

National Archives of Ireland Transportation Records Ann Purvis CRF 1847 P6 per John Calvin 1848
M. Hutchins
27/7/47

Omagh
26th July 1847

Sir;

I have the honor to report to you for the information of his Excellency that at the recent Assizes for Co. Tyrone, Ann Purvis, a young woman, heretofore of good character was convicted of the murder of her female Infant, shortly after its birth. I have pronounced sentence of death upon her, but I beg leave to recommend her under the circumstances appearing on the Trial to the clemency of his Excellency, for a commutation of punishment to transportation for life.

I regret to be obliged to Report that upon enquiry into the State of the Jail, I find that at the commencement of the Assizes of this County there were 36 convicts in it under sentence of transportation, from former Assizes and Sessions & there are 12 convicted of transportable offences at this Assize. Many cases have been postponed in consequence of the illness of Prisoners & as the jail is crowded, much beyond its reasonable capacity for accommodation, I respectfully suggest that immediate measures should be taken for removal of the convicts.

I have the Honor to be
Y^r Ob^t Serv^t
Robert Torrens

T.N. Redington Esqre.

Immediately on completion of the arrangement at Spike Island which has been appropriated as a Convict Depot, these convicts will be removed from the gaol.

B. 1847
Ann Purvis
Murder Death

The Judge recommends a commutation of sentence to transportation for Life
July 27

Omagh Gaol
1st August 1847

W. Hutchins (written along the side)
2/8/47

I beg leave to acknowledge the respite of the Execution of the Sentence of Death passed on Ann Purvis. The commuted Sentence to be Transportation for life.

I have the honor
To be Sir
Your most Ob^t Serv^t
A Campbell

The Under Secretary