

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD of ELIZA KELLY (AKA GANNON) per PHOEBE 1845
CRF 1844-C38-Film 54
Larceny – Stealing a Coat & Waistcoat – Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation
(Tried with Bridget Brady)

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Kimmage-house,
8 April 1844

Case of)
Eliza Cannon)
Sir

*I have had the honor to receive your letter and the accompanying Memorial with reference to **Eliza Cannon** a Prisoner in the Gaol of City of Dublin under Sentence of Seven Years Transportation.*

I beg to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that the Prisoner was convicted before me at the City of Dublin Sessions Court, on the 1st day of March last of having Stolen Wearing apparel the property of a person named Morrin.

She was convicted with another woman & two men of a very aggravated offence. The two women were prostitutes & she then resided in the same brothel with them. Morrin was a tradesman in respectable business - but on the occasion in question had got drunk in a public house where the Prisoners were also drinking. He was so much intoxicated as to be unconscious what he was doing or where he went & it appeared in evidence that the four Prisoners took him to the brothel they frequented in Fordhams alley – that they took him to an upper room – stripped him of the greater part of his clothes & then threw him out of a three [pain?] story Window into a yard - it is only wonderful that he was not killed. The Prisoners then went from the House leaving the unfortunate man Wounded and bleeding where he had fallen in the yard & they had not even the bad excuse of being drunk.

It was some hours before Morrin was found in that state by the Police.

The Prisoners were indicted Capitally but there being some doubt whether there was sufficient legal existence to support the Capital Charge – they were convicted of the Larceny only & severally sentenced to 7 years transportation – they were all persons of abandoned Character & I am respectfully of opinion that neither the Prisoner Cannon nor any of them are deserving objects of mercy.

I have the honor to be Sir your most obed^t humble Serv^t.

Fred Shaw

Edward Lucas Esq^r [foot of page 1 of 4 pages]
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To His Excellency Phillip Earl De Grey Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of
Ireland &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Petition of **Anne Cannon**
of number eight Kevin St Up^r Dublin Widow,

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner's daughter **Eliza Cannon** with three others, was tried and found guilty of an assault upon the person of the name of **Mathew Murren** on the first day of March before the Right Honourable the Recorder of the City of Dublin.

That it will appear to your Excellency by the accompanying letter's that petitioner's daughter was not in the place until after the unfortunate circumstance took place, and that she had no previous knowledge, and had been quiet innocent of what she was accused at the time of her been first made a prisoner.

That your Petitioner has been a widow for the last twelve years and at the time of her Husband's death was left with eight children totally unprovided for and that out of all, the only one living is the aforesaid Eliza and now aged only 17 years and that during which time she petitioner was the only support by her industry and by which means she was not able to keep that watchful care to so young a creature, as is necessary to be keep, and that unfortunately your Petitioner's daughter had been influenced to stray away from her maternal care and protection and from the paths of virtue and thereby left herself depending upon precarious shelter of such infamous places.

That your Petitioner's daughter is wholly repentant of her past folly, and has faithfully promised and shewn by her late acts to be an assistance instead of a scourge to her enfeebled and afflicted Mother "now in her 60th year" and petitioner begs leave to refer to the enclosed letter of the Reverend Mr Kirby Chaplain to the Olive Mount institution for female penitents.

That your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Excellency will take her case into your gracious consideration as it will appear to your Excellency by the certificates before referred that she had no knowledge whatever of the assault until she was most innocently accused for it, that she was only lodging in the place at the time and had been a long distance from the place at the time as will appear to your Excellency by the accompanying letters and by the affidavits of several person if required or as certified at the foot hereof, and also as the aforesaid Mathew Murren has received no severe injury and he is most anxious she should not suffer innocently as appear.

And Petitioner most respectfully begs leave to shew to your Excellency that her daughter has never been in any prison before, and as this has been the first offence of which Petitioner's daughter is charged, and she been of a weak and delicate constitution, and is now labouring under a severe illness and would not live to reach her destination and it would be the means of sending your Petitioner to a premature grave with a broken Heart.

