

ELLEN DUFFY - Irish Transportation Records CRF 1842 D21

To His Excellency Earl De Frey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of the Kingdom of Ireland

Your Excellency

Whereas I Mary Anne Duffy being a daughter to Ellen Duffy, who at the last Sessions held in Cootehill being in March last my mother the said Ellen Duffy being through poverty and the intoxication of liquor was taken in the middle of Day light taking some cloths off a hedge the property of one of her own door neighbours who got her taken and put to gaol and had to remain until the s^d sessions of Cootehill she being brought to trial and sworn against not withstanding the advocacy of the magistrates and respectable Gentlemen who solicited her freedom through hard swearing she was found Guilty and Convicted to transportation for seven years by Barrister Murphy who when hearing the way she was in committing the s^d felony he was very sorry he had to pass sentence on her but could not avoid it by reason of the hard swearing which was sworn against her he the Honorable Barrister most pathetically passed her sentence which her advocates numerous as the ware Could not get repealed.

Your Excellency I went then and petitioned the s^d Hon^{ble} Barrister Murphy for pardon for my mother who made me to understand that the sentence could not repealed unless a reprief was got from under your Lordships hand

I have with drawn myself from my service and came to your Lord Excellency 52 miles upon very little pocket money to know if your Clemency my Lord would be a good as grant your reprief to the sd Barrister Murphy who would receive it with kindness from and my Lord your Charity will be offrid by me to the most high at all times that his spirit shall move me to worship him and also all our distressed family in duty bound to do the same unto their lives end

Mary Anne Duffy
James Browne DD
Tho^s Foote
A. B Douglas

Envelope addressed to "His Excellency Earl De Grey
Lord Lieutenant General
Governor of the Kingdom of Ireland
Dublin Castle"

Thomas Philip Lord De Grey
Lord Lieutenant. Governor and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Petition of Ellen Duffy

Petitioner humbly begs to state that she is at present confined in the Penitentiary Dublin under sentence of transportation, for seven years she was tried at the Cavan Quarter Sessions for Cavan in April 1842 for larceny for which crime she was convicted, Petitioner begs to state, tho telling against[.....] that she is of a highly Respectable Family and being a Protestant married unfortunately a Roman Catholic which caused her father to forsake her till his Death, which has caused her much misfortune.

Petitioner has four male children, the youngest at present but three years old which is completely deranging your unfortunate Petitioner thinking of leaving her small helpless Family never to see them any more.

Petitioner begs your Excellency will take her distress into your merciful consideration, and for the sake of that GOD from whom we all hope for Mercy permit her to remain at home with her helpless family by mercifully commuting her sentence and Petitioner will in duty be ever bound to pray.

Ellen Duffy
20th April 1843

We certify that petitioner is of a very respectable family and that her late father possessed considerable property in the County Fermanagh and was a well connected man.

Newton Butler
25th April 1843

Signature indiscipherable ? Bailey JP

John M (?)
Curate of (Galloon)

Francis Billing
John (?) JP
Henry

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Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 42 APR 20

W. Connor written along the side

Cavan April 19th 1842

Sir,

Herewith I return you the Petition of Eleanor Duffy and beg leave to mention that the Prisoner as three times convicted before and was repeatedly imprisoned for long periods and I am quite certain the signatures are forgeries which are attached to the Petition.

I have the Honour to
remain Sir your very
ob^t Serv^t

Geo: Gallogly Governor
of Cavan gaol

To Ed Lucas Esq
Castle
Dublin

His Excellency Earl Degrey Lord Lieu^t of Ireland etc etc etc

This Humble Petition of Frank Duffy of Cootehill most humbly Sheweth that his unfortunate Wife Eleanor Duffy is now in Cavan Jail under sentence of Transportation for seven years –

That your Unfortunate Petr is a poor Honest Endeavouring man struggling to support Himself and Six Small Children and now in the decline of Life Petitioner most humbly Intreats that your Excellency may mitigate his Wifes Sentence and allow her allow her to be Confined in Ireland for such period as may be pleasing to your Excellency. That my poor Children not be deprived of the Consolation of hearing of or seeing their Mother during her Confinement which request may God and you Grant is the most humble petition of a most destroyed Husband and father

Your Petitioner will Ever Pray

Frank Duffy

12th April 1842

Please turn over

James Birerne
John M. Greddin Curate of gaison
Thos Horan
Pat Horan
Thos Fay
Henry Young

Govr of gaol-

Was this the Prisoners first offence?

Are the Signatures genuine?

D Castle 18 April 1842