

**National Archives of Ireland Transportation Records Mary Murray CRF 1847 M21
Waverley 1847**

W. Hutchins
Nov15/47

Nov. 15 1847
Mtjoy Square

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the different papers relative to the memorial of Mary Murray late of Dunmanway in the County Of Cork.

The Memorialist Mary, her husband John Murray S^r her son John Murray J^r, & her daughter Mary Murray were tried before me at the Skibbereen Sessions Oct^r 1846 on twenty different Indictments for stealing and receiving with guilty knowledge – the information had been returned to the Clonakilty Sessions held in the July previous both not wishing I understood to be tried so near to the place of their depredations they put off their trial to Skibbereen – each of them taking several challenges to the Jurors – for which the panel was not sufficient.

I do not believe a more infamous woman could be found ever in London than Mary Murray – she was the instigator to the commission of the offences – tho' she had the great fortune to escape on different charges – the house was a receptacle for every thing which was stolen – and her son and daughter trained by her from their childhood to every species of theft.

When found guilty the court considered that the best that could be done for their son who was 14 years of age and the daughter 16 was to remove them from the mother as far as they could – and therefore the sentence of transportation as the only chance of saving them.

They lived in the town of Dunmanway – and their conviction was there considered a great public benefit.

I have the honor
To be
Sir
R .. Moody

T.N. Redington Esqre

W.Hutchins #4
5/5/47

Whitehall
4 May 1847

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Grey to transmit to you the enclosed application from Mary Murray in behalf of her two children who are stated to be under Sentence of Transportation and I am to require you to submit the same to the consideration of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and acquaint the applicant with the result thereof.

JM Phillips?

T.N. Redington Esq^{re}
Castle
Dublin

The names & sentences of the convicts

H.H. []

Reply

Mary Murray, tried at Bandon Sⁿ before Jas Moody Esq^{re} for larceny. Sentence 7 years Transportation. She was removed to Grange Gorman Convict Depot in February last. John Murray, the younger, same. same. he is under orders for removal to Dublin – Tuesday

Co Cork Gaol

Richard Grace

May 1847

Their Father John Murray who was under the same rule, died in Gaol Hospital 18 March.

John Murray

Larceny – 7 years Tⁿ

Mary Murray has been transported - in the case of John Murray the report of the Ass^t Barrister is annexed. Nov 15

Let the law take its course

1. [] inf^d
2. 2 Memorialist inf^d *signed and dated*

To The Right Honorable Sir George Grey Baronet Her majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department

May it please you Sir George

The humble memorial of Mary Murray late of Dunmanway in the County of Cork.

Most Humbly Sheweth, That the husband and her two unfortunate children were tried and convicted of Larceny and severally Sentenced to 7 years transportation – at the Bandon Sessions. Your Humble petitioner most deeply deplores to hear the death of her Husband – and added to which she herself in a most delicate state of health – Your unhappy supplicant most earnestly craves of you, Sir George, to recommend her two unfortunate children to the merciful consideration of Her Majesty's Privy Council – in the mitigation of the very heavy punishment awarded to them & should you be pleased your usual kindness recommend them as fit subjects for the Royal clemency – the unhappy Mother will as in duty bound to the day of her death ever pray.

She has the Honor

To be

Your most obed^t humble Servant

Mary Murray

2b Shakespeare Walk

Shadwell

M 21 47

John Murray

Law has to take its course

May 15/47

initials

Gaoler informed

Grange Gorman
Convict Depot 23/47

The convict Mary Murray referred to in the accompanying Memorial has sailed in the Waverley.
D. Marques

Memorialist inf^d that Mary Murray has sailed in Transport Waverley for V.D. Land
Initials

W. Hutchins
28/6/47
21-M-47

Whitehall
24 June 1847

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Grey to transmit to you the enclosed memorial which He has received from Mary Murray on behalf of her two children John and Mary Murray Convicts under Sentence of Transportation in the Gaol at Cork & Dublin and I am to request you to submit the same to the consideration of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and acquaint the applicant with the result thereof

I am
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Jn? Phillips

T.N. Redington
Castle
Dublin

To The Right Honorable Sir George Grey Baronet Her majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department
May it please you Hon^{ble} Sir/

Trusting I may be again pardoned in thus addressing you – respecting my two unfortunate children – “John and Mary Murray who was tried with my lamented Husband for felony at Bandon in Ireland in November last and Sentenced to 7 years transportation. I have now most earnestly to grave of you to recommend them to recommend to the Merciful consideration of her Most gracious Majesty for a mitigation of the very heavy punishment awarded – as fits subjects for the Royal clemency – there was never any charge against them before the case upon which they were tried. “John is now in Cork Jail – Mary is in Dublin hoping this humble appeal may have the desired effect.

