

Irish Transportation Record Margaret O'Shea CRF 1840 S25 Film 43

W. Connor written up the side

[.] July 16/40

Thomond Lodge
Limerick July 15th 1840

N.H. Macdonald Esq^{re}
Sir

May I take the liberty, to request your presenting to the Lord Lieutenant, the memorial, which accompanys this letter, I have been requested, to state to you, for the information of His Excellency, that The Jury who tried the convict, memorialed the Recorder, in her behalf, for a mitigation of Punishment, and that the said memorial, was (in addition to The Jury) signed, by a number of respectable citizens. My knowledge of her character, previous to the late offence, induces me, at the request of her friends, to state those facts for your guidance; I have the honour to Remain Sir

Your most obed^t Servant
Mich^l Collins

To His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Memorial of Margaret Shea now a prisoner confined in the Gaol of The City of Limerick under sentence of Transportation for seven years.

Humbly Sheweth

That Memorialist was tried and Convicted at the last General Quarter Sessions held for the City of Limerick before the Right Worshipful The Recorder of having stolen wearing apparel value Ten shillings the property of one Mrs Buck.

That up to the period when Memorialist was so Tried and Convicted she maintained an irreproachable Character as a Girl of Honesty and Industry having never been previously charged with the least violation of the Laws

That Memorialist has an aged Father and Mother without a friend to assist them and who if the Sentence passed on Memorialist is put in execution will be thrown upon the World and reduced to a state of extreme poverty and destitution.

That Memorialist therefore Confidently hopes Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take her Case into your most humane and benevolent consideration and Mitigate the Sentence passed on her so as to afford her the hope of being restored in such reasonable times as Your Excellency in the exercise of your humanity may deem fit to the bosoms of her destitute parents whose years stand in need of the assistance of an affectionate Child and Memorialist will ever pray as in duty bound

Margaret Shea

City of Limerick
Marg^t Shea
Stealing wearing apparel – Trans for 7 years

Written up the side W Connors [...] July 29/40

46 Lower Baggot St
29th July 1840

Sir

The prisoner Margaret O'Shea was tried before me at the last General Quarter Sessions for the City of Limerick and as convicted of Larceny .From the number and variety of articles which were found by the police in her box it clearly appeared that she must have been for some time carrying on a system of plundering her master and mistress of their property. The prisoner admitted having taken all the articles found and as no mitigating circumstances appeared in her favour I sentenced her to be transported, a punishment I generally inflict on Servants who betray the trust referred in them, and indeed, of protecting the property committed to their charge, procured it.

There was no recommendation to mercy from The Jury, who tried her one of the [] memorials with several signatures, [..... ..] in Limerick, might have been sent to me but I have no recollection of it

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
[Carlow?] Smyth

N. H .Macdonald

*Written up the side
W Connor Aug^t 12/40
unfavourable*

Thomond Lodge
Limerick Aug^t 11th 1840

Sir

I respectfully beg to take the Liberty of Calling your attention to the memorial of Margaret Shea which was recently forwarded through you to the Lord Lieutenant whose absence from Dublin [since presented?] has prevented your replying in this, But now that His Excellency must be returned I hope you will be so kind as to Inform me what the results of the memorial has been

I have the Honor
To remain Sir
Yr most ob^t Servant
Mich^l Collins

To
N.H. Macdonald Esq^{re}

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin

W. Connor written up the side

His Excellency

Hugh Viscount Ebrington

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Memorial of Margaret Shea a convict under Sentence of Transportation in the Gaol of the City of Limerick

Most Humbly Sheweth

That for her first offence against the laws of the Country she was tried and convicted of Larceny at the last Quarter Sessions held in and for the City of Limerick.

That up to that period her character was irreproachable and she has an aged father and mother solely dependent upon her for support.

May it therefore please your Excellency to take this her memorial into your humane consideration and grant her a commutation of her punishment as in your Excellency's wisdom may seem met & she will ever pray

Margaret Shea

We the undersigned beg leave respectfully to recommend the prayer of the foregoing memorial to the Consideration of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.
Limerick 5th October 1840

Placing perfect reliance on the assurance given by so worthy & respectable a Lady as Mrs O'Reilly whose signature heads this recommendation I hesitate not to add my signature & request

William [Ro.....]

[] [Hall

Rich^d Thomas

Mich^l Collins

James [.....]

John [D.....]

[James?] Ryan

Michl Dwyer

James Daly

Pat^k Jas Hogan

G.T. Tuthill

Bridget O'Reilly
[Richard?] Franklin
indecipherable
James Guerin
Rich^d Wallace
George M. Goggin
indecipherable
F.W. Bowernan?
Wm Johnston
John Corbett
John Hanrahan
Wm St Laurence
James Barry
[...] Gorman
James [Woo..]
James McMahan
Thomas Fogarty

(A printed letter with handwritten inserts.)

Dublin Castle

16 octr 1840

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith by Command of the Lord Lieutenant, the *Memorial of Margaret Shea* Prisoner in the Gaol of *City Limerick* under sentence of *Transportation*

And I am to request you will acquaint me with the particulars of the Case for His Excellency's information, and whether in your opinion there are any mitigating circumstances which would render the *Prisoner* a proper object of Mercy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

N H. Macdonald

The Recorder of Limerick

