

**Mary Pollard Irish Transportation Records CRF 1842 P2 Film 42**

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

The humble Petition of Mary Pollard a Convict under Sentence of Transportation.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Excellency's petitioner was tried at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in Carlow in October last by Henry Hutton Esq<sup>re</sup>, Assistant Barrister for the County of Carlow for a Petty Larceny - was convicted and Sentenced to be Transported for seven years.

Your Excellencys petitioner is an extreme poor woman, with the large family of Eight children, and an imbecile poor sick old man a husband, that was totally unable to assist petitioner to support her large family – and petitioner would never have been guilty of the small crime that had been alledged to petitioners charge (the taking of about one shillings worth) but at a moment, when the moans, and lamentations of Petitioners children with hunger, was so irresistible to a mothers feelings, that at the impulse of the Instant – petitioner unfortunately took what relieved her children.

Your Excellencys petitioner would not trouble your Excellency but Petitioner greatly fears she will never be able to survive such a long voyage and it is most afflicting to petitioner to be compeled to leave part of her family after her – for three of petitioners children are prevented from going along with Petitioner.

Petitioner therefore implores that your Excellency will be so good as to take petitioners case into your Excellencys charitable consideration, and that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to order petitioners sentence to be commuted from Transportation to imprisonment for any term your Excellency may think proper.

And Petitioner will be ever Bound to Pray etc etc

Mary Pollard

Convict Prisoner

Grange Gorman

26<sup>th</sup> February 1842

N.B. Petitioner has been transmitted from Carlow gaol here on Wednesday last – and Petitioner is [near?] 50 years of age.

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What was Prisoners previous character?

What has been her conduct in Gaol?

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To

His Excellency

Earl De Grey

Lord Lieutenant, & General, Governor of Ireland etc etc etc

Dublin Castle

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Mary Pollard

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The law must take its course

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Gaoler infor<sup>d</sup> do.

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In haste