

IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORD OF MARY ANNE BENNETT PER PHOEBE 1845
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FELONY – STEALING WEARING APPAREL - SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

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To His Excellency W^m Barron
Heytesbury Lord Lieutenant of Ireland
The Petition of **Margaret Grace** 55 Lower Kevin St
Aug 1844

Humbly Sheweth

That this petition and highly Respectable vouchers are presented with dutiful and the most obedient respect praying not to be considered giving unecess^y Inconvenience but that your Excell^{cy} may symphatize and extend clemency to relieve the sorrows of the anxiety of mind of the aged Infirm distressed Parent whose conduct through life she thanks her God stands unimpeached not so unfortunately with her undutiful offspring the subject of this prayer.

That Petitioner's ill advised Daughter **Maryanne Bennett** aged 18^{vs} $\frac{7}{12}$ is now a miserable unhealthy "Convict" at Grange Gorman Penitentiary sentenced by the Right Honb^{le} the Recorder for Transportation beyond the seas for the term of Seven Y^{rs} for felony of wearing apparel the property of a humane gentleman, M^r R Twhaites of Sackville S^t in this City, committed January last.

That Pett^r has strong reasons to believe that her ill fated Daughter, was led to commit this Felony, by a wretched profligate Husband Rob^t Bennett, who was in her company or immediately connected with this ill-timed ill advised felony and has quitted this Kingdom and Abandoned his Infant aged but 8 months and is now with its doomed unfortunate Mother and from various causes the Convict in question created "A Lingering disease", that on medical Inspection she was reported an unfit Object for Embarkⁿ Feb^y last, when other female convicts were proceeding to sea.

That petitioner has learnt she expresses deep and sincere contrition for being led in the unguarded moment to abandon the Principals Instill'd to her mind of every sound doctrine agreeable to the Rules laid down and Preached by Her Pastors and Teachers of the Protestant Religion of which she is a disgraceful member and her folly all originates from the Immoral Conduct of an Intemperate Husb^d whose Society and Marriage she received entirely Independent to Pett^s knowledge consequently without her Ccnsent.

That Peti^r blushes to trouble your Excell^{cy} with the voluminous details of her sorrows and those Independent Gen^t whose feelings are excited to pity her sorrows and to feel for her weakness and that recommends her and her Suffering Male Infant. Trusting that your Excellency may from motives of pity and with the Hopes of her Daughter's contrition being sincere and that if you commute her Sentence from Transportation to confinement in any of Her Majesties Penitentiary in order should she survive the period and be Restored to Society that she will cease fore ever to commit Evil and Learn to do good, and Pett^r will to the last moment of her Existence Ever Pray &c &c

Margaret Grace

I have known the parents of this convict for several years. Her Mother attends my adult Sunday School Class and feels very deeply the disgrace her daughter's conduct has brought upon her family. If her sentence could be commuted consistently with justice it would be an act of real

charity to them & may it please your Excellency
 Subscribers Recommend the within Prayer to your consideration.

Richard Stack Curate of St Peters

Names	Profession or Capacity	Residence
James Haughton	Merchant	34 Eccles St
W ^m Haughton	Do	Morefield, Roebuck
John M ^c Cracken	Flour Miller	Haarlem, Tallaght
Rich ^d D Webb	Printer	Great Brunswick Street
James Watt	Accountant	62 High St
Richard Allen	Woollen Merchant	62 High St
James H Webb	Linen & Woollen Draper	15 & 16 Upper Bridge Street
James Andrew	Clth Curate of St Johns	51 Fishamble Street
Edward Guien	Land Office Engineer	17 Essex Street

Let the Law take its course. Sept 21st 1844 Heytesbury
 Infor^d do A.W.C. Mr Connor [3 lines crosswise]

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Mary Anne Bennett

20th Sept^r AWC

To
 His Excellency the
 Lord Lieutenant
 Dublin Castle
 [4 lines crosswise]

 St Peter's July [illegible]

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Sir,

M^{rs} Grace the Mother of **Marianne Bennett** a convict in the Grangegorman Penitentiary under sentence of transportation has applied to me to interfere in her favour. I know nothing of the young woman but the mother has been for a long time a regular attendant at my adult class in the St Peter's Sunday School.

They are I believe decent people and I should rejoice much if any Mercy could be done which without defeating the ends of justice would remove a portion of the disgrace from their shoulders. If you are making an application for this purpose and think this letter would be of any use I would feel obliged by your making use of it. Believe me.

Your faithful
 Serv^t Richard Stack

 Dublin Sept
 the 17th 1844

Dear [Lieutenant]

May I humbly beseech of you to send me ancer to the petichion I presented to his Excellency for to see about the poor convict Mary Anne binnett as the ship is in And is to sale on

the 19th of this month – That is thursday next - so may ie Beseatch of his Excellency to do something for me as ie am in very poor way about my dear Child if she goes from me it will cause my death as ie am a Poor oald woman. And her crime is so very light that your Excellency may forgive Her and restore her to her poor lital Child of 8 mounths oald and may the Prayers of the Poor Mouter as ie Am nearly at the last of my Advanced oald adge - place your Excellency to send me ancer to This Pittyfull and last letter As ie will moath for your tender Marcey towards me as ie am a Good member of the proadiston [*Protestant*] C[h]urch this 65 years as the Good gentlemen stated and this is The first of my fammelly that oaver wous in any bad misdameinour and ie hoape This [*warning*] will be the last upon then as it this the first.

Place your Excellency Pitty the beare of this letter And may God Bles you and your Lady and [*loving wife*] And good health and many years to [*Praise*] in Ireland.

I am your Excellency's moast
Obent and humbel servant
Margrat Grace

Plac your Excellency to send the Ancer to 17 Essex Str West Dublin to the care of M^{rs} Guien in haste.

Mr Connor [*crosswise*]

[This was transcribed as faithfully to original as possible – some characters have flourishes and curls which may or may not be “e”. The transcriber does not imply any disrespect to Margaret Grace in this transcription]

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To His Excellency
Lord Heytesbury
Phoenix Park
Viceregal Lodge

[Name/Address transcribed with spelling corrected]
