lord Montagle [Monteagle] and he is very anxious to get information respecting Emigration. I promised to let him have an acc[oun]t of those we have sent out, he sent me a form of a return which he wished to get, and if you find it ~~practicable~~ practicable to fill up, I shall be glad to give him all the information we can. I send you the form of the return he sent me.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

1847  
Major Mahon  
Copy of JRM's letter to Rev P Browne  
July 17<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown July 17th 1847

My dear Peter

Will you kindly let me have your opinion on the following matter. Do you consider less than 2 Irish acres of oats would support a family of 5 for a year. ~~suppose~~ Do you consider 13 bar[rels] to the acre - 4 stone of oatmeal p[er] week for support of family a fair calculation ( a Poormans crop). - If so, ~~supposing~~ I take it a population of 2444 would require 876 a[cres] of oats p[er] an[um] - supposing Potatoes gone - Could there be a sufficiency of corn raised therefore every year for a succession of years supposing ~~th~~ a four course [?] adopted, on a smaller quantity of land than 3504 a[cres] - where 2444 persons live on 1300 a[cres] - can the produce possibly support them - (under the same supposition no potatoes) If you can give me your opinion by return of post I will be obliged

1847  
Major Mahon  
August 1<sup>st</sup>

Strokestown House  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1847

My Dear Sir,

I rec[eive]d the enclosed this morning from Mr Conry, who desired me to communicate the contents to you, & the best mode of doing so, and at the same time prevent delay, is to send you Mr McCauslands letter to read & as soon as you have done so, perhaps you had better either write yourself to Mr McC or send your answer thro' me, but the former course I should say was preferable. I can assure you that you will find Mr McCausland a most perfect Gentleman to deal with. Conry tells me he has written to you by the same Post, so I hope you will receive both letters tomorrow. In answering Mr Conry's letter perhaps you had better enclose back to him, his letter from McCausland. We have fix[e]d next Thursday for holding our petty sessions

believe me

very sincerely yours

Denis Mahon

J Ross Mahon Esq  
Castlegar

1847  
Major Mahon  
July 11<sup>th</sup> [sic]

Strokestown House  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug[us]t 1847

My Dear Sir,

I write a line to tell you Conry did not come down, in case you wish[e]d to see him before you leave town. I was writing to him & mention[e]d your having gone up. The Election goes on "Merrily" Priest V Bishop. Priest V Priest. Tenant V Landlord, & Roscommon I hope will return a Member for the County not possessed of one Shilling in the Co and I believe very few out of it. You know the old saying – "when Rogues fall out" &c &c

believe me

very sincerely yours

D Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
Aug 13

Strokestown House  
Aug[us]t 12<sup>th</sup> 1847

My Dear Sir,

I shall be very much obliged to you to call at Bassetts Gunmaker Parliament St and make him send to you, a small mahogany case he has of mine, containing a Six Barrel Pistol. He was to have it ready for me anytime I wish[e]d to send for it. If he has it ready before you leave Dublin, perhaps you w[oul]d bring it down to me. I am very glad that all is settled to your satisfaction respecting Mr McCauslands agency. Mrs Mahon will feel much obliged if you will purchase for her a “Ladies Umberella” (sic), she wishes the “smallest size” that can be made.

believe me

My Dear Sir,

very sincerely yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq  
26 Frederick St  
Dublin

1847  
Major Mahon  
August 25

US Club Pall Mall

Sir

I have by this days mail send (sic) a Parcel containing Papers for Mr JR Mahon, which I shall thank you to have forwarded to him with as little delay as possible – as they are notices which require to be served

Immediately

I remain Sir

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

-Gale Esq

26 Frederick St South

1847

Major Mahon

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

To take up Rev Mr Cowens holdings

My Dear Sir,

I send the Key (enclosed) & also a letter from the Castle which you will see is what we wanted[.] [Maguire] will let you about Mr Cowen holdings in the Town chiefly in Elphin St. the Tenants must now pay us. also I send [?memorandum?] ab[ou]t Balfe Land at Farn

yours truly

D Mahon

I shall be home to Dinner on Friday

[Addressed to] John Ross Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
for his account