Petitioner most humbly prays your Excellency will be pleased to commute her daughter's sentence to some term of imprisonment where she may reclaim the past

follies and by which means she may become yet a useful member of Society, and Petitioner for your Excellency's long life and happiness will ever pray

Anne Cannon

Anne Canning having called on me to state what I know of the transaction, that caused her Daughter to be Sentenced to Transportation.

I have no Recollection of the Transaction whatever.

Mathew Morrin

10 Gibraltar Elbow Lane

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W Connor C21 [crosswise]

To Her Excellency The Countess De Grey

Lady Lieutenant of Ireland

The Humble Petition of **Anne Canning**

of number 8 Upper Kevin Street in the City of Dublin, Widow,-

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner most respectfully begs leave to state to your Excellency that her daughter **Eliza Canning**, with three other persons, was tried & found Guilty of an Assault upon the person of the name of **Mathew Murrin** on the 1st day of March last past before the Right Honourable, The Recorder of the City of Dublin and for which she is now under Sentence of Transportation for Seven years in the Female Penitentiary Grangegorman Lane.

That your Petitioner has been a widow for the last twelve years and at the time of her husband's death was left with eight helpless orphans totally unprovided for, and out of them the only one Surviving is the aforesaid Eliza, and now only the age of 17 years and that Petitioner being obliged to seek means of support for them by her industry with several respectable family's in this City as will appear and by reason of which your Pet^r was not able to keep that very watchful Eye necessary to be kept to so young a creature of such tender years she unfortunately strayed away from the paths of virtue and from maternal protection and thereby left herself depending upon precarious shelter.

That it can be clearly shewn to your Excellency by the Certificate of the aforesaid Mathew Murrin and other persons that your petitioner's daughter was not at the place when the unfortunate circumstance occurred, and that she had no previous knowledge of what had taken place, and did not know of what it was she was accused of, until some time after she had been made a prisoner, it been wholly out of envy and malicious feelings she was most innocently accused by the persons concerned in it.

That you petitioner begs leave to state her daughter had been only lodging in the place at the time when she said circumstances occurred and had not been in it for several hours before nor for several hours after, and as the said Mathew Murrin having received no Severe Injury at the time, he is now most anxious your petitioner's daughter should not suffer innocently.

That your petitioner most respectfully begs leave to shew to your Excellency that her daughter has never been in any prison before or charged with any offence, and as she has now unfortunately been made the object of a most malicious and perjured party, and if your Excellency would be most graciously pleased to cause an Inquiry previous to her removal inasmuch as the aforesaid Mathew Murrin did not appear on her trial who was the injured party and therefore was deprived of the advantage of the most material witness, and her having no counsel for her Trial and as this is the first offence of which your Petitioner's daughter has ever been charged with innocently she is wholly repentant of her past folly and has most faithfully shewn by her late acts to be an assistance and comfort in future instead of a scourge to her enfeebled old Mother "now in her 60th year", in the event of your Excellency's been pleased to commute her Sentence to some term of imprisonment.

That your Petitioner's daughter being of a weak and delicate constitution, and from the effects of so innocently found Guilty of a charge she knew nothing about, and never been imprisoned before – it has prayed so much upon her that she is labouring at present under a very severe illness, and would not live to reach her destination and by reason of which it would be the means of sending an aged Mother with a broken heart to a premature grave.

Eliza Canning }
Mathew Morrin, 10 Gilbrater Elbow Lane off Meath Street

Petitioner most humbly prays your Excellency will be pleased to commute her Sentence to such imprisonment where she may reclaim her past follies and become yet a useful member of Society, and Petitioner for your Excellency's long live and happiness

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Eliza Cannon

The Law must take Its course

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Anne Cannon infor^d
do 15th AWC
The Recorder ans^d 16th

1 March Dublin Evening Packet & Corresp 2 March 1844 – "Patrick Doyle, Michael Rowan, Bridget Brady and Anne Kelly alias Cannon were indicted for assaulting Matthew Morin..." Anne was Eliza's mother's name. A mistake no doubt made by the reporter.