

**IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARY AND BRIDGET MEEHAN PER GREENLAW 1844
CRF-1843-M51**

**LARCENY – ROBBERY FROM THE PERSON OF A MAN IN A BROTHEL – SENTENCED TO 7
YEARS TRANSPORTATION**

14 Fitzwilliam Square North
September 18th 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th August (with reference to the Memorial of Mary and Bridget Meehan under Sentence of Transportation in the Gaol of Limerick) and to apologize for the delay in answering it which has occurred in consequence of my absence from Dublin.

The prisoners were convicted before the Bench of Magistrate at the last July Quarter Sessions of robbery from the person of a man named John Dignan upon the 28th of April last in a Brothel in Limerick and I regret that there were no circumstances whatever in the prisoners' case which would consider them proper objects of the mercy of Their Excellencies The Lords Justices.

I have the honor to be Sir
your most obed^t humble servant
Robert Tighe
Assistant Barrister C^o Limerick

Edward Lucas Esq^r
etc. etc. etc.

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City Gaol Limerick
August 26th 1843

Sir,

I beg to state in reply to your communication respecting Mary and Bridget Meehan, Prisoners in the Gaol under Sentence of Transportation that their previous character had been bad. One of them ran a Brothel in this City and was charged with the murder of an unfortunate man who lost his life in said Brothel but was acquitted. The sister lived with her and was before convicted of Larceny and Sentenced to three months imprisonment. Their conduct whilst in Gaol has been good.

I have the honor
to be Sir
your most ob^d hu^l s^t
John Moore

E Lucas Esq^r
etc. etc. etc.

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Mary & Bridget Meehan
28th Sept^m

We are of opinion that the law should take its course.

FNG Smith
Sept 29 1843
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I think that the law should take its course.

John G [*illegible*]

Sept^m 21st 1843

Ass[istant] B[arrister] ans^d 23rd

Gaoler infor^d etc.

AWL

To Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Petition of Mary and Bridget Meehan, sisters and both convicts in the City of Limerick Jail, under sentence of 7 years transportation for Larceny, Sheweth

That your Petitioners were Sentenced to Transportation for Larceny by the Right Worshipful Barrister Tighe at the last July Sessions. That they are both young, and were led into vicious and immoral habits by bad council and bad company, a course they regret, and which they would pledge themselves to abandon, and return to moral habits, if your Excellency were so merciful as to commute their sentence, for which they will ever pray etc.

[*LAST LINE ILLEGIBLE*]

Mary Meehan

Bridget Meehan

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What had been the previous character of prisoners & what their conduct in Gaol?

Dublin Castle

24 Aug 1843