

Bridget Hayes - Irish Transportation Records CRF 1848 H58

14 Fitzwilliam Square N

March 1st 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Feby with reference to the accompanying memorial of Bridget Hayes and Alice Moylan, prisoners under sentence of Transportation in the Limerick City Gaol; and regret to be obliged to state that there are not in my opinion any circumstances in their cases which would render them proper objects of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenants Mercy.- The prisoners were found guilty at the last Limerick City Sessions of having stolen a purse containing 11(pounds) 2 s. 6d. The property of Mary Moore a Nenagh Shopkeeper who upon the 7th Dec^r. last had gone to Limerick for the purpose of making purchases, was hustled by the prisoners at a shop door & robbed by them of the money in question – No doubt whatever existed upon my mind or that of the Jury as to the guilt of both the prisoners (which indeed is admitted upon the face of their Memorial) and no witnesses to previous good character were called in their defence. It is true that the prisoners had not been tried before me upon any previous occasion but after I had passed sentence upon them, I was informed by some of my brother Magistrates that they were persons of notoriously bad character and I am therefore unable with propriety to recommend them to the favourable consideration of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obed^t servant

Robert Tighe

Assistant Barrister Co. Limerick

T.N. Redington Esq^r

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14 Fitzwilliam Square

Dec^r 26th 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to the case of Bridget Hayes & regret to state that there are no circumstances in the prisoners case to render her a proper object of mercy – She was a woman of notorious character in fact both a thief & prostitute and for example's sake the Quarter Sessions Bench felt it to be their duty to sentence her to Transportation I cannot therefore with propriety recommend the prisoner to the favourable intercession of His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Robert Tighe

Assistant Barrister

C^o Limerick

J.N.Redington Esq^r

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To His Excellency

The Earl of Clarindon

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

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Dec 22/48

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The Humble Petition of Bridget Hayes, Prisoner in the City of Limerick Gaol

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That Your Excellency's Petitioner at last General Quarter Sessions (October 1848) before the Right Worshipful Robert Tighe Esq^{re} Ass^t Barrister, was accused of a Larceny to which she pleaded Guilty and was sentenced to 7 years Transportation. Petitioner begs to inform Your Excellency that she spent the last seven years in the Limerick Union Workhouse – and where she would have remained since but that she was seduced by a young man to leave it but who soon cast her off – when she was obliged to keep herself from starving to pursue a wicked life for a few weeks. the crime to which she pleaded Guilty being her offence and the first time of her being in Prison at this early period of life being only 19 years of Age. she might become a useful member of Society if pardoned by Your Excellency as the Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Gaol has promised to take her into the Magdalen Asylum she therefore hopes Your Excellency will take her case into your consideration and order her to be given up to the clergyman to be placed in the Asylum, Your Excellency is refered to the Inspector, Chaplain & Governor of the Gaol as to her behaviour while in prison.

Your Excellency's compliance with Petitioner's prayer she will be in Duty bound to ever pray etc

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Bridget x Hayes

City Gaol

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23rd December 1848

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Co. of Limerick
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Bridget Hayes
Larceny
7 years Trans.
Report of Ass^t Barr
annexed
Dec 27th
1840

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Let the Law take its course

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