

Sir

I have had the Honor of receiving your letter of the 24 Ins<sup>t</sup>, enclosing a Memorial on Behalf of **Catherine Grant**. This Person was tried at the last Ballybus Quarter Sessions, on Two Indictments, this one for stealing a Tin Box of Lozenges & a quantity of Isinglass, the Property of Lewis Judge & the other for stealing 4 Brushes, the Property of Thomas Walker. In the first Case, the Tin Box of Lozenges was found concealed on her Person, before she left the shop of the owner, & whilst he was searching her for this article, she drop'd the Parcel of Isinglass from under her Cloak. She was on this occasion (what is called) in Liquor but was perfectly capable of knowing what she was about. With respect to the Brushes they were taken on the same Day that the Lozenges were taken & they were traced to her Possession in consequence of her having pawned them. When she did so, she told the Pawn Broker as he lived opposite to her that she had got them from another Person & gave in her own Name. She could not however on the Trial say who the Person was who she alleged gave her the Brushes. The owner of them had known the Prisoner & had frequently seen her in his Shop. She was found Guilty on each Indictment. She produced no Evidence. On Enquiry I found that she had been convicted previously before me in October 1844 for Larceny, on which occasion she was sentenced to one months Imprisonment, & that she was afterward tried in Downpatrick for a similar offence & was then sentenced to 6 months Imp<sup>t</sup>. She had been also once tried & acquitted. Her Relations were a Mother & a Sister the latter a Prostitute & the former not a very respectable Character. The Bench Sentenced the Prisoner to Transportation for 7 years & I am sorry to say that except her youth I see nothing in her Case calculated to render her an object of mercy.

I have the Honor to be Sir y<sup>r</sup> ob<sup>t</sup> Servant

Ed Tickel

10 Clan St

25 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1846

Law must take its course

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 1846 Heytesbury

AB do. H.H.

Gaoler do. AWC- [4 lines crosswise]

[Isinglass is a kind of gelatine obtained from fish and mainly used for clarifying real ale and wine]

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To His Excellency Lord Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor  
of Ireland &c. &c. &c.

The petition of **Catherine Grant** a native of Newry but now a prisoner confined in  
Armagh Gaol

Humbly Showeth

That petitioner was tried at Ballybot Quarter Sessions on 23<sup>d</sup> December last before the Right Worshipful Barrister Tickel for shoplifting, found guilty and sentenced to 7 years transportation, and the offences for which Petitioner has been found guilty were taking 4 Brushes out of the shop of Mr Walker, and a box of Isingglass out of the shop of Mr Judge both of Newry, and the offences took place in the same evening Petitioner being drunk.

That Petitioner is in her juvenile years being only 17 years of age. But alas for herself, and distracted Parents Petitioner took the counsel of misguided immoral and irreligious wretches by reason of which Petitioner deviated from the paths of rectitude wisdom and religion, and pursued the paths of the ungodly, from the effects of which bad

