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I have, &c.,

(Signed), HENRY HALLORAN.

(No. 9.)

The Principal Under-Secretary to Mrs. Archina Griffiths and Mrs. Charlotte Deacon Cale.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
SYDNEY, 10th December, 1872.

MESDAMES,—I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that the petition received from you in August last, in favor of your brother, the prisoner named in the margin, at present serving a sentence of thirty-two years hard labor on the roads, has been duly laid before His Excellency the Governor, and that, when the prisoner shall have served ten years, instructions have been given to the Sheriff to bring his case forward again.

2. I am further desired to state that, if your brother's conduct should in the meantime be good, His Excellency would feel disposed to grant him then a pardon, on condition of his exiling himself from the Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

3. At present His Excellency does not concur with the persons who have recommended your petition, that the sentence which the prisoner has undergone is sufficient for the ends of justice.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), HENRY HALLORAN.

(No. 10.)

Petition of Mrs. Griffiths.

To the-Honourable

The Executive Council of New South Wales.

The humble petition of Archina Griffiths, wife of Henry Griffiths, 659 George Street, Sydney,—

SHEWETH :—That your Petitioner's brother, Francis Christie, was apprehended in February, 1864, and tried at the Criminal Court, Sydney, on the 8th July, before his Honour the Chief Justice, and convicted on the following charges :—For shooting and wounding Trooper Hosie he was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment, the first two years in irons, with hard labour; and for robbing Messrs Hewitt and Horsington he received two cumulative sentences, ten and seven years, making a total of thirty-two years of hard labour.

Your Petitioner humbly implores your merciful consideration of her unfortunate brother's case, and that you will grant him a full remission of the unexpired term of his sentences, with a pardon suffering him to redeem the past in the Australian Colonies; and your Petitioner urges the following reasons:—

1. Previous to his apprehension your Petitioner's brother was obtaining his living as a storekeeper in Queensland for nearly two years, having abandoned his former career of wickedness, and had left this Colony, fully determined to lead a life of honest industry. During these two years, gold, both by escort and private hands, has, it is well-known, been left in his charge with confidence and in safety.

2. That when, only four months after his conviction, there was a desperate outbreak of prisoners in the gaol, he took no part whatever therein, and his conduct