I have the Honor
to be
Your Humble Servant
Mary Murray

No 8
Seven Star Alley
Ratcliff Highway

Envelope

To the Right Honorable
Sir George Grey Her Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department
Whitehall

W. Hutchins

July 21/47

To the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland
May it please Your Excellency

Hoping your Most excellent and ever feeling kindness will be extended upon on behalf of my poor unfortunate children – I have received one letter from Mrs Rawlins stating that my daughter is on Board the Waverley and which vessel to sail shortly – I now do really hope that you will recommend her to her Most Gracious Majesty's consideration that she may not be banished her native country and in with regard to my most unfortunate son who was tried with her and your late deceased Husband who is since dead – therefore do hope that you will with your moral kindness recommend them to the merciful consideration of Her Most Gracious Majesty –

She has the Honor

To be

Your most obed^t Servant

Ann Murray

No 8

Seven Star Alley
Ratcliff Highway

To The Right Honorable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the Home Department
The Humble Petition of Mary Murray

Most Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner's son John Murray aged 14 when convicted and now confined the Jail at Spike Island County of Cork was tried and sentenced to Seven Years Transportation upon the unsupported testimony of one Joanna Murphy who turned approver and committed wilful and corrupt Perjury having herself committed the Robbery at a Mr Scannings in Dunmanway – That your poor Petitioner having through the alwise Providence met with a Gentleman who has interested himself in your Petitioners behalf and communicated with Mr Grace the Governor of the jail at Spike Island where your Petitioner's son has been confined for two years, also with Mr Gardiner a Pawnbroker of Dunmanway whose answers are annexed and your Humble Petitioner from a full conviction of her Dear Boy's innocence not a slur or stain having ever previously rested upon any Branch of the families characters. To which Mr Gardiner and Mr John McDonald both of Dunmanway can bear testimony to for upwards of Twenty years. Most humbly implores an Investigation of the circumstances that if Innocent a commutation of his Sentence may be mercifully granted, and your Petitioner in addition to the Documents annexed most humbly begs to state that this Joanna Murphy transmitted a letter to our Petitioner acknowledging she committed the Robbery and that if your Petitioner forwarded her son money, she would keep out of the way of the Truth of this also your Petitioner Humbly begs to refer to Mrs Casey and Mrs Roche Governesse's of the Cork Jail who read the contents of the Letter to Mr Murphy the Governor.

And your petitioner as

In Duty Bound will ever pray

Her
Mary x Murray
Mark
48 Charles St
Arbour Square
Stepney
20 March 1848

No. 1 Copy letter to Mr Gardiner
No. 2 Mr Gardiner's reply
No. 3 Mr Grace's letters

(Copy) #1
To Mr Gardiner
Of Dunmanway

48 Charles St
Arbour Square
Stepney - London
25th January 1848

Sir,

A widow of the name of Murray who from her representations, I am inclined to believe; thinking them founded in Truth, it appears that her Son John Murray aged 14 years was committed, Tried, and found Guilty, at the Bandon Petty Sessions held about six months previous to Christmas 1846 for a Robbery committed by one Joanna Murphy in Dunmanway upon a schoolmaster named Scanning of the Chaple School, the woman Mrs Murray who has been residing in this Parish since leaving Ireland with credit to herself assures me, that the Boy who is now undergoing the severity of the Law namely Imprisonment for seven years, merely upon the unsupported testimony of the said Joanna Murphy that the said Joanna Murphy promiscuously in the Road, when going to redeem an apron, which he did, she after having committed the Robbery consisting of a cloak and coat, gave to the Boy a Brass chain of the value of one Penny this chain was an appendage to the cloak stolen from Mr Scanning which she afterwards Pawned with the Coat at a Mr Fallers in Scabreen and then turned approver against the Lad for having merely the chain (which she gave to him) in his possession – I am also informed that Joanna Murphy stole a Coat from your Premises which she took to a neighbour of yours a Pawnbroker named Bennett and offered it in Pledge – Mr B. Having suspicion sent to you, stating that he had detained the Coat, and upon which she Joanna Murphy was given into custody.

