

**Irish Transportation database Eliza Wall CRF 1841 W3 Film 46**

*Stamped Chief Secretary's Office 41 Feb ?*

*Mr Connor written up the side.*

To His Excellency the Most Noble Earl of Ebrington Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor  
of Ireland etc etc

The most humble Petition of Elizabeth Wall a Prisoner confined in the Gaol of Maryborough  
Most Humbly  
Sheweth

That your Excellencys most humble Petitioner was tried at the Court of Quarter Sessions held in Stradbally in the month of January last for the Queen's County before the assistant Barrister for having been guilty of having in the month of December 1840 picked a man's Pocket in the town of Mountmellick when by the evidence that came before the Barrister he was pleased to sentence her to Seven years Transportation.

Petitioner makes bold to state that she been now only Seventeen or Eighteen years of age and of a delicate constitution and as she can solemnly declare was not guilty of the alleged crime altho' Sworn against her there were several others in company at the time a row ensued when the money that was alleged she had taken was lost & She therefore most humbly hopes that your Excellency will be most graciously pleased to take her youth & distressed case into your most humane consideration and be pleased to give direction that a mitigation of her Sentence may take place to any length of confinement your Excellency may see fit, your Excellencys Answer shall be duly attended to

And in Duty the Petitioner  
will ever pray

Maryborough Gaol  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 1841

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Fitzwilliam Square  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

Sir

I have the honor of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. with the accompanying Memorial of Elizabeth Wall, a prisoner in the Gaol of Maryborough under sentence of Transportation with your request to be acquainted with the particulars of the case and my opinion thereon, for the information of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant.

The prisoner was a prostitute, well known in the Town of Mount Mellick, as also in the County Gaol, where she had been in custody repeatedly, and was once before convicted of larceny from the person, for which she had undergone a sentence of Imprisonment.

The prosecutor, a dealer, from the County of Louth, was N.A. Macdonald Esq. accosted in the street, at night, by the prisoner, & induced to go with her into a public house, where he had occasion to take out his purse, containing £4 in her presence. Thence, they went together into the fields, & on their return, walking together, prosecutor received, from some person whom he had not observed, a blow on the back of the neck which knocked him down on his face; when the prisoner immediately put her hand into her breach pocket, and took his purse.

Some attempt was made, in cross examination, to discredit the witness. All the circumstances went fully to the Jury: I see no reason to question the propriety of the verdict, nor, in my opinion, are there any mitigating circumstances in the case.

I have the Honor to be  
Sir  
your most obedient Servant  
John Schoales

W. 3 1841  
Elizabeth Wall  
Picking Pocket  
7 yrs Tr  
The law must take its course  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> [..]  
Ass Barr ans<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> initials

On Here Majestys Service  
The Right Honourable the  
Secretary of State  
Dublin Castle  
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