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Heanish Tyree 2nd October 1861

Police Report

Mary Campbell, a pauper residing at Scarnish parish and Island of Tyree, and County of Argyll, is charged with Stealing (or taking away without permission, from off a bed within the dwelling house of Donald Campbell a crofter residing at Heanish, parish & County aforesaid. A plaid, valued at 10/ Sterling, being the property of Margaret Campbell daughter of and residing with Donald Campbell aforesaid, this took place upon either Wednesday or Thursday the 18th or 19th day of September last (1861) between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock A.M.

Finlay Fraser
P.C.

Evidence

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1st Colin Campbell Aged 16 years, son of and residing with Donald Campbell before designed, States. I remember of Mary Campbell Scarnish coming to our house, between the hours of 11 & 12 A.M. as far as I remember, it was on Wednesday a week Wednesday last. She requested me to go out ~~

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out for my Sister Margaret, I refused to go, she then said, what I want in here, putting up her hand, and taking my sister's plaid from of the bed, I requested her to leave the plaid, that my Sister would be angry. She then said that She was only going to Robert McDougald's house in Baugh, and would leave the plaid in, on her return from thence in the evening, as She is so Strong, and so wild, I was afraid to say more to her for fear of her assaulting me, So She left the house with my Sister's plaid.

2nd Heanish 1st Octr 1861 Margret Campbell, Aged 22 years, before designed, States, upon Wednesday or Thursday a week Wednesday or Thursday last, Mary Campbell Scarnish, came to our house in my absence, and Stole away my plaid from of the bed in our house, the plaid cost me 14/- Stg. when new, it would be worth 10/- Stg, when she took it away - my brother Colin had been in at the time, but as She is so strong and wild he had been afraid to keep it from her by force, fro fear of being assaulted by her.

Remarks

I only heard of this case today Tuesday 1st Oct. and immediately made ~~~

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made enquiry, when I found the plaid in Said accused's possession, she at once pleaded to have taken away the plaid, but Stated that She had permission from the owner – viz – Margret Campbell for doing so, I took possession of the plaid, shewed it to the owner, She at once identified it as the one Stolen from her, but States that it is compleatly spoiled, it is now in tatters scarcely worth 2/- Stg. The accused is half an idiot, and is the mother of a child some three months old, She makes a pretext for begging, She is a pest to the inhabitants, particularly to the more respectable class, from whom I have had greivous complaints against her, I have repeatedly warned her against begging, but She defies me to my face, and gives me all manner of bad language.

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Scarnish Tyree
Theft

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15 Octr 1861 Libel drawn W.S.

Girl Insane & case not prosecuted.
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