

Irish Transportation Records Judith Gibney CRF 1840 G40

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin

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30 Upper Fitzwilliam St

December 7

My Lord – I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 2nd Instant, enclosing the Memorial of Judith Gibney a Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of Meath, & requesting me to acquaint you whether there are any circumstances in her case which would in my opinion render her a proper object of mercy.-

The Prisoner was convicted in June last, at the Navan Quarter Sessions, of having stolen from a standing in the market of Navan on the 6th of May last a Frize Jacket – and upon enquiry after her conviction from the Magistrates of the Navan petty Sessions and from the Navan Police it appeared she was a person of bad character & had been tried before for larceny but was acquitted. I know the Reverend Mr O'Neill who has signed the Memorial – he has a good opportunity knowing all about the Prisoner & whether or not there be a probability of her amendment in habits & mode of Life – I am sure he would not have signed the memorial inconsiderately & I would therefore recommend that the punishment of the Prisoner should be commuted to 1 years imprisonment from the date of her committal on this charge. I beg leave to enclose the Memorial & a copy of my notes of the trial and have the honor to be

My Lord

Your obedient Servant

John Plunket

To The Right Hon^{ble}

Viscount Morpeth

Judith Gibney Indicted for Larceny of a Frieze jacket the property of John Magrath at Navan on the 6th may 1840

1st Witness

Samuel Glass proves that on the 6th May her was selling Hats in the Market at Navan at a standing – John Magrath had a standing next to him for the sale of clothes – saw the Prisoner (Identified) standing within one foot of Magrath's standing she had a frieze jacket on her arm & 2 fowls one alive & one dead – witness suspecting the Pris^r – had stolen the jacket from Magrath told him so & left his own standing to look for the Prisoner who had moved away – he could not find her.

2nd Witness

Bridget Magrath) her husband had a Standing of Clothes in the market of Navan on the 6th may – when the jacket was missed she went to search for it - & found it in the market place in possession of Katherine Waller (Identified the jacket) who had rolled up in her apron under her cloak & when asked by witness refused to show her.

3rd Witness

John Magrath (Identifies the jacket) it was on his standing this day in the market of Navan – he did not sell it to any one – he did not observe the Pris^r near his standing.-

4th Witness

Katherine Waller) deals in Poultry and Eggs – Bridget Magrath found the jacket with her in the market. She brought it from the Pris^r Judith Magrath who sold it to witness for 20 pence – witness only gave her 2d at that time.

The jury found her guilty - & on enquiring as to her habits & character from the local Magistrates, the Police & the Gaoler it appeared that her character was very bad & that she had been tried before for Larceny but acquitted – she was sentenced to 7 years transportation..

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W. Connor written up the side

To His Excellency Lord Ebrington, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The humble petition of Luke Gibney Sheweth

That your petitioner's wife, Judith Gibney, has been sentenced at the quarter Sessions of Navan in June last to be transported for seven years for having taken a coat from a man named John McGrath and thus petitioner, who is a sickly infirm man is left to provide and manage a young and helpless family of Seven children, all girls, the eldest of whom is not fourteen years of age.

Petitioner therefore beseeches and implores that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to restore her after her long confinement in Trim Gaol to her poor & miserable children; oor to commute her Sentence to imprisonment for any length of time, which your Excellency may think fit.

And Petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray

Luke Gibney New Lane Navan

We the undersigned considering the distress of Gibney's wretched family , & confidently relying on the future good conduct of the unfortunate woman beg that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to comply with the humble prayer of Luke Gibney's petition.

September 6, 1840

Eug. O'Reilly P.P.

Patrick Kealy R.C.C.

Michael Jones R.C.C.

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Judith Gibney

Refer to the Judge who tried

J Plunket

Commute to 1 year imprisonment from her committal

5 days solitary in each remaining month

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