

Anne Lee Irish Transportation Records CRF 1843 L15 Film 52

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10 [..... St James?]

April 22 1843

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive from you the enclosed Memorial from O Lee, and a request to inform you for the information of his Excellency, with the particulars of her case.

The Prisoner was tried at the last Monaghan Quarter Sessions, upon a charge of stealing from the Pocket of the Prosecutrix in the market of Monaghan, nine pence; the case on the part of the Crown was very clearly & satisfactorily proved, in fact the prisoner was seen removing the money from the pocket of the Prosecutrix. The Jury without any doubt or hesitation found the Prisoner Guilty, and previous to passing Sentence, I inquired from the Governor of the Gaol, & the Police, whether the Prisoner had ever before been charged & convicted of a similar offence, and having been informed that she had, and is a very hardened & old offender (although young in years) with the entire [] of the magistrates present; I passed the sentence of transportation for 7 years on the Prisoner, and I regret to say, I am obliged to state that in my opinion there are not any mitigating circumstances which would the Prisoner a proper object of mercy.

I have the honor

To be Sir

Your most ob^t serv^t

James Major

W Connor 21 Apl/43 noted along the side

To His Excellency Earl De Grey

Lt. General and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Petition of Honora Lee, otherwise "Ony Lee" Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner has petitioned your Excellency on the 12th Inst. praying, your Excellencys Clemency as a prisoner under Sentence of Transportation.

Your petitioner Humbly implores your Excellency will be Graciously pleased to mitigate the Sentence, and your Petitioner will leave Ireland for America.

Your petitioner being only Eighteen years of Age, and having means to take her to America with the assistance of her Relatives, who are now ashamed to acknowledge petit^r hoping your Excellency will take petitioners case into your humane Consideration and petitioner will ever pray.

Ony Lee

Monaghan Gaol

21 April 1843

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that we have known the late Cornelius Lee of Curraboc(*Corraback or Corragho?*) and his wife Rose McKiernan both natives of this County Cavan.

That they have always borne an Honest, Industrious, Upright and Irreproachable Character, unimpeached in any respect until the period of their decease.

That such they have been, notwithstanding they were the Parents of the Ill fated young Female Honorah Lee, at present under Sentence of Transportation sine the late general Quarter Sessions of Monaghan.

I know the Parents of Memorialist since I entered this Parish as C. C. and therefore certify their moral Conduct to be Irr.....able

Patrick Hill

C.C.

Lavy (*Lavey*)

From my knowledge of the Rev^d Pat^k Hill Roman Catholic Clergyman of Lavy parish I [am persuaded?] that he w^d not have signed the above Certificate if had not been deserved.

I.L. Dickson Vicar of Lavy

Lavy C [...]

April 18th 1843.

File Name

L 15 1843

Anne lee

Stealing 7 yrs tⁿ

The law must take its course

Ap^l 25/ 1843 initials

Envelope

His Excellency Earl De Grey

Lord Lieutenant Ireland

Castle

Dublin

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Monaghan
24th April 1843

Sir

With respect to the petition of Anne Lee referred for my report, I have the Honor to state for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that the allegations contained in it, as to the circumstances of her Trial, are untrue, as when arraigned she appeared perfectly sober, and I repeatedly informed her that she might postpone her Trial but she declined doing do – with reference to the statement as to her name I beg to refer to the enclosed Report of the Governor of Monaghan Gaol, to whom I applied on that point as she had been three times before in his Custody.

I have the honor

To be

Sir

Your Ob^t Serv^t

Signature

Clerk of the peace

Co^y Monaghan

To Edward Lucas Esq^{re}

etc etc etc

Dublin Castle

Dr Sir, In Answer to the other [...] I beg Leave to state for the information of the Clark of the peace that the prisoner thereon nam^d viz Anne Lee always was committed and answered to the Name of

Anne Lee which was three or four times But her Present [lawyer?] wanted to change the name Thinking it may Be the means of Having her Sentence Mitigated, But a Worse Character has Never Came across me during my time of being Governor of this Gaol which is 20 years.

I am Sir
Your Ob^t Serv^t
Jn Rowland Gov^r
of the gaol
of Monaghan

John Rowland Esq^{te}
Gov^r Prison
Monaghan

Monaghan
17th April

Dear Sir

You will have the goodness to say for the information of the Clerk of the peace, by what Christian Name the prisoner convicted & sentenced to Transportation at the last Quarter Sessions of this town as “Anne Lee” has been committed for Trial, and whether she answered to this or what other name at anytime while in your Custody

Yours truly
? Mitchell

Mr Jⁿ Rowland

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To His Excellency Earl De Grey
Lt. General and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Petition of Honora Lee, a prisoner in the gaol of Monaghan under Sentence of 7 years transportation.

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was arrested after one o'clock, and transported before four o'clock the same day; and your petitioner in a state of consciousness at the time petitioner was put on trial, as your petitioner was quite tipsy being under the influence of whiskey which was perceived by Several persons in Court and particularly by one of the Grand Jury - Mr Wm Quinn of Rooskey Barracks Monaghan who is well known to the Clerk of the peace, otherwise your petitioner would have the assistance of a professional man to defend her, or would have postponed her trial to next assizes.

Your petitioner prays your Excellencys Clemency under the circumstances and the [privilege?] of the British Laws [*blotted word*] of not posting a prisoner on trial while in a state of intoxication.

Your petitioner was in the market of Monaghan on the same day when Head Constable Brady threatened to send petitioner over the water before night, and while petitioner was on trial Said Constable Brady was Buzzing to the Clerk of the peace against petitioner who conveyed the impression to the Barrister. Your petitioner was taken on Suspicion only as a woman said she was told that her pocket was picked, and your petitioner having Eight pence in Copper the woman said one of

her pence was like one petitioners having been Blue Moulded, your petitioner got the change of a Shilling in a shop where Whiskey, Herrings & Rosen is sold and the Shop Keepers of Monaghan coppers are General Blue Moulded, Viz James Ross, David Horner & John O'Hanlon, could certify. Your petitioner has Six acres of land at 2//6 per acre at Ca..cher (Camlier?) near Stradone in the County of Cavan which petitioner was going to sell this season and leave the country for America.

Your petitioner was prosecuted and persecuted by Constable Brady with his representations that petitioner believes that barrister transported her on his impression and not for the charge laid against petitioner.

Your petitioner also begs leave to state that the Bills were found against Anne Lee and not against Ony Lee, which is her name.

Under all the circumstances your petitioner Humbly prays your Excellency will be graciously pleased to mitigate the sentence and your petitioner will go to America and in Duty to ever pray.

Ony Lee
12th April 1843