

Irish Transportation Records, DWYER Margaret, CRF 1848 D43

Signature at side -W Hitchens July 19/48

14 Fitzwilliam Square
July 19th 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th July with reference to the accompanying memorial of Margaret Dwyer & regret that I cannot recommend the memorialist as a proper object of mercy – She was an old offender, although young in years, & was found guilty at the last City Limerick Quarter Sessions of Larceny of Coals – The Quays at Limerick are infested by large gangs of juvenile plunderers and I felt it absolutely necessary to make an example in the person of the memorialist about whose guilt there was no doubt whatever.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most ob^t serv^t
R. Tighe
Ass. Bar^r Co. Limerick

J.N. Redington Esq^{re}.

Limerick

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Margaret Dwyer

Larceny of coals

7 years Transp.

Convicted at the June Quarter Sessions before R. Tighe Ass. Barrister, who reports unfavourable about the case.

July 19/48

Let the law take its course

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THB July 20/48

To His Excellency the Earl of Clarendon, Lord Lieutenant Governor General of Ireland
The Humble Petition of Mary Dwyer of the City of Limerick.

Sheweth

That Memorialist has the honor of addressing your Excellency many days ago, in behalf of her youthful, & beloved Daughter and chief support (now in her sixteenth year) Margaret Dwyer who at the last Quarter Sessions, held before Mr Tighe, the Assistant barrister, for the County Limerick had the misfortune to be indicted for stealing coals, & being found guilty was sentenced to Transportation for 7 years. That memorialist seeing herself by this misfortune, bereft of her child & the principal source of her support at one and the same time and under such circumstances she threw herself on your Excellency's humane consideration imploring the pardon of her child, or at least a Commutation, and mitigation of this severe sentence assuring your Excellency, that your mercy would restore to an afflicted mother, a child who up to that unhappy moment had been dutiful & well disposed, & who in that instance was led astray by the pressure of distress & hurt. Memorialist pledged herself then as she does still, that her child will by her future conduct prove that your Excellency's mercy was not extended to an unworthy or ungrateful object. Your memorialist also begged, as she does now, to refer your Excellency to a memorial forwarded to Mr Tighe, the Assistant Barrister, by many of the most respectable clergymen, and persons of the City of Limerick. Memorialist having been informed that through the accidental omission of her daughter's (Margaret Dwyers) name in her humble petition alluded to in this, your Excellency's reply has been delayed. She hastens to rectify it in extreme alarm lest it should be too late as the prisoners are expecting to be

almost immediately removed from the City of Limerick Gaol confiding in your Excellency's clemency for a favourable & speedy answer.

Your memorialist will ever pray

Mary Dwyer

Limerick

July 23rd 1845

D43/48 Initials

To His Excellency the Earl of Clarendon, Lord Lieutenant Governor General of Ireland
The Humble Petition of Mary Dwyer of the City of Limerick.

Sheweth,

That memorialist, who is in very reduced circumstances, has been for a long time dependent for her support, upon the exertion of her children & principally among them, on her Daughter Margaret, who devoted the fruits of her labours entirely to her use & comfort.

That at the last quarter sessions, held before Mr Tighe the assistant Barrister, for the County of Limerick, her Daughter had the misfortune to be indicted for stealing coal, and being found guilty was sentenced to Transportation for 7 years. that memorialist was herself, by this misfortune, bereft of her child, & the principal source of her support, at one & the same time, and under the circumstances she throws herself on your Excellency's humane consideration, imploring the pardon of her child, or at least a commutation or mitigation of this severe sentence. Your Excellency's mercy will restore to an afflicted mother, a child dutiful & well disposed up to this time & who in this instance was led astray by the pressure of distress and hurt and memorialist will pledge herself, that her child (now in her sixteenth year) will by her future conduct prove, that your Excellency's mercy was not extended to an untrustworthy object.

And your memorialist will ever pray

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Mary x Dwyer

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Memorialist begs to refer, to a memorial forwarded to Mr Tighe, the assistant Barrister, by many of the most respectable clergymen & Jurors of the City of Limerick.

Limerick

July 11th 1848

What is the name of her daughter-

Memorialist Daughter's name is Margaret Dwyer

City of Limerick Gaol

15th July 1848

John Moore

Governor

Written up the side. W. Hitchens signature unclear

Mrs O'Reilly's compliments to Mr Reddington, Tho' she has not the pleasure of his acquaintance, she has that, of being many years acquainted with his excellent mother, which she hopes will (if necessary) plead her excuse for troubling him on this occasion.

The object of Mrs Reilly's communication to Mr Reddington is to obtain redress for a most afflicted mother & daughter. The Daughter (Margaret Dwyer) having been found guilty, at the last Quarter Sessions in Limerick, of stealing coals, has been sentenced to 7 years transportation, by the assistant barrister Mr Tighe, she is, (Mrs O'Reilly understands) now only in her sixteenth year, and had been the chief support of her widowed mother, by [medle?] work. A memorial was transmitted, in

her behalf, signed by several respectable Clergymen & other persons, to Mr Tighe, and a letter addressed by the poor afflicted mother (Mary Dwyer) to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, about the same time, referring his Excellency to that memorial, & to Mr Tighe this was many days ago during the Limerick Assizes. It appears, in the poor mother's letter, which was drawn up for her, as she could not write, there was a blank left for the name waiting to learn of it exactly (that is the name of the Daughter, Margaret Dwyer) & in mistake, it was forwarded without being filled up. Mrs O'Reilly is informed, the Lord Lieutenant had inquiry made about it of the Governor of the City Gaol in Limerick & either he omitted replying or some cause, has prevented further notice being taken & the prisoners are preparing for their removal who are to be transported, of course this unhappy young girl included. In consequence of this, & the distracted state of the mother, another letter to the Lord Lieutenant from her was forwarded to him yesterday & it occurred to Mrs O'Reilly, that Mr Reddington would humanely interest himself, & see that the matter was not by any accident overlooked so as to cause a delay, that would be so fatal to the future prospects of this young creature & her mother to the former probably for this world & that to come. Mrs O'Reilly would feel much obliged by having all the replies directed to her as she would get some of the Authorities to see it was attended to. The poor mother comes frequently, distracted to Mrs O'Reilly who is most anxious to have the object in view accomplished trusting that, if Mercy is extended now, to youthful offender she may prove herself henceforward to be a deserving member of Society- should the Lord Lieutenant to absent leave Mr Reddington would have it in his power to have it put in a proper channel to be attended to in time.

Limerick

82 George's St

July 24th 1848