

Irish Transportation Records Ellinor Magee CRF 1839 Mc 29

Written along the side. Wm Connor A.M. Ap 13

To The Right Honorable The Earl of Ebrington Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of
Ireland

The Humble Petition of Ellen Magee, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of Enniskillen in the County of
Fermanagh

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That y^r Pet^r was committed to said Gaol on the 6th of last October and was tried and found guilty of theft on the 10th Inst and consequently sentenced by the Right Honorable Baron Pennyfather to Seven years transportation for such.

That your Petitioner is only Twenty years of age and never previous to such Conviction was brought into a Court of Equity or even before a Magistrate for the Committal of any crime whatever – and Pet^r was unfortunately led unadvisedly into bad Company in consequence of which she was induced and over persuaded to commit such Crime.

That y^r Pet^r under the foregoing Circumstances humbly implores your Lordship's will be graciously pleased to take into your humane consideration her present unfortunates case and commute her present Sentence of Transportation, to Imprisonment in s^d Gaol for any limited period y^r Lordships may think proper – and Pet^r – her aged mother and family as in duty bound will ever pray. dated this day

We the undersigned do hereby Certify; We believe the foregoing Petition is true and the Pet^r therein named has conducted herself with the strictest propriety since her Committal in October last, and We now recommend her to the humane consideration of the Lords of Justices of Ireland.

H.M. Richardson J.P.

Barney Maguire, Prosecutor

Thos W. [] Bara House

James [] R.C. Chaplain

E Barton Clonelly J.P.

Three other signatures

Merrion Square

April 18th 1839

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Initialled H.S.L 20th

B. P. ans^d 22nd HSL.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday inclosing by desire of the Lord Lieutenant a memorial on behalf of Ellen Magee. I have to state for his Excellency's information, that the prisoner's trial for larceny came on before me at an early period, of the last assizes for the County of Fermanagh, and that the Jury having found her guilty, I made inquiry as to the character of the prisoner and intimated to her that I would not pass sentence upon her until the close of the assizes, with a view of ascertaining if I could in the meantime, whether there was a probability that in case of a sentence of imprisonment being passed on her, she would be received by her friends in the County after the termination of imprisonment, in a manner that might conduce her leading a reputable life in future – not having received satisfaction on this subject before the termination of the assizes, I thought it right to pronounce sentence of transportation, intimating however there, that if a good account

should thereafter be given of her character, which she said she thought she would be able to procure, that sentence might be commuted to imprisonment.

Upon reading one of the names attached to her memorial, I have satisfaction to think that there is a probability that she may remain respectfully in the county and therefor, especially considering her age, I would submit to his Excellency that her sentence might commute to Imprisonment, say for 6 months from the time of committal _ I return the memorial – and

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Richard Pennyfather.

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Ellen McGee

Remit the Sentence after 3 months Imprisonment from the 10th Inst. *Initial*

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