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Mr Connor written up side Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin

Himmage House

12th Oct 1841

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your Letter and the accompanying Memorial with reference to Mary Byrne a Prisoner in the Gaol of Newgate under sentence of Seven Years Transportation.

I beg to state for the information of their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that the Prisoner was convicted before me at the City of Dublin Sessions Court, on the 6th day of this Month - of having a stolen a piece of linen from the shop of Thos Morgan who signs the Memorial Edward Lucas Esq.

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..that the prisoner was taken in the act of stealing the property – that she had three times previously convicted of other felonies - & on a former occasion as well as the present for shoplifting – but I have also to observe that the Memorialist the mother of the Prisoner was tried with her on the 6th having been present in the Shop at the time of the theft & there being much reason to suppose she was implicated in it as well as her daughter.

I am, therefore, respectfully of opinion that there are not any mitigating circumstances in the Case which would render the Prisoner a proper object of mercy.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

Fred [.....]

Let the Law take its course

Initials October 15th 1841

Ans^d Gov of gaol AWL 16 Oct

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin 41 Oct 6

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To His Excellency Earl De Grey

Lord Lieutenant General &

General Governor of Ireland

May it please your Excellency

I am a very poor Industrious Woman living at 15 Bow Street in the City of Dublin, Earning my livelihood by Dealing in selling Vegetables, and by such have endeavoured by frugality to support my little Family of two young girls and myself.

I humbly beg leave to represent the unfortunate case of the Eldest of my poor children "Mary Ann Byrne" who having had, at the early age of fifteen years, to fall into bad company, and has been by such carried away from me her distracted Parent and as on yesterday, sentenced to Transportation for a Period of seven years, by the Learned Recorder of Dublin.

I most Humbly beg leave to refer your Excellency to the recommendation (hereunto annexed) of her prosecutor namely "Thomas Morgan" of Great Britain Street in this City and to the recommendation also of several respectable Householders (whose names your Excellency will find subscribed at the other side) and as I have nothing to recommend the unfortunate case of my unfortunate Child to your Excellency's notice; but her extreme youth, and the hope that she may yet live to make me, her poorly forlorn Mother happy, if she were allowed to remain in this Country for some time longer, and as I am certain, that she could be converted by proper care and attention, and the help of Her Clergy, which has been promised also.

I therefore most Humbly beseech of your Excellency that you would in Mercy be pleased to commute her sentence to confinement in one of her Majesty's Prisons in Ireland, or be graciously pleased to grant her a free Pardon for this time – and as in duty bound I will for ever pray –

Bridget Mooney

N0 15 Bow Street

Dublin 7th October 1841

We the undersigned Inhabitants, and Householders of the Parish of St Michan, in the City of Dublin beg leave most Humbly to recommend the case of Mary Byrne to the notice of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

JW Healy 6 Church St [Grocer?] & Spirit Dealer

John Bowen Solicitor 67 Church Street

Daniel Tipper Shopkeeper 69 Church St

John Walsh [...] & [S ...] Manufacturer 68 Church Street

Michael [...] 71 Church Street

John McIlroy Church? Street 72

James Wall 73 Church Street

A.{...} 74 Church St.

I Thomas Morgan of Great Britain Street in the City of Dublin Linen Draper, & who having had occasion to prosecute Mary Ann Byrne, in the annexed letter of Petition named Do hereby Certify that I am heartily sorry for doing so, & humbly hope His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland will grant the prayer of said Petitioner to Bridget Mooney orwise^(sic) Byrne, the Mother of said Mary Ann Byrne now under Sentence of transportation

Given under my hand this 7th day of October 1841

Thos Morgan 37 Great Britain St

Witness present

John Bowen

Solicitor

57 Church Street

Dublin

To

His Excellency

Earl De Grey

Lord Lieutenant General

General Governor of Ireland

etc etc etc

Dublin Castle

Mary Bryne

Larceny 7 yrs Tⁿ

1 Recorder ans^d 16 Oct.

ans^d Gaoler d^o AWL