

Irish Transportation Records, Eliza Sheeran, CRF 1842

Kingshill House Sept 7th 1842

*Annotation: A W Connor
2 Sept ..*

My Lord

In reference to the Memorial of Eliza Sheering I have the honour to acquaint you for their Excellencies The Lords Justices information that she was tried before me at the last April Assizes for the Kings Co & was found guilty of stealing a candlestick the property of Johanna Molloy. It was proved that the candlestick was found concealed in her lap & that when asked to account for it she stated that she bought it but afterwards admitted she stole it from Johanna Molloy's House. The Sentence of the Court was 7 years Transportation. Having been previously convicted of Larceny induced the court to award so severe [a sentence]

*Annotation: A W Connor
W Aug 26/42*

The Memorial of Eliza Sheering

Most humbly, herewith that your Memorialist was convicted at the last April Sessions of [Birr] of stealing and sentenced to 7 years transportation, that Memorialist does not mean to deny her guilt or the justice of her sentence that your Memorialist is sorry and feels deep contrition for her crime and that if your Excellency will take your Memorialist's case into your humane consideration, your Memorialist sincerely hopes that your clemency will not be misplaced. Your Memorialist most respectfully yet confidently begs leave to refer you to the Governor of this gaol for her character while in prison and also for his opinion what will be the future conduct of memorialist.

Tullamore
August 25th 1842

Sep 24 1842

I think reference should be made to the Governor of the Gaol, & that he should be required to state where & before what judge this woman was convicted on a previous occasion and what sentence was passed upon her, and what her conduct has been in gaol.

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Eliza Sheering
Larceny 7 yrs Tⁿ

Request Mr Bacon to peruse the notes & their Enclosure and the particulars of the former conviction; this information is requisite to enable their Excellencies to decide whether her sentence was proportioned to her offence

I. Richardson
9 Sep 42

I think no person should be requested to furnish notes of the Evidence & particulars of her former conviction.

[...] 16th

I. G.A.

Mr Bacon it appears knows nothing of the former conviction: yet it was the ground for this heavy sentence. it seems to me to be quite essential that their Excellencies should be informed on the subject and I would suggest a reference to the Governor of the Jail; he sh^{ld} (if their Excl. adopt this suggestion) be required to state when & before what Judge this woman was convicted . What her sentence was, and what her conduct whilst in Jail.

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Annotation: W Connor

W H Sep 20/42

Kinghill House Sep 19th/ 42

My Lord

In reference to the case of Eliza Sheering I have the honour to acquaint you for the information of the Lords Justices that the only evidence adduced before me was that abstracted in the communication which I had the honour to write to your Lordship in reply to your former letter & which I now take leave to abstract in full from my notes. Johanna Molloy stated that she lost a candlestick (the one produced in court) out of her House in Dec^r last & recollected seeing Prisoner there. Daniel Hart proved that he took the candlestick out of Prisoner's lap the first week in December it was covered up and concealed. Prisoner at first stated that she bought it at Mrs Meara but subsequently admitted that she stole it out of Mrs Molloy's House. The above was the only evidence given at the trial before me & the Prisoner not having been tried before me upon her former convictions I am unable to furnish your Lordship with the particulars of that case

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your obd^t Serv^t

M W Barron

The R^t Honb^{le}

Lord Lieut

etc etc

Eliza Sheeran tried at the Birr Quarter Sessions 4th January 1841 – before Joseph Nelson Esq^{re} – the then assistant Barrister, and sentenced to three calendar months Imprisonment, her conduct while in this prison was very good and she appeared to be a prisoner whose character was very much altered for the better. She was transmitted from this to Grange Gorman on the 29th of August last

Tullamore Gaol 27th Sept^r 1842

Robert Harding

Governor