

14 Fitzwilliam Square N.  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> with reference to the accompanying memorial of **Bridget Hayes** and **Alice Moylan**, prisoners under sentence of transportation in the Limerick City Gaol, and regret to be obliged to state that there are not in my opinion any circumstances in their case which would render them proper objects of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant's mercy. The prisoners were found guilty at the last Limerick City Sessions of having stolen a purse containing £11.2<sup>s</sup>.6<sup>d</sup> the property of **Mary Moore** a Nenagh Shopkeeper who upon the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last had gone to Limerick for the purpose of making purchases, was hustled by the prisoners at a shop door & robbed by them of the money in question. No doubt whatever existed upon my mind or that of the Jury as to the guilt of the prisoners (which indeed is admitted upon the face of their memorial) and no witnesses as to previous good character were called in their defence. It is true that the prisoners had not been tried before me upon any previous occasion but after I had passed sentence upon them I was informed by some of my brother Magistrates that they were persons of notoriously bad character and I am therefore unable with propriety to recommend them to the favourable consideration of His Excellency he Lord Lieutenant.

I have the honor to be Sir  
your most obed<sup>t</sup> servant  
Robert Tighe  
Assistant Barrister C<sup>o</sup> Limerick

To N Redington Esq  
&c. &c. &c.

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37 Lower Mount Street  
25<sup>th</sup> February 1847

Sir,

The accompanying memorial has been brought to me by two poor women, the mothers of the prisoners thereon named, who travelled from Limerick with it, be forwarded to His Excellency.

I therefore take the liberty of enclosing you the document for presentation to His Excellency and you will be pleased to acquaint me, at your earliest convenience of the Rule His Excellency may be pleased to make thereon.

I have the Honor to be Sir  
your ob<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Mich<sup>l</sup> Hickey

To N. Reddington Esq  
W Hitchins Feb<sup>y</sup> 47 [*crosswise*]

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To His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland  
The Memorial of **Bridget Hayes** and **Alice Moylan**  
of John Street in the City of Limerick Widow

**SHEWETH,**

That Memorialists Daughters **Bridget Hayes** a girl of the age of nineteen years and **Alice Moylan** a girl of eighteen years of age were tried before Robert Tighe Esquire Assistant Barrister of the County of Limerick, at Limerick at the last Quarter Sessions for the City of Limerick for Picking the pocket of a **Mrs Moore** of Nenagh of a sum of Eleven pounds or thereabouts, and found guilty of that offence, and sentenced to be transported for seven years.

That the said **Bridget Hayes** and **Alice Moylan** were never before accused of any crime, and that the offence of which they were found guilty were the first offence.

That the Witnesses who prosecuted the said Bridget Hayes and Alice Moylan, besides the said Miss Moore, were Margaret Lahiff and Mary Henston, two persons of notorious bad characters in the City of Limerick.

That as the said offence being the first offence of the said **Bridget Hayes** and **Alice Moylan** Memorialists hopes that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to commute the said sentences to such imprisonment as your Excellency may in your wisdom think the case requires.

And your memorialist in duty bound will  
ever pray

**Bridget X Hayes**

her Mark

**Alice X Moylan**

her Mark

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**Bridget Hayes**

and

**Alice Moylan**

Picking Pockets - 7 years

Ass. Barrister's report  
annexed which is  
unprovable 1<sup>st</sup> March 1847

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Let the Law take its course

JB

A.B. Infd Rob T,

W Hickey do

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