

Irish Transportation Record of **Anne Shannon** per Waverley 1847
CRF 1847 – S11 – Larceny – Stealing a gown – Sentenced to Seven Years Transportation

To His Excellency The Earl Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant General
& General Governor of Ireland &c. &c. &c.

The petition of **Anne Shannon** most humbly sheweth,

That petitioner's daughter **Anne Jane Shannon** now a prisoner in Omagh Gaol was convicted of a Larceny before Baron Pennefather at last assizes and sentenced to be Transported Seven Years.

That Pet^r has no plea to offer to your Excellency in extenuation of the offence of his unfortunate daughter except her youth being but 18 years of age, her having early lost her mother and her having been hired so that she was removed from the control & advice of pet^r when unable to resist temptation.

That Pet^r has always borne a good character for honesty sobriety & industry and in distress of heart at the guilt and punishment of his wretched daughter most humbly entreats your Excellency of your clemency to grant her another opportunity of amending her life without being subjected to the fate of a Convict.

That such an opportunity now offers itself inasmuch as pet^{rs} son has paid the passage to America of his eldest sister – Pet^r would pay the passage of his unhappy daughter **Anne Jane** that she might emigrate with her sister to another land under her protection and care.

That should your Excellency be graciously pleased to remit the sentence of his daughter on condition of her emigrating pet^r will immediately pay her passage and submit to whatever conditions your Excellency may be pleased to impose to secure his performance of this engagement and as in duty bound will ever pray.

James Shannon

Omagh
8th May 1846

Mr Hitchins May 9/46
Referred to Baron Pennefather 9 May H.H. [crosswise page 1 of 2]

3 Merrion Square
May 9th 1846

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day enclosing by advice of the Lord Lieutenant a Memorial on behalf of **Ann Jane Shannon** and to state for his Excellency's information that the prisoner was convicted before me at the last assizes for the County Tyrone of Larceny in stealing a gown – and that upon Inquiry after her conviction as to her character – it was reported to me that she had at a former assizes been presented by the grand jury as a vagrant and disorderly person and that being convicted on such presentiment she was sentenced to be transported for seven years – unless she should give security for her

good behaviour. That having given such security – her father as I best recollect being one of her Bailsmen of over sixteen she was discharged and shortly afterwards committed the offence of which she was convicted before me. I therefore thought it right to sentence her to be transported for seven years. Whether that transportation should be as a convict – or at her father's expense – as he offers to America I submit to his Excellency's consideration. I return the memorial and have the honor to be

Sir
your obedient servant
Richard Pennefather

Richard Pennefather Esq^r [*foot of page 1*]

The Law must take its course [*faded*]

May 13th Heytesbury
Mr Hitchins May 11/46
Judge Infor^d do H.H.
Gaoler do AWL

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Ann Jane Shannon

Larceny – 7 yrs Transpn

Report of Judge annexed
May 12.
