## CRIMINAL RECORDS BOOKS

1840

Petition of John Dundon, City of Limerick Gaol, 27 August, 1840.[[1]](#endnote-1)

a) Petitioner was tried before Justice Ball for “a petty offence” and sentenced to twelve months confinement; has been honest and industrious; has wife and three young children; is “labouring under debility and consumption”; begs “that he may be restored to his family”; direct answer to Richard Franklin, Mayor of Limerick.

b) Note of James Moore, PP., Mungret.

Petitioner lived in Mungret up to 1835; “his conduct and character were unexceptionable”; “he occasionally evinced serious aberration of mind, and very ill health, the result in my opinion, of a Sun Stroke which he endured about the age of 16.

c) Note of ? D? , M. P.

Above statement true; “at all times Dundon has shown a deplicable deficiency of understanding”.

d) Another recommendation for clemency from ? Fitzgerald?

e) Another recommendation for clemency from W. Roche.

f) Another recommendation for clemency from M? Hunt?, Sheriff, City of Limerick, who knew his father, Edmond Dundon. 29 August, 1840.

g) Reply of Justice Ball, to letter from Lord Lieutenant, in relation to the case. Dundon “succeeded in defrauding the farmer of the quantity of corn in respect of which the weight was deficient”; “no mitigating circumstances”. 5 November, 1840.

h) On cover: “The Law must take its course”. Jan. 10.

i) Second memorial of John Dundon.

j) Request of ? “for the remission of a portion of his sentence, which altho’ most just, for cheating a country man in weighing his corn of ten or twelve stone of oats, has fully shewn all Weigh Masters the danger of such imposition”.

1844

Petition of William Dundon, late of Doneraile, now in Cork County Jail. [[2]](#endnote-2)

a) Convicted and sentenced to seven years transportation for robbery with arms; convicted on the evidence of an accomplice, John Brazier; “forced to commit it”; is only seventeen years of age; the only support of a widow.

b) Covering note of Henry ? 7 October, 1844; difficult to read.

Reference to “the Church of Doneraile and sacrilegious....stole....two silver chalices and other silver plate....cannot see any mitigating circumstances which would render the prisoner a proper object of mercy”.

c) Note on above: “Law to take its course. Heytesbury.”

1846

Memorial of Michael Dundon, County Limerick Gaol, 30 Apr. 1846.[[3]](#endnote-3)

a) Pleaded guilty to charge of robbery and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment; prior to offence “his character was honest, and industrious” and this is known to Magistrates, e.g. John Waller O’Grady; is chief support of widowed mother, widowed sister and four orphan nephews; plea for remission because of “dire distress in which they are now plunged in this Season of Famine and Calamity”.

b) Papers sent to Lord Lieutenant by John Waller O’Grady with sworn testimonies:

 i) Constable Carr: Believes there is a stolen gun in John Scanlan’s house at Patrickswell, the property of Peter Doyle, Limerick. 10 March, 1845.

 ii) Peter Doyle, Blackboy, Limerick: He lent a gun to James Dundon, Cloghkeating; the gun produced is the one. 14 March, 1845.

 iii) Denis Heageney: He was given a gun to mind, the property of James Dundon; this was stolen by five men; the gun before him is the one. 14 March, 1845.

 iv) John Beston: At harvest of 1843 he was given a gun by James Dundon, which he was to give to Denis Haegney for safe keeping. 20 March, 1845.

 v) James Dundon: Borrowed a gun from Peter Doyle; gave it to John Beston to give to Denis Haegney until he returned home.

 vi) Denis Haegeney: The man before him, Michael Dundon, is one of the five who entered his house in Nov. 1843.

 vii) Denis Scanlan, Patrickswell in the parish of Mungret: He bought gun from Michael Dundon of Ballyamahon for 15 shillings sterling.

c) Covering note of John O’Grady: Prisoner “has been a man of excellent character”; confined since 18 March, 1845; has a large family dependent on him.

d) Note on previous: “Let prisoner be discharged. May 14, 1846.

1881

Memorial of John Dundon to be allowed two months off his twelve months sentence.[[4]](#endnote-4)

a) Guilty of assault; is very sorry; influence of drink.

b) Report of F de Molyns?, 14 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, 24 October, 1881 of assault on Kyran Lynch near Kilkenny, 7 June, 1881.

“..........Whilst talking to one of them, the other man struck Lynch from behind with a stone on the head....pursued by these men (Maher and Dundon) and again beaten and knocked down...battered him with stones when lying on the ground.” The Doctor’s report: “he was covered with blood, his eyes closed and amongst other injuries there was a cut on his head, down to the bone, and into it....His life was for some time in danger.” “Two men sentenced to a year’s imprisonment with hard labour....no mitigating circumstances.”

c) Note on a) above: “Let the law take its course.”

1. Criminal Record Books, henceforth CRF, 1840 D 46. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. CRF, 1844 William 23. Note letter W in reference. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. CRF, 1846 D 14. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. CRF, 1881 D 57. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)