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St. Margaret's,

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19th. Decr., 1922.

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I don't know whether the President is aware of the fact that this girl rushed off to London when Mrs. Potter told her her son and young Conway were condemned to death, and that she herself interviewed all the press in Fleet Street, and interviewed, or caused to be interviewed, Mrs. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law, Lord Haldane, Sir John Simon, Lor Robert Cecil, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Hamar Greenwood, and brought such pressure to bear that these two boys were saved, and so far as I know this got her into look after the prisoners, and that was the main thing that occupied her attention outside her own business.

I fully appreciate all your difficulties, and anxious as I am to get in to see my daughter I don't want to ask the President to do anything except what he thinks he can conscientiously do.

With many thanks for your courtesy,

Yours faithfully,

T. Callan Macardle.

R. J. Baker Esqr.,
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Government Buildings,
Dublin.

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THE IRISH ARMY BREWERS.

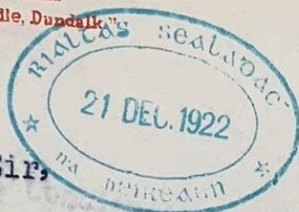
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THE DUNDALK BREWERY,

DUNDALK.

PHONE No. 50, Dundalk.

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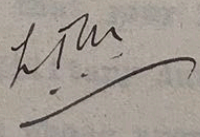
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

21st December, 1922.

Commander-in-Chief,

Attached is copy of a letter which has been received from Sir Thomas Macardle, St. Margaret's, Dundalk, requesting permission to visit his daughter, Miss Dorothy Macardle, at present in Mountjoy Prison. The matter is entirely within your jurisdiction and I do not make any recommendation one way or another.


President.

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R.A.2741.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

21st December, 1922.

Sir Thomas Macardle,
St. Margaret's,
Dundalk.

A Chara,

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 19th instant, in regard to your desire to obtain permission to visit your daughter, Miss Dorothy Macardle, at present in Mountjoy Prison, and I am to state that your letter has been referred to the Military Authorities at Portobello Barracks, in whose province this matter lies.

Mise le meas,

Runaidhe Aire.

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addressed to Military Secretary,
Commander-in-Chief and this
reference noted.

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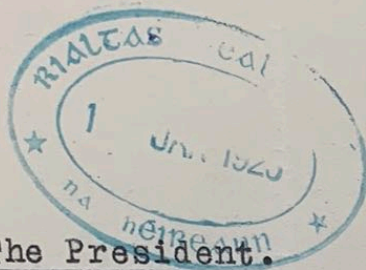
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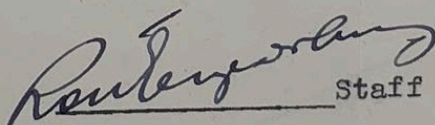
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The President.

Your R.A. 2741 of the 21st December. Visits are
not allowable. The question of Miss McArdle's release
will, however, be considered.

Beir Beannacht,


Staff Capt.
for COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

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1700
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

file
2nd January, 1923.

Sir Thomas Macardle,
St. Margaret's,
D u n d a l k.

A Chara,

Referring to my letter of the
21st December, I am directed by the President
to state that he regrets that he is informed
by the Military Authorities that visits are
not allowable, and that the question of
release is under consideration.

Mise, le meas mor,

msd.
RUNAIDHE AIRE.

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ST. MARGARETS,
DUNDALK.

5th. January, 1923.

Dear Mr. Baker,

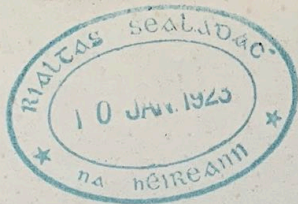
I appreciate very much
what you have done for me with regard
to my daughter, and I am glad they are
considering her release.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Macardle

R. J. Baker Esq.,
President's Office,
Dublin.



P.S. I want to let you understand that I have every reason to believe from another source that the Doctors are paying every attention to these girls.

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St. MARGARETS,
DUNDALK.

9th. January, 1923.

Dear Mr. Baker,

In your letter of the 2nd. Jany. you kindly told me that my daughter's (Dorothy M.C. Macardle) release from Mountjoy was under consideration.

I have a long letter from a lady who has just come out from Mountjoy, stating Dorothy is looking ill and that she is not sleeping. I don't like to be giving you trouble, but I am naturally very anxious, and perhaps you would be good enough to push on the matter of her release. I would personally undertake, that as far as a father's influence could go, let her understand that I am under a moral obligation that she will not, under any circumstances, do anything that will militate against the interests of the Free State. Most probably she will go to her mother in London at once.

