

To his Excellency the Lord lieutenant &c. &c.

My Lord,

may it please your Lordship the memorial of **Margaret Walsh** most humbly sheweth that memorialist is an humble creature, the wife of an honest and greatly afflicted husband whose health being so much impaired that it actually Renders him quite incapable of obtaining the slightest support unless by mere charity for five unhappy children two of which my Lord are Males and Three Females the Elder of all not exceeding fourteen years and six months – a – most distressing scene to behold my Lord – whilst your Lordships Petitioner – Wife and mother as already mentioned lies in Wicklow Jail under the sentence of transportation (for seven years) since the assizes held in February the present year for no crime my Lord but the Purchasing of an old cloak valued at two shillings when sworn to – it appears my Lord that cloak had been stolen – and when memorialist – memorialist was arraigned before her Magesties Courts of Judicature- she not being able to procure the person from whom she purchased the s^d cloak she had to undergo the Rigour of the Law in such cases - which Induces her memorialist to sue to your Lordship's clemency for Redress in this case hoping your Lordship will bountifully deign to grant her reprief and restore her once more to her disconsolate Husband and children – who as in duty bound will incessantly pray to Mighty god for your Lordship's immortal welfare &c &c. and with all the Respect due – gratefully acknowledges herself (memorialist) your Lordship's highly honoured and most humble servant &c. &c.

Wicklow Gaol) **Margaret Walsh**
August 5th/44)

(P.S.) My Lord memorialist is willing to undergo any confinement in Wicklow that your Lordship may graciously please to appoint – for in such cases memorialist might at intervals enjoy the unremitted happiness of saving her disconsolate husband and heartbroken children.

Signed 7 Aug^t/44

The law must take its course Aug^t 13th 1844 – Heytesbury
Gaoler infor^d do AWC [*crosswise and overstruck page 1 of 3*]

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To, his Excellency – Lord Hatesbury &c. &c.
Lieutenant General and General Governer of –
Ireland
Seal WICKLOW AU 6 1844

Fitzwilliam Sq May 9, 1844

Sir,

I enclose for his Excellency the Lord Lieut^{ts} Information my report of the trial of **Margaret Walsh** tried before me for Larceny and convicted at the last assizes of Wicklow. I am not able to add anything on the subject of her memorial.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your ob^t s^t

Ed Pennefather

Edward Lucas Esq
&c.
Dublin Castle

February 28, 1844

No 6

1st Witness

Margaret Walsh indicted stealing a cloak
Margaret Nowlan lives at Hacketstown Co Carlow.
missed her cloak last January
lives with Surgeon Barker
left his cloak hanging in the Hall
it was a green olive when new partly brown now,
W. had it on her that morning, and hung it in the
Hall when she came in.
Saw it the Sunday following at Carnew County of Wicklow
Saw it in the hands of Sergeant of police identifies
him, the Sergeant and the cloak now produced
to her in his hands. Shows the mark on it and
swears it is the cloak she lost.

2nd Witness

Edward Doogan)
Sergeant of police) on 12 January last got the cloak
has produced in prisoner's possession
at Carnew, kept it ever since – got it on the person of prisoner at the
house of Peter Conolly in Carnew, a tinker's house. W. was
stationed at Carnew has known it since July 20. Conolly sometimes
takes in travellers. W. arrested her, she was sitting near the fire in
the kitchen – there was candle light – in a few minutes after, she said
she bought it from a young woman in Hacketstown – on this W. took
her to the Barrack at Carnew – on the 14th brought her before Mr
Devenzy the Magistrate – he is not here.
W. lodged his information before Mr Devenzy – he committed her for
trial - W. brought her to gaol, the prisoner called no witness, the jury
convicted.
Transported 7 years – being reported by Mr Barry the gaoler as a
very old offender, who had been many times in gaol before, and
having no character.

To his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant &c. &c.

My Lord,

May it please your Lordship the memorial of **Margaret Walsh** most humbly sheweth that she is a distressed creature the disconsolate mother of Five helpless children three of which are Females the Elder not exceeding thirteen years of Age - all depending on herself and an infirm consort who when his health and opportunity permits endeavours to procure Food and Raiment for them by hard Labour having no better means – memorialist also begs leave to state that she has had the misfortune to purchase a reduced cloak from some unfortunate (Rambling) Female character which cloak only valued for two shillings caused memorialist to be committed to Wicklow Gaol - where at the last assizes she received the sentence of Transportation for seven years she not being able to procure the Person from whom she Bought s^d cloak – so in consequence of the above Facts memorialist is obliged to seek redress from your Lordship hoping my Lord that your Lordship will bountifully deign to take compassion on herself and her distressed Family and in such cases acquit her of the Severe punishment which is doomed to undergo – it is a Pitiabie sight my Lord to behold the husband - husband and Wife the Parents and the children thus seperated – particularly when she memorialist pleads Innocent. Memorialist feels it unnecessary to say more on the subjects – and – therefore refers all in this case to your Lordship's consideration, and is willing to undergo any homeward punishment or confinement your Lordship may think just and proper to inforce upon her but is still in hopes that your Lordship will bountifully deign to limit her confinement to a short period if any – and herself and her Family in Duty bound will

pray – and having the Honor to be my Lord your Lordship’s highly favoured and very humble servant.

Hacketstown

Margaret Walsh

May 1st 1844

P.S. Memorialist and Family hopes for a favourable answer at your Lordship’s bountiful hand ----- .

Mem^{ts} was Tried at Wicklow before the Lord Chief Justice on the 26th Feb^y 1844.

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Margaret Walsh

The law must take its course

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May 13 1844

Ch. Justice ans^d 15th

Gaoler in for^d

AWC

Another Memorial is
annexed- 10th Aug/44

To, his Excellency – Earl de Grey

Lieutenant General and General

Governor of Ireland

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