

Irish Transportation Record CRF 1842 G35 Anne Golden Film 47

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, just received, enclosing the Memorial on behalf of Anne Golden herewith returned, and in obedience to the order of Reference thereon beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Lord Lieutenant as follows.

Anne Golden was convicted on evidence quite satisfactory to Court and Jury, having been detected in the fact of the Larceny.

She was a known and habitual offender in like cases and had been convicted before and the Court including the Local Magistracy and Stipendiary were unanimously of opinion that she was incorrigible by further imprisonment. Submitting the above for the consideration of his Excellency

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient humble servant

John Finlay

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E. Lucas Esq
etc etc etc
Dublin Castle

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin (faded)

Mr Connor written up the side

To His Excellency Thomas Phillip Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General
and General Governor of Ireland etc etc etc

The Humble (but very respectful) Petition of Elenor Golden of Arm near Castlerea in the County of Roscommon Widow begs leave with all due respect and Esteem to address a line to your Excellency with Hope That you may in your [worded/worited?] humane Charitable and merciful disposition be pleased to take her pitiful Case into your kind consideration and that you will be graciously pleased to order a mitigation of the Sentence lately passed on Petitioner's female orphan child namely Anne Golden under the following circumstances Viz:

in October last Petitioner's daughter the said Anne Golden happened to be going about her business along the high road when another woman of the name of Anne Egan happened to be passing the road also when a man of the name Michael Mulreanan charged the said Anne Egan with stealing two Turkey's on which charge the said Anne Egan was taken by the Police as was the Petitioners daughter also and tried at the last Quarter Sessions of Castlerea on the 20th October and notwithstanding That the Prosecutor did not nor could not prove he saw either Anne Golden or Anne Egan take the Turkey's in Question and could not Identify them still Petitioners daughter was returned guilty by a Jury which Petitioner has very reasonable cause to know were prejudiced against Anne Golden particularly and on which verdict the Barrister John Findlay Esq^{te} L.L.D. sentenced poor Petitioners daughter to seven years transportation under these circumstances Poor Petitioner humbly and most respectfully implores your Excellency to mitigate the sentence on her poor daughter as even were she guilty of the offence but which she most solemnly denies having anything to do with a weeks imprisonment ought to be a sufficient punishment for so very trivial an offence instead of that most extraordinary and unheard of sentence which Petitioner hopes your Excellency will mitigate particularly as in petitioners daughter's present situation (she being enceinte) it would cost her, her life to carry that sentence into execution and for which as in duty bound Poor Petitioner and her long helpless orphans will ever *pray* for your excellency and familys welfare in this world and happiness in the next.

Eleanor Golden (widow-
Castlerea 14th November 1842

Petitioner humbly entreats your Excellency may be graciously pleased to order an answer to be sent her to this her humble and respectful supplication

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Memorial

Anne Golden 17th Novr AWC

The law must take its course Nov 18

Initials

Aapt 15th d^o AWL

E. Golden d^o

Another Memorial annexed

21st Decr 1842

Confirmed

Dec22 /42

Gov of gaol Co. Roscommon

Excellency Earl De Grey

Lord Lieutenant General

General Governor of Ireland

Castle

Dublin

To Her Most Excellent Majesty Victoria Queen of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
etc etc etc

The most Humble but very respectful dutiful and loyal Petition of Elenor Golden of Arm, near Castlerea in the County of Roscommon Ireland Widow beg's leave (with the most profound respect, loyalty and esteem for your Royal person and Crown) to address a line to your most Excellent Majesty in the Hope That you may in your [worited?] humane Charitable and merciful disposition be graciously to take the Griveous(sic) Case of Petitioner (who is a poor destitute and now forlorn widow) into your Kind and merciful consideration under, the following circumstances (i.e. in October last petitioner's daughter (namely Anne Golden) happened accidentally to be travelling along the High road in the vicinity of Castlerea when (imprtunately) a woman of the name of Anne Egan over took her (Petitioners said daughter) and in a few minutes afterwards's a man of the name Michael Mulreanan followed the said Anne Egan and accused her (Egan) of having stolen fowl (two Turkey's) from him (Mulreanan) on which the said Anne Egan was given in charge to the Police as was Petitioners daughter also merely on account of being found traveling on the Public high road at the moment that the said Anne Egan was accused by Mulreanan of takeing said fowl on which charge both prisoners were taken to the Quarter Sessions of Castlerea tried on the 24th October last by a Jury who Petitioner has good cause to think were through somewhat private motive Enemical(sic) to the Prisoner's and who declared both prisoners guilty and on which verdict they (the prisoner's) were sentenced to seven year's Transportation each – Petitioner under those circumstances humbly Implores your Royal Majesty will be graciously pleased to order a Mitigation of that most extraordinary sentence in as much as if even the accused were really guilty of the offence, but which in fact they were not as very evidently appeared on the Trial the Prosecutor being unable to Identify the alledged fowls a few weeks Imprisonment would be considered a Sufficient punishment on so ungrounded and trivial a matter – Petitioner beg's leave to further State to your majesty: That if the present Sentence is carried

into Execution it will cost her daughter her life as she (her daughter) is at present in advanced State of pregnancy and also in very delicate health from the fright the occurrence has occasioned to her – Confidently relying on your Royal and merciful Porogative(sic) Petitioner hopes your Majesty will be the means of Preserving the life of her unfortunate daughter who is at present confined in the Jail of Roscommon or extending your gracious mercy and ordering to her a mitigation of that very severe Sentence under which She is now a prisoner.

And for which as in duty bound your Petitioner and her long helpless orphans will ever pray for your Majesty & families welfare in this world and happiness in the next.

Elenor Golden widow

Arm, near, Castlerea in the
County of Roscommon
Ireland

Eleanor Golden

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In favor of her daughter, mitigation, or remission of sentence.