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41 Feb 19

Mr Connor written up the side

Cypress Grove Templeogue

Feb: 18th 1841

I had the honour yesterday to receive your letter with the Memorial of Anne Byrne.

The particulars of her case are few and simple, she has stated them herself with the important exception that the prosecutor possibly swore that the money was taken, not given. The former of which statement seems much strengthened in credibility, by the admitted fact of the linen in which it was wrapped being found still so placed in the prisoner's possession.

It further appears, on the Evidence of the Prosecutor to a constable, that the money was missed. She taken into custody & it restored on threat of a search almost, at the moment, & almost on the spot & not as she says after a long interval.

A bad half crown found in her pocket may have caused the dread of a search of her person.

This young woman had been twice before convicted of larcenies, though not, believed under exactly similar circumstances. For these she had suffered imprisonment & hard labour.

It becomes, therefore, a question, purely for his Excellency's kind & considerate solution whether comparative lenity thus twice misapplied at the least ineffectual, is to be repeated.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obed^t humble Serv^t

W.H.Ellis

Assistant Barrister Westmeath

I find no signatures

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41 Feb 13

Mr Connor written up the side

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Lord Ebrington Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of
Ireland etc etc etc

The Humble Petition of Anne Berne now a Prisoner confined in Mullingar Gaol – under rule of
Transportation for a period of seven years.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Humble Petitioner was Tried at this present sessions(January 1841) before
His Worship the Assistant Barrister for Westmeath and Convicted of a Larceny from the Person – and
sentenced to be Transported for a period of seven years –

Your Humble Petitioner most humbly submits that the Prosecutor gave the money so found
on your Petitioner(eight shillings and six pence in all) with the cloth round it, was given by
Prosecutor to your Petitioner for certain services to be rendered him by your Petitioner. Your
Petitioner submits that had she taken said money in a fraudulent manner, she had some time and
place to secret said sum, and cloth, so charged to be fraudulently taken – from the time of
departure of petitioner's Prosecutor to the time of the arrest of your Petitioner – which was some
hours afterwards.

Your Humble Petitioner begs to state that she has an aged mother – scarce able to walk, who should the law be allowed to take its course on your Petitioner will be a means of causing her quick decay and speedy sinking into the grave.

Your Humble Petitioner begs to submit the signatures of the undersigned Clergymen and Gentlemen as to the Truth of this Your Petitioner's Petition.

Your Petitioner therefore implores your Excellency to have mercy on her and order such imprisonment on your Petitioner as in Your Excellency's Humane Consideration may seem meet

And your petitioner as
In duty bound will ever
Pray

Anne Beirne

Mullingar Prison
17th Jan^y 1841

Westmeath

Anne Beirne

Larceny – 7 years transportation

The law must take its course

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office 41 Apr 6

Mr Connor written up the side

To the Governor the name of the convict, Her crime & sentence

Your Excellency

Most Humble Petition

Catherine Berren

Is a poor distressed widow deprived of all means of Support [..ing] away under a painful Sickness All the expectation she had was one daughter to sustain her in the decline of Life.

This Daughter was found guilty – Her Transportation for a trivial offence of taking the sum of 8^s 6^d from James Lynch, which Ann Berren Daughter To the said Widow Berren said he gave the money to her so the poor widow begs Your Excellency will look to her sad Condition & the trivialness of the crime and by doing your Ex^y will add length of days to a broken hearted Mother which will be ever bound to Pray –

N.B. The said Ann Berren was tried at Mullingar Sessions

Mullingar County Westmeath

March 14th 1841

Anne Beirne has been convicted at Jan^y Q Sessions 1841 for stealing the sum of 8/6 – out of the Pocket of James Lynch and sentenced to 7 years Transportation, it being her third offence.

James Tyrell
Gov.

Mullingar Prison

14 April 1841

Westmeath
Anne Beirne
Transp^d for 7 yrs, stealing
Decided unf.....

Cypress Grove Templeogue

Apr: 21st 1841

Sir,

I had this day the honour of receiving your letter of yesterday's date with the memorial of Catherine Byrne praying for mitigation of the sentence of her daughter Anne Byrne.

On the 16th of February last, I had the honour of receiving a letter from you covering the Memorial of the same Anne Byrne with a similar prayer.

I answered this on the 18th of the same month, to which I beg leave to refer.

This answer having been I presume unfavourable, you did me the favour, on the 24th of informing me by another letter, that his Excellency had determined that the law should take its course.

I am not aware of any circumstances that should alter that determination.

The certificate of the Governor on the back of the last memorial shows much of the grounds upon which my humble opinion & the decision of his Excellency were made.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obed^t Servant

W. H. Ellis Ass^t Barr: Westmeath