

Mary Reynolds- Irish Transportation Records CRF 1843 R31 Film 49

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[Carrick]

Augst 19 1843

Case of Mary Reynolds

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you for the Information of the Lord Lieutenant that I have seldom if ever tried a case on which the guilt of the Prisoner was more clearly proved than in this one. The only circumstances which could furnish any ground for mitigation of Punishment are the youth of the Prisoner & her previous good character but whether there be sufficient is entirely for the consideration of His Excellency. It may be right to observe that whilst the tendency of Legislation of late years has been to mitigate Punishment the Term of transportation for stealing cattle has been increased from 7 to 10 years -.

I have the Honor
to be Sir your faithful
H^{ble} Serv^t
[signature]

E. Lucas Esq^{te}

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin

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Killyan, Killeshandra

Aug. 15.1843

Sir

I have the honour to enclose for his Excellency's consideration, the accompanying petition of a convict now lying in Carrick gaol for commutation of sentence. I have made enquiry into her case from the clergyman of the parish of which she lives as well as from other persons acquainted with her, & find that previous to the offence for which she is now under sentence her character was considered irreproachable, as has been her conduct since her imprisonment. It is hoped that these circumstances, together with her youth (for she is only 18) may induce his Excellency to extend to her his favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Y^r.ob^t. Serv^t
John Rob^t Godley
High Sherriff, Co. Leitrim

E. Lucas Esq^{te}

To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

The humble petition of Mary Reynolds confined in Carrick on Shannon jail under sentence of Transportation for cow stealing. While she acknowledges her fault trusts that in consideration of her youth, the circumstances under which she was induced to commit the crime, and the favorable report made of her by the governor since her imprisonment your Excellency will in duty extend your mercy to a helpless young woman without Father or Mother to counsel or direct her (once respectable) and whom it has pleased the Lord to remove her at an early age.

She humbly trusts Your Excellency will enquire into her case and save her from transportation. Your poor penitent Petitioner

Mary Reynolds
Carrick on Shannon Gaol

August 8 1843

To the Right Honourable Vis^{ct} Eliot

The memorial of John Reynolds humbly sheweth that his sister Mary Reynolds was convicted at last assizes of Carrick on Shannon for cow stealing and sentenced to be transported – Memorialist has to state the person from whom the cow was stolen was indebted to his sister in the sum of seven pounds which she could not get from him and she being a young innocent girl was advised by a country woman who made up a long story for her to take the cow. Memorialist implores your Lordship to commute her sentence as she and all her family until the present transaction were honest and well conducted and she and family shall never be guilty of any offense and they shall pray.

Carrick on Shannon Aug^t 4th 1843

File cover

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Mary Reynolds

Cow stealing – Tⁿ

The law must take its course

Aug 22/43 initials

Barr.. and Mr Godley ans^d 28th

Another memorial annexed 23 Sept

This additional memorial does not appear to justify any alterations of the decision of his Excellency Lord Lieutenant which appears [] this above

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I think that the law should take its course

Signature

Aug^t 26 1843

Reynolds inform^d do

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