

Irish Transportation Records Elizabeth Lee CRF 1844 L220
Transported on the Phoebe 1845

Leamington Aug^t 12th 1844

Sir,

In reply to the letter you did me the Honor to address to me on the 3rd of this month, enclosing the memorial of Elizth Lee to her Majesty, I beg leave to state that this woman was Tried at the last Sessions of Enniskillen for Larceny & found guilty upon several different Indictments. It appeared she had feloniously taken the property of several different persons, & the Sentence passed, namely Transportation, resulted from the proof given of her having stolen property of various persons, & she was therefore considered a Thief by profession, & not one of that class who may be Induced to commit this crime from momentary distress. She made no defence, called no person as to character, did not state she had a son in the army; nor did her dress or appearance Indicate her being in the state of Destitution which her Memorial suggests.

She appeared more advanced in life, & perhaps she ought not, considering this circumstance, undergo the Sentence passed on her. Larceny has become very common a crime in the County, that the Magistrates have felt it a duty to endeavour to check it by affixing this punishment in those cases in which from repetition of the offence being proved, or other circumstances, they are satisfied the accused person follows Stealing as a Trade.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Jas Bessounet

Edward Lucas Esq^{re}

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Stamped chief Secretary's Office Dublin

Date faded

W. Connor written crossways.

Whitehall
30 July 1844

I am directed by the Secretary Sir James Graham to transmit to you, the enclosed Petition of Elizabeth Lee, a Convict under Sentence of Transportation

And I am to request you to submit the same to the consideration of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

I am
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
H. *name unclear*

Edward Lucas Esqre

To The Queens most Excellent Majesty
The humble Petition of Widow Halliday (alias) Elizabeth Lee

Humbly Sheweth,

That petition had one only Son named William Halliday who enlisted in your Majesties Service 34th Reg^t in the year 1836 and served with that Regt in British America to the satisfaction of his officers, the 34th being called home he volunteered into the 74th Reg^t now serving in Canada (Quebeck Barracks) the disappointment in not seeing my only child return with the 34th Regt so prayed upon her mind that it leaves her in a state of distraction, to relate to your Majesty what your petitioner has suffered by distress and poverty I am unable to report many was the time for want of means to pay my lodging. I had to lie out in open air.

Petitioner, through want nakedness and distress took one shift value for six pence for which she was tried at the last June Sessions of the Peace (held in Enniskillen County Fermanagh Ireland) and was sentenced to seven years transportation, your petitioner is in her sixtieth year, and by reason of infirmities never could expect to reach her place of destination.

Petitioner humbly trust your Majesty will be graciously pleased for to take her distracted case into your merciful consideration; your Majesty being a mother I trust will feel for the separation of a mother from her only child, and will pardon this crime and place her in some situation until the return of her son that she may be enabled to earn an honest livelihood as she can both knit and sew, or any imprisonment your Majesty may think proper and Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Widow Halliday (alias)
Elizabeth Lee

Enniskillen Jail
C^{ty} Fermanagh
Ireland
21st July 1844

I believe the above statement to be perfectly true (Leng) John Armstrong of Ballinamallard parish of Magheracross Barony of Tyrkinedy and County of Fermanagh Ireland.

Who knows (Leng) John Armstrong – [Tansiver?]

The Right Honourable the Earl of Enniskillen

The Hon^{lc} Sir Arthur B. Brooke Bart. M.P.

Capt. Mervin Archdale M.P. 6th ? Enniskillen

Crossways Elizth Lee had been sentenced to transportation for 7 yrs.

July 21/ 1844