

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD of ESTHER BURGESS AKA BURGESS (with 5 children) and her daughter MARY BURGESS AKA BURGESS per TASMANIA 1845
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Larceny – Stealing Potatoes – Sentenced to 7 Years Transportation – Tried with Margaret Butler and Mary Griffen

His Excellency, Lord Heytesbury, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland

The Humble Petition of **Easter Burgess** Widow and her daughter **Mary Burgess** both under sentence of Transportation in Carlow Gaol.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Excellency's petitioner was tried at the last General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, (on the 5th Instant) held in Tullow before Henry Hutton Esq^{re} Assistant Barrister for the County of Carlow for Petty Larceny for taking some Potatoes – was convicted; and sentenced to seven years Transportation.

Your Excellency's Petitioner the Widow Burgess is an extreme poor woman, whose Husband died about two years and a half back, and left petitioner without a single penny; nor means of any kind to support herself and seven children; the Eldest of which is not yet fourteen years of Age, and who is under the same sentence as petitioner.

Your Excellency's Petitioner had no way to support herself and her large helpless family – but merely what petitioner could earn by her dayly labour, and being out of employment in February last – petitioner had no means of any kind to purchase food for her miserable children – and the poor creatures were crying for something to eat - which caused the greatest affliction – and almost deranged Petitioner at the impulse of the moment; and without reflection Petitioner unfortunately with her little daughter went out and brought in some Potatoes from a Neighbour's field – to keep Petitioner's wretched family from starvation.

Your Excellency's Petitioner is in Jail near three months, and if sent off Petitioner's unhappy Family must inevitably perish or become outcasts and wretches – a great number of highly respectable Magistrates and Gentlemen are so good to subscribe their names to this Petition, as a recommendation to your Excellency's humane consideration of Petitioner case. Petitioner therefore implores that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take Petitioner's deplorable case into your Excellency's Charitable consideration and that your Excellency will please be so good to commute Petitioner's sentence from Transportation to imprisonment for any term your Excellency may deem proper.

And Petitioner will be ever bound to pray

Carlow Gaol
April 1845

Easter Burgess Widow
Mary Burgess her Daughter
Prisoners under Sentence of Transportation

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B 15 1845
Esther Burgess
& others
24th April A.W.C.

Stamped CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE DUBLIN [faded]

18 Gardiner Place
April 22nd 1845

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 21st inst^t desiring to be informed of the particulars of the case of **Esther Burgess** I beg to state that the Memorialist **Esther Burgess** and **Mary Burgess** were tried at the same time with **Margaret Butler** and that I forwarded to you on the 18th inst^t a Report of their Trial with reference to the case of Margaret Butler – the receipt of which Report has been acknowledged by your letter of this day acquainting me that the Lord lieutenant has decided as regards M Butler, that the Law must take its course.

I have the honor to be Sir, your obed^t Serv
H. Hutton
Assist. Bar Dn Castle

E Lucas Esq
Under Secretary
Law must take its course
April 25th 1845 – Heytesbury W Hitchins
Asst Barr^r)
Gaoler do) AWC [4 lines crosswise]

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

The humble Petition of **Esther Burgess** a Prisoner under sentence of Transportation
in Carlow Gaol

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner has a Daughter 13 years of age with no person to look after her and must ultimately come to utter ruin if your Excellency with your usual clemency and humanity will not allow her to go along with your Petitioner to New South. That the girl's Father being dead and having no friend or relation to look after her Petitioner humbly implores your Excellency will be graciously pleased to issue an order to have her sent to New South Wales along with your Petitioner and she shall ever pray.

Esther Burgess
Carlow Gaol,
2 June 1845.

We believe the above statement to be true and we recommend the case to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

J.H. Eustace J.P.)
Will Fishbourn) members of the Board of
B.B. Newton J.P.) superintendents
J.Jameson[?] - Local Inspector

If I have the power of granting the prayer of this Petition let the necessary steps be taken for that purpose.

June 14th 1845 - Heytesbury W Hitchins 9 June/45
[4 lines crosswise]

Esther Burgess
10 years [?s/b 7]
14th June AWC
