

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARGARET McLOUGHLIN PER HOPE 1842

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LARCENY -- STEALING A CHILD'S FROCK -- SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

Armagh Jail
January 27, 1842

Sir,

The enclosed Memorial of Margaret McgLoughlin now a Prisoner in this Jail and under Sentence of Transportation was transmitted from your office to the Keeper of the Jail on the 22nd Inst. for the purpose of having it ascertained whether or not the signature of the Prosecutor attached thereto is genuine.

In consequence of the illness of Mr Turner the Keeper of the Prison I have the Honour of replying to your communication by reporting that I forwarded the Memorial to Mr Hill Sub-Inspector of Police at Portadown, where I ascertained that the Prosecutor resided, with a Request that he would make the necessary Inquiry. This morning I received a reply from Mr Hill which I have the honour of enclosing, by which it appears that the signature is genuine. I conceive however that I should have fallen short of my Duty did I omit to mention a few facts respecting the Memorialist and her Family.

Her brother was some years since ordered for transportation in the County, but by Interference with the then Lord Lieutenant, The Marquis of Normanby, his sentence was commuted to Imprisonment for two years, which sentence he underwent in this Jail, but scarcely was he a month discharged when he was committed to that of Downpatrick, I believe for robbery. Memorialist's Mother was in this prison along with her daughter and was put on her trial for the same crime, but was acquitted. Memorialist herself, was on a former occasion convicted at Quarter Sessions and imprisoned, and as I am informed has been several times before the Magistrates at Petty Sessions, for what Crimes or with what Results I am not aware.

It would have given me much more gratification had I been able to make a more favourable Report but feel that unfavourable as it is, I am called upon to make it known.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient humble servant
N S Kidd
Local Inspector

The Chief Secretary
Castle Dublin

Stamped

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE 42 JAN [?] DUBLIN

To His Excellency Earl De Gray Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, etc. etc. etc.

The Humble Petition of Margaret McgLoughlin formerly of Corcraun in the Parish of Drumcree in the County of Armagh but now a prisoner in the Gaol of Armagh.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That Petitioner was tried and convicted at the last Quarter Sessions held at Lurgan on the 28th day of December 1841 and Sentenced to Transportation for seven years charged with stealing a child's frock the property of Peter McGurk of Edenderry, value ?^d.

Petitioner most humbly prays that your Excellency may be pleased to mitigate the sentence to some period of imprisonment as may seem just to your Excellency, as Petitioner is the only support of a widdow Mother and six orphan children, and the daughter of a Peter McgLoughlin, late Sergeant of the 64. Reg^t of Foot.

Petitioner humbly prays that in consequence of her former character that your Excellency may be pleased to grant her request.

And your Petitioner as is duty Bound will ever pray.

Margaret McgLoughlin

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Peter^x McGurk Prosecutor

Mark

Peter McGurk prosecutor owns that he wronged the Petitioner that he assumed that Elizabeth [*illegible*] committed the depreddation and not this Petitioner.

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Peter^x McGurk Prosecutor

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the signature of the Prosecutor genuine

Dublin Castle

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Gaoler infor^d 1st Feb^y

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