

Dolly Douragan -Irish Transportation Records CRF 1843 D16

To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Memorial of Dolly Douragan of Aughaga County of Longford and Barony of Granard Parish of Drummond Most Humbly and Most Respectfully Begg leave to state unto your Excellency that I am at present in the gaol at Longford and was tried at the Spring Assises last past and found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation. I and my seven forlorn orphans throws ourselves under your Excellency's Humanity and Protection hoping you will be graciously pleased to mitigate my sentence and any Limitations of time your Excellency mayor will think Proper to detain me in the Prison. I remain at present at Longford. I am satisfied as in hopes that ere my poor seven children will die for want I may one time or another get home to relieve them as they have no means of support in my absence except to beg from door to door. His Lordship Judge Doherty whom I was tried under was tenderly struck with compassion for me at my trial.

I further Beg leave to state the nature of my Crime unto your Excellency at the Summer Assises last past. I was a witness for the Crown against 4 men for an outrageous attack on my house in Aughaga and Burning the same by night and by the Evidence of Mary Dooragan otherwise Quinn who was Bribed By the friends of these men the were acquitted withstanding my firm Testimony against that thus said, Mary Quinn was further bribed and pampered through spite and malice to take and Lodge Examinations against me swear that it was myself Burned my own House on the night in Question at the Spring Assises last past and this Got her and their malice accomplished by getting me thus transported and my seven forlorn children left Desolate in my absence.

That I most Humbly Most Respectfully and Most Earnestly Beseech and Implore your Gracious Benevolent Excellency will take my Distressed Case under your Humane and Charitable consideration so far as to mitigate my sentence for the protection of my Destituted forlorn and weak family and we shall while Life Remains as in Duty Bound pray for your Excellency's welfare & prosperity for ever.

Dolly Dooragan
Longford Gaol

March 29th 1843

To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland
Dublin Castle

Dolly Douragan Perjury 7 yrs Tr

The law must take its course
I chief Justice and 7th
Gaoler do [...]

Ely Place
April 4th 1843

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your? Letter of the 3rd Jan transmit? The Memorial of Dolly Dooragan a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Longford under sentences of Transportation asking to be informed of the particulars of the case & whether there are any circumstances which would render her a proper object of mercy in reply I beg to say that the prisoner was indicted for perjury It was sworn that previous to the last Summer Assizes she set fire to her own house, and at those Assizes came forward as a Prosecutrix and swore against four men as having been seen by her at her house & setting fire to it. The men were acquitted at the Summer Assizes - at the last Assizes the jury after a long & patient investigation found her guilty of perjury I saw no reason to be dissatisfied with the verdict & of course I could not pronounce a milder sentence for such an offence.

Your very faithful
John Doherty

E. Lucas Esq.

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