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Scarnish 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1859

Police Report

Anne McInnes, Aged 17 years (daughter of widow Flora McInnes or McMillan residing at Manal, parish and Island of Tyree and County of Argyll) presently in the service and residing with Hector McPhail a Crofter residing at Balinoe, parish and County aforesaid, is charged with the crime of Theft, in so far as that upon the morning of Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last. She did wickedly and feloniously steal and carry away a pair of white worsted stockings valued at 2/- stg from off a bleaching green, at Moss parish and Island aforesaid being the property of Catherine Currie residing there.

Finlay Fraser D.C. Tyree

Evidence

Archibald Currie Crofter, Aged 29 years residing at Moss aforesaid, states upon the morning of Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo I observed a well dressed female taking the road near my house and she stepped in through my croft and upon proceeding about the distance of 12 yards she stooped down as if lifting something this would be about 6 A.M. I took no more notice of her at the time she returned about 9 A.M. and upon seeing her passing, I asked Catherine my sister if she had any clothes out bleaching. she said that she had a petticoat and a pair of stockings out. I told her that I observed the girl that passed stooping down in the place where she used to have the clothes. she my sister

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sister then went to see if the said clothes had been left and found that the stockings had been taken away. I then went after her and overtook her on the road and my sister followed me. She first denied when I asked her to give me the stockings and threatened to punish me for spoiling her character and requested me to search her. I declined and said to her that I would go to Scarnish for a man to search her. She then took out the stockings from under her gown and gave them to my sister who had been present at the time.

Catherine Currie Aged 27 years sister of and residing with Archd Currie aforesaid corroborates the foregoing statement

Remarks

the accused pleads guilty to the charge. I took possession of the stolen property

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DC Tyree

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