

Irish Transportation Records; Mary Hanrahan CRF 1841 H45 Film 44

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46 Lower Baggott St

29 July 1841

Sir

I have the honor of receiving your letter of 28th enclosing a Memorial on behalf of Mary Hanrahan, a prisoner in the Gaol of the City of Limerick, under sentence of Transportation.

The Prisoner was convicted before me at Trinity Sessions of Larceny – it appeared that she was in respectable service, and during the temporary absence of her mistress she stole several things from her, some of which were discovered by the Police Serg^t in a box, which the Prisoner admitted to be hers, & which was kept in a place distant from where she lodged, apparently for securing her [pleasure?] as a variety of things were found in it, which manifestly belonged to persons in whose services the Prisoner had previously been employed.

It has been the almost invariable practice of the Court to punish by Transportation those, who, instead of protecting the property entrusted to their charge by their employers & masters make away with it – this public announcement and steady adherence to this Rule, has greatly tended to check crime among the Servants in Limerick who formerly were the worst class in the community-

The Prisoner's guilt was in my opinion much aggravated by producing her Sister, the only witness called in the defence, who grossly perjured herself, (manifestly instructed so to do by the Prisoner, for her advocate was a most respectable gentleman) by swearing that the sheets found in the Prisoner's box were the Prisoner's property & were marked by witnesses; whereas the marks were the initials of the Police Sergeant in whose custody they remained to the time of trial.

I beg to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that in my opinion there are not any mitigating circumstances which would render the Prisoner a proper object of Mercy.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Carew Symth

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Tarbert County of Kerry 7th July 1841

To his Excellency The Right Honorable Earl Fortescue
Lord Lieu^t General and General governor of Ireland etc.

The humble petition of Daniel Hanrahan
Client humbly sheweth

That your pett^r is the father of Mary Hanrahan, who is now in the City of Limerick Jail, under sentence of transportation for seven years, since Friday last, the 23rd inst, being tried before the Recorder of Limerick for petty larceny, that pett^r under the Circumstances, as an aged and thro' life he hopes upheld the character of an honest man, most Respectfully solicits, humbly and earnestly your Excellency's Commiseration in Commuting her sentence, she the prisoner is very young being but sixteen years of age, who a short time since went from here to Limerick to

see a friend, and went into a service, where she was charged with the stealing of a pair of stockings, gauze handkerchief etc for the which she is now under sentence of transportation:- that this unfortunate Circumstance has thrown poor pett^r his wife and family into the most poignant distress being as it is well known in the County, and which pett^r hopes will be testified by the clergymen and resident Gentlemen of this part, the first crime or charge ever made against his family, and that the unlucky event that has occurred must have been caused by ill advice, with that of being from under the protection of pett^r and at such a distance, that pett^r ever endeavoured by example and authority to inculcate on the minds of his children every religious and moral obligation - that her youth, the trivial articles or charges against her, the wretched and distressed state of her mind which this Circumstance has plunged poor pett^r, his wife and every member of his family, and the disgrace that naturally attends such, will induce Your Excellency in your Clemency and Kind Consideration to relieve poor pett^r and his family from such eternal disgrace and afford the poor unfortunate prisoner the shield of Royal benevolence and who wishes with every member of his family as in duty bound Your Excellency long life and happiness ever pray.

Daniel Hanrahan

To his Excellency the Right Honorable Earl Fortescue Lord Lieutenant Governor and General
Governor of Ireland

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Larceny 7 years Initials

The Law must take its course

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1. Recorder ans^d 4 Aug /41

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