

Irish Transportation Records: Ellen Magrath CRF 1841 Mc79 Film 45

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Margin Mr Connors

Carlow 15 Nov^r 1841

Sir,

I beg to inform you for the information of His Excellency Earl De Grey the Lord Lieutenant [..] to the Petition of Eleanor McGrath a Prisoner under my care herewith returned.

That the prisoner was sentenced to 7 years transportation at last Sessions of Carlow for a Larceny. That her previous life & character has been one of the most depraved. Her conduct in the Gaol has been good, but I have found the most abandoned character to conduct themselves well in the Gaol & from the circumstance of this person being convicted of a former offence & imprisonment having been tried without [effect?] she being a wandering person of bad character in the county. I cannot submit anything in mitigation of the sentence passed in the court

I remain

Sir

Your very humble servant

Rob^t McDowell

Governor

To His Excellency The Most Noble Earl De Grey
Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Petition of Ellen Magrath a Convict in
Carlow Gaol
Most Humbly Sheweth

That your poor petitioner as tried at the last October sessions of Carlow before Mr Hutton for stealing a few articles of wearing apparel which petitioner acknowledged to have done-

Petitioner now begs to state her deplorable case to your Excellencys humane and kind consideration as Petitioner when young lost the care of a good Father and was left to the care of a delicate sickly and too indulgent a mother when she became a mother herself of a little girl who she now has with her. left. to support that child. she had recourse when all other means were at an end to endeavour to make out a livelihood by needle work., and even that she could not get – when hunger and cold induced her to steal the clothes for which she is now transported to keep herself and child from famishing.

Petitioner now begs to throw herself and her [wretched?] [.... ..] your Excellency's mercy to commute her [sentence of?] Transportation to imprisonment for as [long?] as it may please your Excellency to the [torn edge] can be given her – but oh in pity to [torn edge] may it please your Excellency to grant [torn edge]. Petitioner begs to say that the [Governor?] of the gaol can give her a good character [....] Governor – Petitioner also begs to implore his Excellency to consider her aged and infirm Mother who is already almost heart Broken at the parting of her only child.-

Petitioner dare not any longer trespass on your Excellency but once more implores your Excellency prerogative in her favour and her hands and those of her wretched child shall be upraised in [prayer?] for your Excellency your petitioner as [last line too dark to read]

Eleanor Magrath
a prisoner
Report
The law must take
its course
initials

Order prep^d 20 Novr
Initials

Guilt acknowledged
Report of Gov^r of Gaol annexed
18 Nov^r 1841
H.T.C.