

GEORGE & FRANCES MC BURNEY- Irish Transportation Record CRF 1843 Mc4

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland
Dublin Castle

The Petition of George Mc Burney and his wife Frances
Prisoners in Her Majestys Gaols at Enniskillen

Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners were committed on the 23rd day of October 1842 and tried at the last Quarter Sessions held in Enniskillen in and for the County of Fermanagh for larceny and were found guilty and sentenced to seven years Transportation.

That your Petitioners would humbly solicit your humane Excellency for a mitigation of their Sentence as they have (borne) a good and straightforwards character never before being in the powers of the Law, which will be certified by Gentlemen of every religious denomination. And that your Petitioners would in the spirit of heartfelt humility approach your Excellency praying that of your unexampled clemency your charitable Excellency would be graciously pleased to grant them whatever Commiseration you pray think meet.

And Pet^r shall ever Pray

Enniskillen Gaol
January 14th 1843

George Mc Burney
Frances Mc Burney

Leerouf?
July 31st 1843

Sir

In reply to the letter you did me the honor to address to me yesterday enclosing the Memorial of George Mc Burney and Frances His wife to His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant. I beg to state that these persons were indicted for stealing from the shop of George Kitson in the Town of Enniskillen seven Black Silk handkerchiefs. They went into the prosecutors shop to purchase goods & the man did actually purchase a Handkerchief of a different character. He appeared to be employed in examining it, but took the opportunity to draw a piece of Goods consisting of nine Silk Handkerchief towards him, obscures it between his legs. Immediately after he handed it to the Female Prisoner who hid it under her cloak. The Shopman who was observing all this when they were about to depart, walked round from the shop and the counter & prevented their escape. He insisted on their being searched, and demanded the Goods they had taken which they denied having. On his Insisting, & preceding to search them, the Female Prisoner threw the parcel from under her cloak on the counter. The owner of the shop who came in during the Transaction, in his evidence corroborated the Statement of his Shop Man.

The Memorialists are not inhabitants of Ennsikillen, nor are they known there. They were strangers passing through, and unconnected with the place.

Their trade has been going form place to place Shop lifting. There is no reason for saying they are married and from their conduct before the Magistrate, I apprehend they are persons of the worst character I can say nothing favourable to them before His Excellency, nor any thing to warrant Remission of the sentence.

I have the Honor to be
for
Your Most Obedient Servant
Jas Bessounet

To Edward Lucas Esq^r

We the undersigned certify that your Excellency's Petitioners as far as our knowledge can reach have before this time conducted themselves honestly decently & soberly and would from, what we know [.....] recommend them to your Excellency's consideration for a mitigation of their sentence.

Signed on behalf of George McBurney
But not for his wife Frances whom
it would be dangerous to set at large
George Kitson Prosecutor

signatures

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