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To His Excellency Lord Viscount Elrington, Lord Lieutenant General; and General Governor of Ireland

This Humble Petition of Catherine Dalton, Prisoner under Sentence of Transportation, in Carlow Gaol.-

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Excellencys petitioner was tried at the Assizes held in Carlow on the 9th Instant - before the Right Honourable Lord Chief Justice Bush – for a Petty Larceny - was convicted , and sentenced to seven years transportation.

Your Excellencys petitioner was an extreme poor Girl – that was beholding to her industry, and some few months back, petitioner met a man who induced her to go to his house, wherein he took liberties with petitioner for which he declared he would compensate petitioner handsomely – but after repeated applications from petitioner he would not give a single penny. Petitioner conceiving she was ill treated watched an opportunity, and took Three pounds from him, which sum petitioner considered she was justly entitled to –

Your Excellency s petitioner did not conceal what she had done - consequently the man got irritated, lodged information against petitioner, and prosecuted her for taking the Three pounds – petitioner theretofore never deprived, any person of a single shilling of their property, nor would not in the present instance only petitioner conceived she was justly entitled to it – Petitioner was always strictly honest which the names of petitioners respectable neighbours hereunto subscribe fully testify -

Your Excellencys petitioner has an aged mother and two sister who are in a destitute situation, and must inevitably perish for want if deprived of petitioners assistance and care – Petitioner therefore implors that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to commute petitioners sentence from transportation to imprisonment for any term your Excellency may deem proper,

And Petitioner will ever Pray

Carlow Gaol
30th March 1841

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John Heydon
John Kelly
Bernard Henesy
John Quinn
Edward Gorman
Pat Doyle
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To His Excellency
Lord Viscount Elrington
Lord Lieutenant & General Governor of Ireland etc etc etc
Dublin Castle

Larceny – 7yrs Tn

The Signatures appear to be in the same hand writing

The Law must take its course