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Precognition of Witnesses  
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Flora Maxwell  
Theft  
27 April 1863

Tobermory 2 May 1863  
Tried Summarily  
Theft & Embezzlement  
Pleas – Not Guilty  
Finding – Guilty of both charges  
Sentence - 30 days Impt.

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Compeared Mary McQuarrie or Leuart wife of and residing with John Leuart a Hawker residing in Tobermory - Flora Maxwell the accused acted as servant in our house since Martinmas last, and has occasionally, during the above period, being entrusted to sell our goods throughout the parish,

When [before] the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant the accused was sent to the Island of Coll per packet giving her to sell there to the best advantage

One delf Toreen

Six “ Basins

Four or thereby Teapots

½ dozen of delf tea cups & saucers

1 dozen or thereby delf plates - along with a quantity of hardware

Consisting of Egg cups, Tea spoons, Combs and pins to the value of 10/= besides the price of the earthen ware which would sell at about 10/=

On the day she left for Coll she stole from a Chest or Box in our

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our house a straw bonnet being my property

The goods refered to were given to the accused for to be sold in Coll for money, rags, Eggs or hides &c the same to be delivered over to us by the accused on her return from Coll.

This week I was informed that the accused absconded to Glasgow without giving us one penny or any thing else for our goods

Allan Cameron says Mrs Leuart Lodged information in the above refered Case yesterday morning And told me that she was informed that the accused landed at Lochalin of the Chieftain Steamer yesterday morning

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John Lennard

Flora Maxwell has been in my service for three or 4 months - I employed her as a Nurse and in going out occasionally to sell goods for me and she always accounted for the proceeds - I bought in Glasgow some small wares from Brown & Miller in the beginning of the month of April & paid them out of my own funds - My wife gave these articles to Maxwell to go to Coll to sell & to bring back acknowledge the proceeds -

In the parcel there would be

1 dozen Tins

1 dozen Bone combs

1 dozen Redding combs

2 dozen Iron spoons

1 paper pins

100 sewing needles

half dozen Basins, a tureen, half dozen Tea cups & Saucers, one dozen delf plates, Four or thereby Brown Teacups -

These articles were not given her to sell or [live] to trade with - she went with Tyree packet – & said wd return with it - she came by Chieftain but hid in it. Thomas my son went on Board to look for her there but she hid

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25 April 1863

Mary McQuarie or Leuard –

Exd [...] [La.....] - per separate notes - Goods given to accused to sell & bring price back from Coll - Turreen, basins, plates, & Teapots Tea Cups & Saucers -