

FLAHERTY Catherine alias FLYNN Catherine CRF1849 F22
Irish Transportation Records
Per *Duke of Cornwall* 1850

Signed at side W Hutchins 15/10/49

Mallow County
Oct^r 13 1849

Sir,

I shall feel obliged by your bringing before the attention of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the following circumstances concerning the case of a Prisoner named Catherine Flaherty now in the Gaol of the County of Cork.

The Prisoner was tried at the Quarter Sessions held in at Cork for the East Riding in last April for Larceny and sentenced at the time of her conviction to Transportation for seven years.

It was intimated to her however at the time that if on further enquiry into her Character during the continuance of that Quarter Sessions anything favourable respecting her character could be ascertained the Court would take it into consideration with a view to mitigate the Sentence there passed.

On making further enquiry on the past character & conduct of this Prisoner I found reason to think that the Punishment might be lessened, and accordingly before the conclusion of the same Sessions an order was made to reduce her sentence to six months imprisonment at hard labour – I ordered this to be recorded & communicated it myself to the Governor of the Gaol.

I find however that my first sentence of Transportation was recorded at the time it was passed, and in consequence of some misapprehension as not altered in the Clerk of the Peace's Book, & the Governor of the Gaol has applied to me, the term of imprisonment having now expired to ascertain what he shall do – As my power expired with the close of the Sessions in which the sentence was passed I do not think I can now interfere even to correct this mistake altho' I certainly made the order after considerable enquiry into the case, and it appears to me the only course open is to state the circumstances to his Excellency & to request that he will give effect to the intended mitigation of Sentence by commuting that which now appears standing against the Prisoner, & directing her discharge.

I have the honour to be

Y^r most ob^t ser^t

Walter Berwick

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF ANNEXED PRISONER

Catherine Flaherty 26

Committed 13 Feb^y 1849

Convicted 17th March 1849 Stealing Hens & Geese

Tried before Walter Berwick Esq^{re} **Sentence** 7 years Transportation

Conduct in Gaol Good

Previous character and circumstances and if before convicted. Convicted once before for stealing a hen.

Health. Good

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Oct. 17. 1849

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Oct 20/49
To be discharged
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County Cork Gaol
21 Oct 1849

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication directing the Discharge of
Catherine Flaherty from further Imprisonment.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obt Serv^t

F. Lloyd Gov.

Sir F.N. Redington
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