Strokestown House  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1847

My Dear Sir,

I have been called on by the Stamp office to close my accounts as administrator to the late Lord Harland, and to enable to do so to My own satisfaction, I shall very much wish to have my account settled for the half year from November 1846 to May 1<sup>st</sup> 1847 ~ and a statement of what part of the Receipts of that half year are comprised of the arrears due up to Nov[embe]r 1<sup>st</sup> 1845. which I have now to account for as administrator to Lord Hartland. I shall also be glad to have the acc[oun]t for that half year, as I expect it will include the acc[oun]t of Expenses incurred in sending out the Emigrants of last spring, which I am very anxious to know as well as the quantity of Land we have got possession of by doing so. I hope my asking for those accounts at present May not put you to any inconvenience. I shall be very glad to have them if it does not –

believe me  
very truly yours  
Denis Mahon

J.R. Mahon Esq  
&c &c  
Strokestown



1847

Major Mahon

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Submit to him names of tenants who propose to surrender on getting crops

Strokestown House

14<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1847

My Dear Sir,

I quite agree with you that it will be very advantageous to get rid of the Pauper Tenants in many Instances by giving the crops as you propose. It will be very satisfactory to me being now on the spot (and indeed at all times) if you would submit to me previous to any final arrangement the names, of those persons, & the Townlands, quantity of Land, and the Rent due. this will enable me to give my approval to any plan that may be submitted to me,

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

JR Mahon Esq

1847  
Major Mahon  
October 12<sup>th</sup>

Strokestown House  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct /47

Dear Sir,

I shall thank you to pay to Mr Higgins of New Town the sum of Five Pounds fiveteen (sic) Shillings – which I owe him for a Pony he sold to my Steward for me. I have not the money at present myself - & he says he wants some to to (sic) take him to Boyle Quarter Sessions

very truly yours

D Mahon

J.R. Mahon Esq

1847

Major Mahon

October 20<sup>th</sup>

To employ Brassington & Geale [Gale] to lay out [????]

at the rate of £2.10s.0d per acre with a perfect understanding that it is only let to him for one year. The Compensation to the Doorty Tenants, it will be impossible for me to give an opinion on, until my return & I shall be very glad to go over the Land with you next week, & we then can jointly agree on the compensation you recommend them getting. I am just going to Rockingham & hope to be home on Saturday afternoon.

believe me

very truly yours

Denis Mahon

J.R. Mahon Esq

&c &c

Strokestown

P.S. will you be so good as to get an abstract from the Rent Roll of the Lands of Doorty & the “occupying Tenants”. I should be very glad you could put some person into that House of Higgins at Farn, even as caretaker, it is a great temptation to the ldle its being empty.

y[ou]rs

DM

[Archivist Note: NLI Scan missing first page of this letter – probably mentioning the firm Brassington and Gale]

DM-JRM letters in Strokestown Park Archive but not in NLI Scans

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I will you find Miss. Barbara's name  
 down for it - which the writer  
 has written in the margin for  
 the benefit of Miss. Barbara's name  
 1847

Miss. Barbara's name  
 down for it - which the writer  
 has written in the margin for  
 the benefit of Miss. Barbara's name  
 1847

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Hayes Hotel,  
 Manchester St.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1847.

My dear Sir,

I have this moment rec<sup>d</sup> an  
 letter from Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Keogh, S<sup>r</sup> of St. John's  
 it is dated for the Relief Committee  
 Room - 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1847. He requests my  
 subscription towards a fund for the  
 establishment of a Soup Shop in Strokestown  
 will you have the kindness to enquire  
 into this, and ascertain if it is  
 desirable to place our funds at

the disposal of the Relief Committee,  
 or open one ourselves, under the care  
 & management of Mr. Fallon, who if he  
 will undertake it would be a very  
 fit & proper person. It seems that  
 if a sum of money is made up by  
 subscription, that an equal sum will  
 be granted by the Central Com<sup>tee</sup> in Dublin.  
 Mr. Keogh states to be being the  
 amount of their collection. If this  
 plan they intend to adopt is a good  
 one, and that the soup will be freely  
 & properly distributed to the poor and  
 starving persons in and about Strokestown  
 then I should think the one soup com<sup>tee</sup>  
 would be sufficient. - Please it to you to  
 to decide as to what plan you may  
 consider by subscription will be  
 most serviceable to my poor & the  
 tenants that are in such distress.  
 pray let me hear from you on this subject  
 as soon as you can. -  
 Believe me  
 very truly yours  
 M. Keogh  
 Denis Keogh