

Mary Finnan ID2350 per Aurora 1851

Mary Finnan or Murphy aged 30

Edinburgh High Court January 1851

Culpable Homicide

Transportation for Life

Gaol report – Unknown at Millbank

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The prisoner's father prays for a mitigation of her sentence in consideration of her previous character and the distress of her family.

Camley Bale

County Amagh

Ireland

25th March 1851

To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey

Honourable Baronet

The Very humble Petition of Bryan Finnan

Plainly Sheweth

That, in as much as his daughter Mary Finnan has been detected and sentence in the month of [May/March] last at Edinburgh Assizes for the crime of Culpable Homicide , she has left three helpless children almost of infant ages and her aged father who is intirely unable to debate for him or them.

That their cries are incessant for the loss of their mother, and heartrending to all except the relentless. That convict is one of a very respectable family and the first of them that has been charged with any thing scandalous or criminal. That convict had been hitherto signal for innocence and simplicity, that she had been deserted unseasonably an ungrateful husband which has apparently caused her later distraction, that convict is now in Millbank Prison London to await the woeful day of eternal exile. That it is most humbly trusted Honourable Baronet that in continuation of your usual clemency and charitable [] you will dign worthy to recommend that sorrowing soul the convict to Her Majesty's mercy that she may once more be restored to her sadly destroyed children or at least when you do set at liberty to debate for them, in the most expedient way. That you will thereby Honourable Baronet win the lasting good will and fond remembrance of the memorialist.

Who as in duty will every pray.

Bryan Finnan

I know all the above statements to be correct and true – Patrick Lamb

I recommend the unfortunate prisoner to mercy – Daniel Morgan
