

pipe. I got it for her and she went down the lane to Rush's premises. She had before said she would do an injury to Rush. She divided the coal gave half to Luke Bolton and put the other half in the thatch herself.

Not Cross examined

5th witness Hannah Flanagan saw prisoner the night of the fire, drank with her. She asked me to go for a coal. I and 3rd witness got it & gave it to her and she said she'd go down the gaol lane to light a pipe for Bolton – saw her afterwards going down Rush's lane in 1/4 of an hour after saw the fire.

Cross exam'd heard she was accused as well as McNamie & was taken up by the police and kept till she told all about it.

6 witness Rose Feeny the roof of her house was partly burned witness pays rent for it to Mr Rush.

Defence

1 witness Mary Kearney: Mr Bolton came up and said she'd do what she asked for me.

Verdict guilty

Luke Fannon alias Bolton was then put on his Trial before another Jury & acquitted – The evidence was nearly the same as that against Flannerly but he produced witnesses to character – I had no reason to disapprove of the verdict against Flannerly – the crime was very dangerous; arson in a town- she might have been indicted capitably, as Rose Feeny was in the house, & might have perished had the fire not been [*extin*]guished.

There was no suggestion of any weakness of mind. Doctor Lloyd might have been examined as a witness – she appeared a strong & able woman & handsome person – he does not say that he has observed any symptoms or trace of epilepsy – she appears to have been a confirmed woman of the town. I cannot say that in my opinion there are any circumstances to render a mitigation of the sentence desirable or proper.

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To His Excellency Earl Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant General and
General Governor of Ireland

The Petition of **Patrick Flannery** of Roscommon

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Excellency's Petitioner has served many years in the Army – with credit to himself and the Corps (The 6 Dragoon Guards) in which he served until discharged at the General Reduction in the year 1814 – and in consequence of not having served his Second Period, got no Pension. That he

subsequently served in the Roscommon Militia until disembodied and always supported a good character. That since the Militia was disembodied Petitioner has held a portion of Land at Roscommon – upon which by hard labour and industry he has hitherto supported his family – a wife & four children all of whom were born in the Carabiniers.

That unfortunately in an evil hour the youngest daughter of Petitioner fell into when having become the victim of a designing villain who seduced her under pretence that he would marry her – that since that, she became acquainted with others who encouraged her to keep aloof from Petitioner – notwithstanding he tried every possible way to reclaim her to no purpose – until at length she in company with some other unfortunate girls who with another person: a man named Luke Fannon, were arrested about the 26th October last for having attempted to burn a House. That Petitioner's Daughter was tried and convicted at the last General Assizes held in Roscommon and sentenced to be transported for fifteen years, tho' Fannon was acquitted on the same evidence. That Petitioner declines making any remark on the conduct of – and evidence given by the other parties – who became the prosecutors of his daughter.

That your Excellency's Petitioner now an old gray headed man of more than Seventy-Eight years – with a wife of about the same age – a son who has been paralysed since his infancy – and another son serving with credit in the 9th Dragoons in India with a married and widowed daughter who resides with Petitioner since the death of her Husband, (a soldier, who died abroad) must eventually go with unparalleled sorrow to the grave If your Excellency does not take his wretched case into your gracious consideration, and in your accustomed clemency grant a commutation of the sentence passed upon his daughter Ann Flannery – which Petitioner humbly and earnestly implores your Excellency to do and your Excellency's Petitioner will pray.

Pat^k Flannery

Roscommon
29th March 1845

The above Memorialist lives in my neighbourhood and has sustained a reputable character, to add to his misfortunes he has a son a cripple unable to aid him in earning a livelihood. His unfortunate daughter is now under my care in the Gaol Infirmary and is described to me by her relations as subject to occasional fits of epilepsy.

R.J. Lloyd M.D.
Surgeon to Roscommon
County Gaol & Infirmary

I know Patk Flannery for [?] years [?] & consider him an Honest man. Anne Flannery has conducted herself very well since [*following 4 or 5 words and signature illegible*]

Mr Hitchins Ref'd to Judge 4th April – AWL [*2 lines crosswise page 1 of 3*]

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Anne Flannery
Arson – 15 yrs transpn
Judge's report annexed
June 5
