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22 March 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to Report for the Information of his Excellency that at the last Assizes for the county of Cavan – Rose McGorry was found guilty before me of the murder of her illegitimate child by denying it proper sustenance & food, which she was well able to supply & from her keeping the child (4 years old) imprisoned & shut up in a room without proper care & attendance – I thought it a fit case to suspend? Pioneering sentence of death & execution & consider the law would be sufficiently vindicated by exacting sentence of death to be recorded – I respectfully recommend that the prisoner be transported for the period of her entire life –

I am you obedient

Servant

Signature

Mc 12th 1847

Rose McGorry

Death recorded } Murder

The judge recommends that the sentence be commuted to Transportation for Life.

March 29th 1847.

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To his Excellency John William Earl of Bessborough, General and General Governor of Ireland.

The Memorial of Rose McGorry a Prisoner in the Gaol of Cavan

Humbly sheweth that she was tried before the Honorable Mr Justice Ferveus(?) at the last Assizes of Cavan upon a charge of murder.

That your Petitioner's Counsel made several legal objections to the indictment upon which she was tried and also to the evidence which was added(?) on the part of the Crown as insufficient to establish her guilt and requested the learned Judge to reserve those questions for the opinion of the other learned Judges but which request his Lordship was pleased to refuse.

That your Petitioner was unable to produce any witness in consequence of the Prosecution having caused all the inmates in the House wherein the alleged murder was said to have been committed to be included in the same indictment with your Petitioner.

Your Petitioner humble prays that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to refer to the learned Judge for a full Report of the Trial and to (look?) over your Petitioners case to be put into such train? of investigation as to your Excellency shall deem fit and your Petitioner will ever pray.

Rose McGorry

Cavan Gaol 24th April 1847