Mrs Murray also informs me that Joanna Murphy about the same period stole a Calf Skin, from one Mr Richard Atkins of Dunmanway as tried at the Bantree Sessions found Guilty and received six months imprisonment.

She also stole from one Mr David Clark Proprietor of the Corn mills near Scribeen a quantity of Bleached Cloathes and other articles (the name being upon them) for which she was also imprisoned.

Previous to her appearing against the Lad to save herself and fix them with Robbery she was taken into Custody by Serj^{ts} Porter and Leary of the Cork Police for a Robbery at one Miss Gibbons in Great George St Cork for which she was also Tried, and committed for six months to the City Prison. In this case she represented herself in the name of Betty Corrslon from Ballinamack.

Sergeants Porter and Leary I am informed can also testify to her general Depraved character. My motion in applying to you is to get some corroboration of the Poor woman's statement.

Yours obediently
R.Y. Birch

No 2
Sir,

Dunmanway 2nd Feb^y 1848

I am favored with yours of the 25 ult, and am anxious to give you any information in my power in the matter of the widow Murray & Johana Murphy. Her statement respecting the coat stolen out of my office & pledged at Bennett's is in substance correct and from the inquiries I have made I see no reason to doubt the other statements. I have no hesitation in saying that I believe the said Johana Murphy capable of doing almost anything. I was present at the sessions you alluded to namely the qr sessions held in Bandon when a respectable witness in his cross examination said he had no doubt but the said Johana Murphy would take a false oath and that men had an opportunity of reviewing her character well. I had a letter from the widow Murray herself some time ago but it was altogether so unintelligible that I was at a loss what reply to make.

Yours respectfully
Tho^s Gardiner

No 3

Spike Island, Cove [Cobh]. Cork
Nov. 25.47

Mrs Murray,

In reply to your letter, I think it necessary to inform you that your many applications to Government for a consideration your son's sentence having been unsuccessful, and you having been distinctly told that "the Law should take its course", I see no use in your persisting. - As to you sending money here to procure his release, it would be mere folly. No money could do it. He is detained here, is in good health and conducting himself very well there is hope, that at some future period he may be favourably considered by Government - Convicts here are not allowed to send or receive [money?] on visits.

Rich^d Grace
Gov.

No 4

Spike Island, Cove [Cobh]
March 2 1848

Sir,

I have received your letter relative to John Murray, I have merely to say that he is yet here and in good health, learning a Trade. With regard to any other application to the Lord Lieutenant for his release, I have nothing to say, but that if referred to by his Excellency I will report in the usual way. I never give official or formal testimony unless it is a matter of duty when ordered to do so.

I am
Sir
Your obed^t Servant
Rich^d Grace
Gov

Mr R.Y. Birch
I return Mr Gardeners letter enclosed

Cork
County Gaol
March 18 1847

Mary Murray,

I write to acquaint you that your Husband John Murray was seized with fever, and died in the Hospital last night. Your Son has also been ill but is now better.

Turnkey Sullivan has given me your address & it is my duty to inform you.

Rich^d Grace
Joint Gov^r

30/6/48

Mr Birch inf^d that the Law must take its course

signature

48 Charles St
Arbour Square
Stepney 28 June 1848

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose the Copy of a Letter (Dated the 28th of March last) received from Sir Dennis Marchant acknowledging Sir George Grey's receipt of a memorial and its enclosures from Mary Murray on behalf of her Son John Murray a Convict at Spike Island and the transmission of the same for the consideration of the Lord Lieutenant and also one received from M. Waddington Esquire dated 17 may last.

The poor woman since her Boys incarceration has lost her Husband and Daughter the son John Murray being the only surviving relative. The Maternal anxiety under which she is labouring induces me most respectfully to solicit your attention and recommendation (if compatible with mercy and Justice) to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in behalf of the Convict.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

R.Y. Birch

The Right Honorable
Sir W. [] Bart