

CRF 1851 C8 Mary Connelly John William Dare

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County Prison Galway

15 Feby 1851

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant (which has been handed to me by the Sub Sheriff of the County) intimating that the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to commute the sentence passed upon Mary Connelly, prisoner ordered back to this Gaol, to be discharged on completing two years imprisonment from the 12<sup>th</sup>.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient servant.

Tho.R. Ryan(?)

for

To,

The Under Secretary

Too faint to read.

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(some of this is typed like a template – with names to be filled in in handwriting. He however does a lot of handwriting in and around the template, in the margins etc)

I *William Harty M.D.* being *Physician* to the *Govt Prison of Grange Gorman* do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare, that I have carefully examined *Mary Connelly*, now a Prisoner in *sd(?) Prison*, and that I am of opinion that *she has always been of a very delicate frame: that her life is in no immediate danger from her confinement, but that it is equally endangered whether she be detained in Gaol or discharged as her disease is marked by gradual wasting of flesh & strength without any very obvious source, not easily ascertained from her inability to speak English. Her detention in prison secures for her good food & adequate support, while at the same time there exists great mental anxiety to return to her family, which if disappointed must operate to her prejudice* and I make this solemn Declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty William the Fourth, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other Provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths."

*Duland(?) before on the 10 Feby 1851*

*William Harty*

Signature of Magistrate, *J Maqee(?)*

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Msm(?)

Sir Thomas Redington,

Mr Sinnott (Gov of GG) called here today & stated that Mary Connelly was in a dying state but that the doctor thought that her life might be a little prolonged by her being sent to her own Air(?)

WH 6/2/51

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Leeson St.

Feb 4 1851

Case of Mary Connelly

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Lord Lieutenant that the Prisoner pleaded guilty to an indictment for stealing a cow – It was the second offence of Cattle Stealing committed by her & under these circumstances I cannot recommend her ...(as a fit object of mercy)

*Grangegorman Gaol*

*C 8 1851*

County of *Galway*

Name of Prisoner, *Mary Connelly*

Date of Committal, *8 Feb } 1850*

Date of Conviction, *14 March }1850*

Before whom tried, *Mr Lefoy/Lepoy*

Offence, *Cattle Stealing*

Sentence, *7 year Transportation*

*Baron Lefoy/Lepoy sees no mitigating circumstances*

*Submitted 6.2.51*

*Faint writing*

*Resubmitted 11/2/51.*