

Irish Transportation Records, Sarah Jordan, CRF 1841 J18 Film 44

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His Excellency Earl De Grey, Lord Lieutenant General and Governor General of Ireland

The humble petition of Sarah Jordan at present in the Gaol of the County of Antrim most respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner was tried at the last Belfast Quarter Sessions convicted of stealing a Bottle from a Doctors Shop, and sentenced to be Transported for Seven Years.

That Petitioner must admit she was in prison before under charges of a very trivial nature, principally for being drunk – but being the only support of an aged Mother she would thus venture to submit her Case for the humane consideration of your Excellency, sincerely trusting, that as Petitioner is only 16 years of Age, your Excellency will view her deplorable situation in the most favourable light – and order that she may be permitted to undergo any term of imprisonment in her own Country, that your Excellency may deem right – so that she may ultimately be restored to the protection of an old and infirm Parent. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever Pray

Sarah Jordan

Dated at Belfast

This 6th December 1841

C.C.Long

John McAfee

John McQuillon

Bernard M. Clark

Isaiah Haire

Thomas Foster

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The Governor of gaol is requested to state what the Prisoners character was before conviction - & what her conduct has been in Gaol – also whether the signatures to her Mem^l are genuine.

Dublin Castle

21st Dec^r 1841

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Carrickfergus 23rd December 1841

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Enclosed memorial which has been closely inspected by me as also the queries I am required to answer.

In reference to the character of Petitioner before conviction I can say very little either for or against her. She is very young. And from bad company has had the misfortune of being often in this Gaol- The charges on the Books here stand against her thus-

1st Time in Gaol stealing neckerchief – Guilty 6 months gaol
2 do do do do- No Bill
3 do do do A Glass - Acquitted
4 do do do 2/6- Acquitted
5 do do do 3/2 in cash - Guilty Nine months H. Correction

Last conviction stealing a Bottle. 7 years Transportation –

I have great satisfaction in stating that her conduct in Gaol has been uniformly good.-
As to the Signatures. I believe they are genuine but am not personally acquainted with any of the gentlemen from the extensive population of Belfast at present there are many thousands of the middle and lower grade of Society I know nothing of.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

James Erskine Governor of the
County Antrim Gaol

To the under Secretary

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Larceny 7 yr^s Trⁿ

The law must take its course

Dec 24 1841 *initials*

Gov^r of Gaol ans^d 29th