

**Irish Transportation Records Margaret O'Hara CRF 1841 O5 Film 45**

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin (dated faded)*

*W. Connor written up the side.*

Ely Place Dublin

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1841

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date enclosing the memorial of Margaret O'Hara a prisoner in the Gaol of the County Kildare under sentence of transportation, & desiring that I should acquaint you with the particulars of the case for the information of The Lord Lieu<sup>t</sup> & whether in my opinion, there are any circumstances which would render the Prisoner a proper object of mercy – I beg to state that the Prisoner was convicted on the clearest evidence of having stolen a Cloak which she immediately sold to a respectable woman a Broker – who fully identified her & stated she knew her & could not be mistaken – notwithstanding which evidence & the admission in her memorial that she stole it. The Prisoner called [God?] to witness that she never sold anything to her.

I find in my book a note to the effect that the Prisoner is a very bad character, an old offender who had before pleaded Guilty to charges of other Larcenies – had I not received such a character I should not have sentenced the Prisoner to be transported for stealing a cloak.

I am, Sir,

Your very faithful

John Doherty

Norman Macdonald Esq<sup>re</sup>

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To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland etc etc etc

The petition of Margaret O'Hara of Ballitore C<sup>o</sup> Kildare.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That petitioner is now confined in Athy Gaol under sentence of transportation for seven years, for stealing a cloak value about two shillings and six pence.

Petitioner was never prone to vice but in an evil hour was tempted to commit the felony for which she is about to suffer so severely. – And what makes her case more melancholy is being advanced in life. Aged 44 years with three small children who, in the event of petitioner being sent out of the Country will be left without a protector. – Under these most distressing and afflicting circumstances, petit<sup>r</sup> throws herself on the clemency of your Excellency, hoping her melancholy case will be taken into consideration, and that her sentence may be commuted to Imprisonment. For which petit<sup>r</sup> will forever pray as in duty bound.

Which is submitted by –

*Approximately ten names – signatures not easy to decipher.*

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Margaret O'Hara

Larceny 7 yrs T<sup>n</sup>

The law must take its course

May 20

i. C.. J. ans<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> initials