

*Kimmage-house,*  
29 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1846

Case of )  
**Jane Byrne** )  
Sir

*I have had the honor to receive your Letter and the accompanying Memorial with reference to **Jane Byrne** a Prisoner in the Grange Gorman Lane Prison under Sentence of Seven Years Transportation.*

*I beg to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that the Prisoner was convicted before me at the City of Dublin Sessions Court, on the 8th day of May last of having stolen some shawls & other articles from the room of **Mary Connell** & the Prisoner was detected leaving the room with the stolen property in her possession.*

It appeared alas, that, instead of the Prisoner having been, as stated in her Memorial, all her life honest & industrious, she had been twice previously convicted of felonies in my Court and suffered imprisonment for them.

I am respectfully of opinion that there are not any mitigating circumstances in the case which would render the Prisoner a proper object of mercy.

I have the honor to be Sir your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
Fred Shaw

T.N Redington Esqr. [*foot of page 1 of 2*]  
[*pre-printed text appears in italics*]  
Mr Hitchins 31 Aug 46 [*crosswise*]

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To His Excellency Frederick, Earl of Besborough,  
Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Memorial of **Jane Byrne** late of  
No 21 Coombe in the City of Dublin Widow,  
but now a convict in the Prison of  
Grange Gorman in said City

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist was on or about the Eighth day of May last, Tried, found guilty, and sentenced by The Right Honorable Frederick Shaw Recorder of said City of Dublin to Transportation for seven years, on a charge for having stolen a Shawl, and Gown, to the value of Twelve shillings and six pence.

That your Memorialist was unable from her Embarrassed circumstances, to Employ either Counsel, or Attorney, to defend her on said Trial.

That your Memorialist has three young and helpless orphans, two of whom, were from compassion, allowed to remain with her, in said Prison, and the other, with Memorialist mother, who is also from her embarrassed circumstances, wholly unable to support herself.

That your Memorialist has been all her life, and from her birth, an honest, industrious, and inoffensive woman, endeavouring from her industry, and Labour, as a Dealer of old clothes &c. &c. since the death of her Husband, to support herself, and her

three helpless orphans, who, if Memorialist is sent off to a Foreign Country, will go to utter ruin, and become a prey on the world.

That her Parish Priest, with others, the most respectable of her fellow Citizens, have been pleased, to subscribe their names to this Memorial, recommending Memorialist, in the strongest manner, to your Excellency's most tender mercy and clemency.

[Signed]

Mathew Flanagan P.P.  
Jas S Cogan General Agent 6 Mecklenburgh St  
Thos Cogan of [?Coy Meath] Merchant  
Anne Dellaway, Wine and Spirit merchant of 3  
Essex Bridge  
James McCarthy Apothecary, of 4 Essex Bridge  
John Reynolds [?].Haddington Road  
Mathew Ryan 27 & 28 Winetavern St Merchant  
John Quinn 64 Aungier St tailor  
Daniel Aston 13 Crow St Merchant tailor  
Richard Walsh No 1 Dean Street, Merchant  
Thomas Etchingam No 33 Upper Kevin St  
[?] Auctioneer of 2 Wood Quay  
William [?] Tailor 22 Anglesea Street  
Henry Anderson College Green  
Daniel [?] Dominick St  
[?] 33 French Street  
[?] Richmond Hill

May it therefore please your Excellency, to Mitigate the sentence of your Memorialist, from transportation for seven years, to confinement, or such other Order of Mitigation, as to your Excellency, in your most tender Mercy, and Clemency, may seem meet.

And your Memorialist will ever Pray  
**Jane Byrne**

In consequence of the respectability and character of some of the signatures, I beg leave to recommend to the humanity of his Excellency the consideration of commuting the sentence of your Prisoner].

James McCarthy  
[?illegible] Coroner County Dublin  
43 Aungier St  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 9 1846

Referred to the Recorder  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 25 *init.* [crosswise]

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**Memorial**

**-OF-**

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**Jane Byrne, Widow**

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**Jane Byrne**

7 yrs Transp. Larceny  
Report of Judge annexed  
Sept 1-  
The Law to take its course

*initialled*

Recorder infd do 3 Sept HH  
Gaoler do AWC  
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