

Irish Transportation Records Catherine Rafferty CRF 1842 R4

Stamp: CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE DUBLIN
42 MARCH 1
Annotation: W Connor

White Castle Derry
26th January 1842

Sir,

I had yesterday the honour of receiving through (Mr.....), the Memorial of Catherine Rafferty and enquiring for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant whether in my opinion the Prisoner is a proper object of mercy ... was convicted of stealing a watch from the person of David McNamara and sentenced to 15 years transportation.

It appears the Prisoner [*..indecipherable...*] of his watch on the night in question but was at the time so intoxicated as to be unable to account for it. The robbery was clearly brought home to the Prisoner by the evidence of Margaret Delaney (an assworn?), who was corroborated in in particular by several respectable witnesses. The Prisoner had been three times tried before this for Larceny and is a person of the worst character; under these circumstances I felt myself bound to pass a sentence of transportation on her there are any mitigating circumstances in this case which would justify me in and not recommending the Prisoner to His Excellency as a proper object of Mercy.

I have the honour
To be Sir
Your ob^t Servant
Alexander Curry

E Lucas Esq^r

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Lord De Grey Lord Lieutenant and Lieutenant General Governor of Ireland etc etc etc

The humble petition of Mary Rafferty
Humbly Sheweth

That her Daughter Catherine Rafferty was convicted at the late Quarter Sessions at Dungannon County of Tyrone upon the Evidence of an a approver whose testimony, is always dubious and sentenced to seven years transportation.

Petitioner most humble begs leave to state that she is an old, infirm and lonely widow having now but this Daughter to console her in the days of her infirmity, and decline of life.

Petitioner further begs leave to state that this is the first time her Daughter ever appeared before the local authorities for any crime whatever and was she guilty of the crime for which she has been convicted petitioner would not approach your Excellency in her regard

Petitioner begs leave further to state that she rests fully satisfied that from the Testimonials of character herein set forth from the Clergymen whose names are hereunto appended. The recommendation of Gentlemen and the Prosecutor from whom the watch was stolen for which Petitioners daughter was convicted your Excellency will be graciously pleased to use your Royal prerogative and commute the sentence.

To your Excellency acquiescing Petitioner will for ever as in duty bound pray etc etc etc

Mary Rafferty
X her mark

[.....] 3rd February 1842 I have every reason to believe that Cath Raverty was not the person who took my watch but Marg^t Delaney that swore against her

David McAneany (?)

I believe the above is very true

Andrew Christie
Minister

I know Nothing about Mary Rafferty's character

Signature indecipherable

I presume that above statement may be true

Signature indecipherable

If a reference should be made to the presiding Barrister, I feel persuaded the government will avail itself of any circumstance, at all justifying any mitigation of the sentence passed on Petitioner's Daughter -

Stuart Hall Castlestuart

February 15th 1842

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Catherine Rafferty
Stealing a Watch 7 y^{rs} Tⁿ

The law must take its course(?) 2 *Initials indecipherable*
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1Mr Curry ans^d 4th H.T.L
Gaoler infor^d 5th March A.W.L

Another Mem^l annexed
19 July/42

Confirmed July 20 *Initials indecipherable*
Initials indecipherable
Gaoler infor^d on 21st AWC

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July 19th 1842

Sir

If ever misery awaited an old Creature it awaits on me who with great delicacy again seeks your pity I addressed you a letter on Friday but up to this most unfortunately I have not received any reply Surely it is not my advanced age of 77 or my humble lack causes y^r silence the People in Dublin Assures me, the contrary is the fact but my Letter thro some unforeseen circumstance has escaped your usual vigilance. I should have called on you for your Answer Officially but from the excessive fatigue of travell^e 90 miles and all to seek a written answer or otherwise I have being lying ill, and now beseeches your Pity for some redress by Letter to Convey with me to the Gov^r of Omagh Gaol, concerning my Unfortunate mate and Only Daughter Cath^e Raverty under sentence of 7 yrs Transpⁿ and for the Remainder of the Circumstances connected with her misfortunes and my Present poverty and Sufferings I refer you with every respect suitable to your dignity and my humility in the Letter of Friday the 15th inst

Obediently etc etc
Mary Raverty

PS; I never was in Dublin before altho so old I have no Permanent Residence and awaits yr Answer in the Entrance

Address Patr^k Monahon
Pomeroy?

To
E Lucas Esq^{re}
Dublin Castle

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To His Excellency Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant and Lieutenant General Governor of Ireland

May it please your Excellency

Mary Rafferty whose Daughter Catherine Rafferty lies in Amagh Gaol under sentence of Transportation most humbly begs leave to approach your Excellency hoping you will be graciously pleased to have compassion for her desolate condition being aged and infirm having none to look to her but this only daughter.

Petitioner most humbly begs leave to call your Excellencys most humane attention to a Petition her convict Daughter forwarded some months ago praying for a Commutation of Sentence to which petition there has been no reply.

Petitioner further begs leave to state that she approaches your Excellency with the recommendation of a Right Honourable Nobleman, The Clergymen of the parish and the Prosecutor praying your Excellency for a Commutation of sentence

Petitioner begs leave further to state that she rests fully satisfied that by your Excellency taking her desolate state together the accompanying recommendations she will obtain the desire of her heart /that is/ her Daughters freedom, for which Petitioner will for ever as in duty bound pray etc etc

July 1842

Mary Rafferty

I am now fully convinced that it was Margaret Delaney who turned kings evidence who took my watch and not Catherine Rafferty who is now sentenced for transportation

David Mc Aneyney

I do hereby certify that from all information Catherine Rafferty was a good, sober, honest, industrious young woman

Patk Vincent PP
of Termonmaguirk

I believe the preceding certificate to be very correct as I have been acquainted with the young woman these several years past

Andrew Christie Minister of the [Established?]

Mary Rafferty is in the greatest distress about her daughter, and the more so, as it would appear that she is not guilty of the crime laid to her charge

Coal Island House George Willcocke?

Petition

To

His Excellency
Earl Degray

Lord Lieutenant and Lieutenant General of Ireland etc etc etc etc etc