IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARGARET LYNCH AND JUDITH DWYER PER GREENLAW 1844 CRF-1843-L28 FILM 52

LARCENY - ROBBERY BY FORCE - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

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To His Excellency the Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The Humble Memorial of **Margaret Lynch** a prisoner under Rule of Transportation in the City Gaol of Limerick.

Most Humbly Sheweth-

That your Excellency's Memorialist most humbly beg leave to state that as at the last October Sessions held in and for the County and County of the City of Limerick, your Excellency's Memorialist was convicted on a charge of the Being only in company with another girl who as it appeared on trial took from and out of the pocket of the prosecutor a sum of Nine Shillings and Sixpence.

That your Excellency's Memorialist further beg leave to state that the prosecutor who swore against her that she never before the day of her Trial see him in any Manner as it was only two days previous to the Sessions your Excellency's Memorialist was arrested and your Excellency's Memorialist having and being the Mother of two young and helpless children do most humbly implore your Excellency will be graciously pleased to have any said Sentence mitigated by your Excellency referring to the Governor of the City Gaol of Limerick, he will communicate to your Excellency that I was never before nor since in custody charged with any crime whatsoever

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To His Excellency The Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland Sir

The Humble Memorial of **Judy Dwyer** a prisoner under Rule of Transportation in the City Gaol of Limerick.

Most Humbly Sheweth-

That your Excellency's Memorialist most humbly beg leave to state that at the last October Sessions held in the County and for the County of the City of Limerick your Excellency's Memorialist was tried and found guilty before the Assistant Barrister on a charge of taking a sum of Nine Shillings and Sixpence from prosecutor.

That your Excellency's Memorialist further beg leave to state that she was only two days in custody previous to the Sessions when prosecutor attended and most wrongfully swore against her and had her convicted.

That your Excellency's Memorialist in consequence of she being an afflicted widow having four young and helpless children whol[l]y unprovided for humbly implore your Excellency will be graciously pleased to have her said Sentence mitigated as on reference to the Governor of the City Gaol of Limerick he will ascertain to your Excellency that Memorialist was never before in custody charged with any crime in her life whatsoever

## and will forever pray. Judy Dwyer

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W Connor [crosswise and overstruck]

14 Fitzwilliam Square November 13<sup>th</sup> 1843

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> ult., with reference to the memorials of **Margaret Lynch** and **Judith Dwyer** prisoners under Sentence of Transportation in the Gaol of Limerick; and regret that there are not in my opinion any mitigating circumstances in the Prisoners' case which would render them proper objects of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant's mercy. The facts which appeared in Evidence were that the prisoners had upon the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. ult. decoyed a man named James Fortescue (a travelling portrait painter from Guernsey) into a brothel in Post Office Lane Limerick and attacked him with drawn knives, cut his clothes and robbed him by force of 80 shilling notes and some silver. Fortescue made his escape and complained to the police who found in the Brothel some portions of Fortescue's clothes (a pocket etc.) the next day, Fortescue swore most positively that both prisoners assisted in the Robbery. No Witnesses were called as to character and the Quarter Sessions Bench in consequence of the violent nature of the offence did not feel justified in inflicting a lighter punishment than seven years transportation.

Under the circumstances I could not, with propriety, recommend the prisoners to His Excellency's merciful consideration.

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant Robert Tighe Assistant Barris<sup>r</sup> Co Limerick

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The Law must take its course

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