

Irish Transportation Record of **Bridget Hayes** per *Australasia* 1848, CRF1848 H58 – Larceny —  
Sentenced to 7 years transportation

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To His Excellency

The Earl of Clarendon  
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland  
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The Humble Petition of **Bridget Hayes** Prisoner in the City of Limerick Gaol  
Sheweth –

That your Excellency's Petitioner at last General Quarter Sessions (October 1848) before The Right Worshipful Robert Tighe Esq<sup>re</sup> Ass<sup>t</sup> Barrister was accused of a Larceny to which she pleaded Guilty and was sentenced to 7 years Transportation. Petitioner begs to inform your Excellency that she spent the last seven years in the Limerick Union Workhouse, and where she would have remained since but that she was seduced by a young man to leave it but who soon cast her off when she was obliged to keep herself from starvation to pursue a wicked life for a few weeks. The crime to which she pleaded Guilty being her offence and the first time of her being in prison at this early period of life being only 19 years of Age. She might become a useful Member of Society if pardoned by your Excellency as the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Gaol has promised to take her into the Magdalen Asylum. She therefore hopes your Excellency will take her case into your consideration and order her to be given up to her clergyman to be placed in the Asylum. Your Excellency is referred to the Inspector Chaplain & Governor of the Gaol as to her behaviour while in prison. Your Excellency's compliance with Petitioner's prayer she will be in duty Bound to Ever pray &c.

**Bridget X Hayes**  
her mark

City Gaol  
29<sup>th</sup> Dec 1848

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14 Fitzw<sup>m</sup> Square N  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1848

Wm Hitchens 27/12/48 [sideways]  
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to the case of Bridget Hayes & regret to state that there are no circumstances in the prisoner's case to render her a proper object of mercy. She was a woman of notorious character in fact both a thief & prostitute and for example's sake.

The Quarter Sessions Bench felt it to be their duty to sentence her to Transportation. I cannot therefore with propriety recommend the prisoner to the favorable interpretation of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant

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

T N Redington Esq  
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Co of Limerick  
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**Bridget Hayes**  
Larceny  
7 years Transp

Report of Asst Bar<sup>r</sup>

annexed.

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

1848

Let the law take

its course

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