

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARY DALY PER GREENLAW 1844  
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LARCENY – STEALING CLOTH - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

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To Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland &c &c &c.

The Humble Memorial of **Mary Daly** Spinster of Rose Mary Lane in the Parish of St Anne's in the City of Cork now a confined transport in Grangegorman's Gaol penitentiary in the City of Dublin.

May it please your most gracious Excellency, Memorialist is a female youth of fifteen years of age, the only joy and comfort of her aged parents, who unfortunate on her part through the bad advice and strong encouragement of an old offender named **Ellen Murphy** who often as appears have several times transgressed against the Laws of her country, whose two brothers Jerem<sup>h</sup> and John Murphy has been transported from the City of Cork. This said Ellen Murphy had prevailed on the unfortunate Memorialist to accompany her to this Establishment of W<sup>m</sup> Fitzgibbons and Company of New Great Georges St. in the City of Cork and stolen from the establishment a small remnant of cloth and handed it to Memorialist who was foolish enough to take it from her for which foolish and [unf... act Memorialist and the s<sup>d</sup> Ellen Murphy have been tried and found guilty in Aug<sup>st</sup> azzises 1843 before Judge Jackson one of her Majesty's Judges of Ireland. Memorialist received the severe sentence of seven years transportation far from her native land, and the abovenamed old offender received the slight sentence of twelve months imprisonment in the City Gaol of Cork, who actually had taken the above remnant of cloth. May it please your most gracious Excellency Memorialist humbly and most respectfully appeals to your Excellency's bountiful also most confidently trusting that your most gracious Excellency will be graciously pleased to take pity on her youthful years and likewise with pity on her aged parents who bemoans her absence with tears of sorrow Day and Night, and restore her to their fond and affectionate bosom and dry up the sorrowful tears that hourly flows down their aged cheeks, by your most gracious Excellency mitigating the severe sentence of seven years transportation to any period of confinement your Excellency deem proper of bestowing on her and by so doing your Excellency will ever assist the prayer of her aged parents who is continually ongoing since Memorialist departure and likewise the prayers of this youthful Memorialist for acquiescing to the prayers of her sorrowful Memorial.

[*Mary Daly*]

Mr Connor 13 Mar 44 [*crosswise and overstruck*]

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I am not much for the accuracy of the statements contained in this Petition not having had the opportunity of investigating them, neither can I hear testimony to the character of the delinquent, having no knowledge of her, but on account of her youth, and the temptations to which youth is exposed in a large City and as the prayer of the Petition is only for a commutation of sentence I beg with profound respect to join in the prayers of an afflicted parent to His Excellency for the exercise of prayers towards the culprit.

Michael O'Sullivan RCC Cork

Although I have not been able to investigate the circumstances connected with the conviction of Mary Daly, yet from her youth of the Convict I beg with the most profound respect to join earnestly in the prayer of the Petitioner which hope that a mitigated punishment either house of

correction and under the fraternal vigilance of the Chaplain and other functionaries may reform the character of the youthful culprit.

James O'Regan RCC

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For

Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General & General Governor of Ireland  
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LIMERICK MR 12 1844

Mary Daly [upside down]

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