

Irish Transportation Records Ellen Magee CRF 1841 M46 Film45

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To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant Earl De Gray
Governor and general Governor of Ireland

The memorial of your Excellency's Memorialist Humbly
Sheweth that We most pathetically pray your Excellency to commute the Sentence of Ellenor Magee
a young Girl of 26 years of a good Character, who is confined in the Gaol of Enniskillen County of
Fermanagh From Transportation for seven years to any period of Gaol Confinement your Excellency
in your Clemency would allow, the crime for which she has been tried and convicted had been of a
Trifling nature only for Taking one penny worth of Turf – this act of your Excellency's humanity
would smooth the affliction of sorrowing Parents of the Idea of having their Child sent to a foreign
land – We are your Excellency's etc etc etc

3rd June 1841

Joseph Richardson J.P. Irish
Edw Barton J.P.[..]
Edw Archdall [....]

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In reply to your letter of the 3^d Inst transmitting to me the Petition of Ellen Magee a prisoner
in the Gaol of the Co Fermanagh under sentence of transportation which I return herewith.
I have the honor to inform (acquaint *written above*) you for the information of His Excellency the L^d
Lieutenant that the prisoner pleaded guilty at the last Assizes of that County before me to an
Indictment charging her with larceny of some turf – The enquiry as to her previous indictm^{ts} I found
that she had been found guilty before Baron Pennefather at Spring Assizes 1839 for Larceny &
sentenced to transportation, which was afterwards commuted to Imprisonment. Three was after
the last Assizes a further charge against her of stealing blankets when actually a prisoner in the gaol.
[...] these circumstance, although the offence to which she pleaded guilty was of a trifling nature, I
passed on her again the sentence of transportation, not seeing any prospect of her being reformed,
& remaining in the country – and I cannot say that in my opinion, there are any mitigating
circumstances which would render her a proper object of mercy.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant

Signature

Ellen Magee

Larceny

7 yrs Trⁿ

The law must take its course

June 1841