

Irish Transportation Record of **Norry Keily** (AKA Honora Keffe & Kiely) per Arabian
1847 CRF 1846 – T8 – Larceny – Stealing flour from Mill – Sentenced to Seven Years
Transportation

To his Excellency The Earl of Besborough, Lord Lieutenant General and Governor
General of Ireland, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of **Honora Kiely** otherwise **Keffe** =aged 45
years= who was tried convicted and sentenced to Seven Years
Transportation, at the late Clonmel Assizes, as being of the
persons concerned in the late outbreak of distress respecting
the Meal &c. at Marfield, near the Town of Clonmel in the South
Riding of the County of Tipperary.

Humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist is married to a very poor Labouring man named
John Kiely, who is naturally delicate, and by whom she had Three small children and
Three small step children, all of whom were chiefly looking up to her for support, who
are actually bordering on starvation since her confinement having no means
whatsoever to support them but that of charity. Memorialist always up to this period
supported an unblemished character, and was totally Ignorant of the law, being forced
into it by mere distress and starvation – and would have supported her character on
trial, by evidence in open Court, in order to afford a mitigation of her Sentence, had
she been aware of it. She was never before charged with the smallest misdemeanour
in her life.

May it therefore please your Excellency to look on so poor a
woman so situated, and thereby take the premises into your
most kind consideration and out of your Excellency's ever
wanted goodness and clemency, commute her Sentence from
that of Transportation, to any limited period of Imprisonment, as
may deem meet.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

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Honora X Kiely otherwise Keffe,
Mark
Clonmel Gaol

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We the undersigned Gentlemen Clergymen &c. of the Town of Clonmel and its vicinity,  
Do hereby Certify that the above former good character of the above Memorialist and  
of her very great distress at the time of the outbreak, has been most respectfully made  
known to us, and as such with the greatest respect, we take leave to recommend the  
prayer of her Memorial for a Commutation of Sentence, to his Excellency the Lord  
Lieutenant of Ireland.

Given under our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1846.

John Baldwin P.P. Clonmel  
Mick Benth P.P. Clonmel  
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T 8 1846

**Honora Keeffe**

7 years Transpn – Rioting &  
Larceny

Prisoner was convicted of Riot  
at Clonmel –

Baron Lefroy's report on  
the general points of  
this Riot annexed.  
See case of Tobin  
Augt 28, 1846

The law must take its course

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Gaoler infor<sup>d</sup> do  
1<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> AWC

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*The Spectator 18<sup>th</sup> April 1846, page 5.*

*Serious riots have occurred at Tipperary and Clonmel; the exciting cause being the want of food. The following particulars are supplied by the Limerick Reporter...*

*"Clonmel, Monday.—At one o'clock this morning, a mob, consisting of four or five thousand of the unemployed and destitute poor, collected on the road about two miles from the town of Clonmel, and did not proceed to any violence until twelve o'clock; when a police-officer rode into town for the military, in consequence of Mrs. Shanahan's mill, situate at Marfield, having been attacked, and several sacks of flour carried off from it. Such was the excitement and apprehension, that all the military under the command of Major Galloway was called out, to the extent that the recruits were alone left to guard the barracks. Just at the period of the commotion, when the soldiers were proceeding under arms through the town, together with mounted artillery with their cannon, they were by at least two hundred and fifty carts laden with flour for exportation, the property, principally, of Messrs. Grubb and Sargent,) coming from Caher under a heavy escort of cavalry and infantry, which had been called out for the purpose early in the morning; so that the town presented all the appearance as if milder siege. Before the cavalcade arrived at Marfield, the crowd had dispersed; intelligence having been conveyed to them of the armed force that was approaching."*