

Ellen Rian ID3165 per *Cadet* 1849

Ellen Rian aged 28

Central Criminal Court April 1848, Larceny, 7 years transportation

Gaol report – Twice before convicted.

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This Petition states that the prisoner has always been a dutiful daughter and that if she is transported, her children and her mother are dependent on her for support, they must go to the Workhouse.

10 Upper Ranelagh Street

Eaton Square

London

21st April 1848

Sir George,

In the matter of Ellen Rian

I beg leave most respectfully to enclose you a Petition and Certificates from the mother of this prisoner and hope you will consider it a case requiring the merciful consideration of the Crown, and that I shall be honoured with a reply at your convenience.

I have Sir George known the family of the prisoner for some years: and can vouch for their being industrious well educated people.

I have the honour to be

Sir George

Your most obedient and humble servant.

John Pepper.

To The Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Catherine O’Gorman of No 13 [Canns] Buildings, George Street, Chelsea – Widow.

20th April 1848

Sheweth

That your Petitioner’s daughter Ellen Rian was at the last Central Criminal Court tied before the Common Serjeant upon an indictment charging her with stealing a ring of the value of ten shillings, the property of Joseph Notley upon which (witnesses to speak to her character not happening to be in Court when the case was called on) the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation.

That your Petitioner is a widow of a soldier of good character 21 years in the service. That she is wholly without the means of living if deprived of the assistance of her daughter the above named prisoner – who had always been a good daughter to your petitioner and principally supported her. That the prisoner had two children now under your Petitioner’s charge, also wholly unprovided for, and that if the sentence against your Petitioner’s daughter is carried out, both your Petitioner and the children must become charitable to the Parish.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly entreats on the part of her unfortunate daughter if not a free pardon, a mitigation of the sentence to a that imprisonment

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

Catherine O’Gorman

20th April 1848

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have known Ellen Rian the prisoner several years. That we have always considered her an honest well behaved, industrious young woman and that the prisoner's mother and two children are depending on the prisoner for support. We therefore earnestly entreat on her behalf the merciful consideration of the Crown.

Thomas Young

Charles Scriven

William Turner

Thomas Barry

And a further 6 signatures.
