

**Irish Transportation Record Catherine Black CRF 1843 B47 Film 50**

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin date faded*

*W. Connor written up the side*

20 U Mount St

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing by command of the Lord Lieutenant the memorial of Catherine Black prisoner in the jail of County Tyrone, I have the honor to report that the prisoner was convicted at the last October Sessions held in Strabane for larceny from a shop of articles of calico, ribbon etc. She was also indicted for the larceny of a pair of stays from another shop on the same day (the market day of Strabane) but the prosecution not being able positively to identify the stays, she was acquitted, altho' a pair of stays of the same kind as those taken from the shop were found on the person of the prisoner on the same day & shortly after their loss, concealed up her back between her person & shift.

Notes offered from a return made by Mr James Kitchen Governor of Londonderry jail, that she had been convicted for larceny of goods from a shop of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rankin of Londonderry on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1842.

She was returned on the calendar aged about 40 years.

She was sentenced to be transported for 7 years, and I beg to state that in my opinion there are not any circumstances which render her a proper object of mercy

I have the honor to be  
Sir your most obedient serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Nunn

E. Lucas Esq<sup>te</sup>

\*\*\*\*\*

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin date faded*

*W. Connor written up the side*

To The Earl de Gray Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Petition of Catherine Black now a Prisoner in Omagh Gaol

Most Humbly Sheweth

That at the Last Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in Strabane in the County of Tyrone on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of October 1843 before R. Nunn Esq<sup>te</sup> Assistant Barrister your Pet<sup>r</sup> was convicted of Larceny and Sentenced to Seven years Transportation.

That your Pet<sup>r</sup> had some little Business to do in the Market of Strabane where meeting with many Friends and Acquaintances through their friendship Pet<sup>r</sup> got Intoxicated and was the cause of her committing the Crime for which she was convicted.

That your Pet<sup>r</sup> is a Widow and Aged Fifty years and has a Family of Five Children three of them being under the Age of Ten years and have now no Kind to look to them and will be outcasts on the World.

That Pet<sup>r</sup> by her Industry and the Kindness of her Neighbours Pet<sup>r</sup> supported them in a frugal way being ever of Temperate habits unto this unfortunate Day.

That Pet<sup>r</sup> Begg that through your Excellency's Clemency and Humanity she may be pardoned and released that she may be a head over her Orphants and bring them up in the fear and love of their Creator being firmly resolved to take the Pledge of Temperance during life and to use all means to blot out the scandal already given and for which your Pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound will ever pray.

Omagh Gaol November 9<sup>th</sup> 1843

Catherine Black

Most Humbly requesting an Answer

directed to the Governor of Omagh Gaol

James Galbraith Raphoe

John Feely P.P. Raphoe

Anthony Byrns of the Common of Raphoe

Reaf Mitchell of the Commons of Raphoe x

John Duncan of the Commons of Raphoe

William Duncan of the Commons of Raphoe

David Lindsey of the Commons of Raphoe

Andrew Mitchell of the Commons of Raphoe

James Mitchell of the Commons of Raphoe

Andrew Farrell of the Common of Raphoe

I beg leave to recommend the prayer of the above petition

Francis Kelly of Omagh

*Envelope*

His

Excellency The Earl de Gray

Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland

Dublin Castle

*File Cover*

B 47 1843

Catherine Black

Larceny T<sup>n</sup>

The law must take its course Dec 4 1843