

Mary Londregan Irish Transportation Records CRF 1842 L5

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W. Connor written up the side

19 [Jardines?] Place

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th Instant accompanying the memorial of John Londregan on behalf of his wife – She was brought up for trial at the last Sessions of Fermoy on a charge of larceny, but having pleaded guilty, was not tried & I have consequently no note of her case. Enquiries were made as to her character, the result of which was most unfavourable to her. It was upon the representation of the local Magistracy & Police, that she was a most notorious & incorrigible thief & was training her children in the same course, that the Court was instructed to pass Sentence of transportation upon her – I was informed that the Sentence was most richly deserved & I am not aware of any mitigating circumstances in her case. – I suggested to the other Magistrates the difficulty of separating her from her children but they assured me that it was the only chance they saw of rescuing the children from a life of depravity into which their mother was leading them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t humble servant

Henry Baldwin

The Right Honourable Lord De Gray

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland etc etc etc.

The Humble Petition of John Londregan by trade a weaver

Humbly Sheweth

An Please your Excellency my Wife Mary Londregan was Convicted at the late Sessions of Fermoy County of Cork for Petty Larceny and Senten^d to seven years transportation to her Majesty's Collonies in Australia.

An Please your Excellency she unfortunately was addicted to Drink ardent Spirits in Sobriety was an Honest Dutiful Wife and tender Mother never Prone to thefts but when in a state of Intoxication she is an [Imicated?] unhealthy Woman aged 50 years and will never survive so long a Passage. She has left me her Disconsolate Husband with five small Children in Extreme Distress and I undertake the Joney of 109 miles to Present this to your Excellency Pennyless Imploring your Excellency to have Mercy and Compassion on me a Reched Being and my five orphan Children as I now may call them to Mitigate the sentence of Foreign transportation to Home Imprisonment and your Humble petitioner with distressed family Will Daily Pray for your Excellency's Eternal Welfare Here and hereafter,

John Londregan

and

Children

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Mary Londregan

Larceny ~~12 mos Impr~~ Transⁿ

The law must take its course initials

I.A.B. ans^d 15th /42

Gaoler inf^d d^o

A.W.C.