

Irish Transportation Records, Margaret Leahy, CRF 1842 L11 Film 48

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Tralee April 8.1842

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 5th Inst. Accompanying the Memorial referring to the case of Margaret Leahy.-

I have to state, for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that I have made due enquiries in Castle Island, and have received assurances from the friend of the girl, on which I think reliance may be placed, that she will be immediately sent out of the country on her release from confinement, should his Excellency think fit to remit her sentence

I have the honor to be

Your ob^t servant

Charles Fairfield

D.L^t Co. Kerry

Stamped Chief Secretary's Office Dublin

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[C....] 29th March

1842

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th Inst. & to the Memorial of Mary Leahy therein contained & herewith returned, I have to state for his Excellency's information that I consider Margaret Leahy, convicted before me at the last Assizes for Tralee [.] Co. Kerry of larceny & sentenced to 7 years transportation a proper object of his Excellency's clemency for a commutation of Punishment. She had committed larceny to a considerable extent, but it was believed she had been [.....].by others to do so – Application was made to me by some of the respectable persons who signed the memorial on her Behalf to sentence her only to imprisonment but the state of Crime of that nature? to the County Kerry & the[C.....]. Punishment necessary to be pronounced on others, prevented me taking that course, but I suggested it w^d be right to make an application to his Excellency –if any means were suggested of getting the unhappy girl out of the Country without undergoing her imprisonment & its consequent result in the County Jail, it would be very [remiss?]

I have the Honor

To be Y^r ob^t ser^t

Robert Torrens

E.Lucas Esqre

To His Excellency Philip Earl De Grey
Lord Lieutenant and Governor General of Ireland etc etc

The Humble Petition of Mary Leahy of Castle Island in the County of Kerry Widow.

Shewth, - That your Petitioners daughter "Margaret Leahy" has been convicted at these present Spring Assizes of being concerned in a Larceny and has been sentenced to be Transported for Seven years. That your Petitioners daughter is only seventeen years of age and has hitherto been an irreproachable character, and was led into the Commission of the offence by evil disposed persons.

Your petitioner humbly implores your Excellency to take her woeful case into your merciful consideration and Prays for a commutation of the severe Sentence passed upon her child and refers with confidence to the annexed Testimonials. And Pet^r as in duty bound will ever Pray.

Forward

I certify that I have known the within named Margaret Leahy (who is now under sentence of transportation) for the last six years, She lived in my employment on two different occasions & I consider her honest & well conducted,

17th march 1842

Thomas Herbert [...] Rector of Killeentierna Co. Kerry

The above Margaret Leahy lived in my house as Servant for over three years during which time she conducted herself proper and Honest. Castle Island 18 March 1842.

John Power

I believe that Margaret Leahy hitherto bore a good character Should his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant be induced to commute her sentence I am assured that every exertion will be made by her friends to place her in a situation out of the country where she will have an opportunity of earning her honestly.

Charles Fairfield
Dep^y Lieut^t
Co Kerry

[Tralee?] March 21 1842

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Margaret Leahy
Larceny 7 y^s Tⁿ

Will her friends or relations guarantee her being sent out of the County if her sentence is remitted!

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Mr Fairfield's letter is attached 12 Apl
12 Ap^l 1842

Let Mr Fairfield write who intends to provide for the girl and where she would be sent & when and what guarantee there would be for her being bona fide sent out of the Country. *Initials*

Wrote - HTC