Yours faithfully,

William Macardle

R. J. Baker Esq.,
President's Office,
Saorstat Eireann.

R.A.2741.

10th January, 1923.

The Military Secretary,
Portobello Barracks,
D u b l i n.

Captain O'Hegarty,

With reference to your letter of
29th ultimo (A.7223), I send you herewith
extract from a further letter which has been
received by the President from Sir Thomas
Macardle regarding the imprisonment of his
daughter (Dorothy M. C. Macardle) in Mountjoy
Prison.

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Private Secretary.

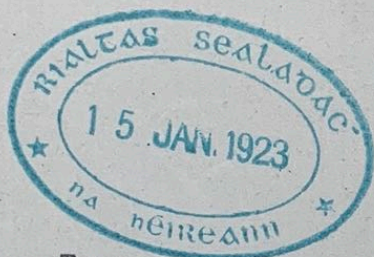
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Department of Defence

In reply please quote
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PORTOBELLO BARRACKS.

DUBLIN.

13th January 1923.

To: -
The President,
Upper Merrion St.
Dublin.

A Chara,

Your R.A. 2741 regarding Sir Thomas McArdle's daughter. She refused to sign the Form of Undertaking and in the circumstances and in view of her previous record, it is not intended to release her.

Beir Beannacht,

AR SON: AIRE COSANTA.

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RA/2741.

18th April, 1923.

Sir Thomas Callan MacArdle,
St. Margarets,
Dundalk.
South Kensington,
London, S.W. 7.

A Chara,

Dear Madam,

The President is in receipt
of your letter of 17th instant, and he wishes
me to state that he is taking the matter up
personally with the Military Authorities and
will let you know the result.

Mise, le meas,
Miss MacArdle - that it has in fact been
rejected by her. In these circumstances
it is difficult to see what can be done.
The matter is altogether in the hands of the
Military Authorities.

RUNAIDHE AIRE.

Faithfully yours,

Private Secretary.

COPY.

18th April, 1923.

General Mulcahy, T.D.,
Commander-in-Chief,

St. Margaret's,
Dublin.

A Chera. Sir Thomas called on me about
the release of his daughter. He is willing
to undertake to get her out of the country.
I have no knowledge of the work. If she is
not an activist I would be much inclined to
agree with acceptance of his undertaking.

SD. L.T. MacC.

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The Manchester Guardian.

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LONDON.
40-43, FLEET STREET, E.C.4.

GLASGOW.
131, WEST REGENT ST.

NEW YORK.
220, WEST 42ND STREET.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOLBORN 2350.

London Office.

18th April, 1923.



My dear President,

I am going to, if I may, take the liberty of writing to you about a very dear friend of mine, the daughter of a man whom you will know, if not personally, certainly by reputation, exceedingly well.

Dorothy Macardle has been under arrest for quite a long time and my own private view is that she has been so influenced by some of the mad women who have been prominent in Irish affairs that she has been persuaded to behave as if she were in agreement with them. As a matter of strict truth I know she is not in agreement with them. She is not the sort of girl likely to be guilty of a riot in any shape or form, and though she is very active with her pen she has never written anything as far as I know that could be construed as an attack ^{in any shape or form} on the elected Government.

As a matter of truth I am quite firmly convinced in my own mind, if you could possibly see your way to authorise it, that her release would be interpreted

as a very fine gesture on the part of the Home Secretary in a moment like the present.

There is no comparison between her and Mrs. Cammerford or the MacSwiney people. She is altogether a different type - an educated type - and her father has assured me that he will watch her very anxiously indeed immediately her release is effected - if you do agree to it.

I hope you will forgive me for writing you this letter. I know the family exceedingly well - I know that they are actively sympathetic with the Government - and this must be my excuse.

Now that I am writing you, will you let me as an individual with no stake in Ireland beyond a sentimental one, congratulate you and your Government on the extraordinarily efficient manner in which an exceedingly difficult situation was handled?

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

T. Callan Macardle

P.S. I enclose ^{three} ~~two~~ documents.

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R.A.2741.

18th January, 1923.

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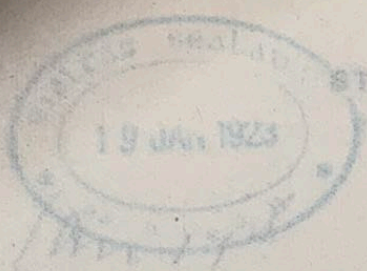
A Chera,

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and to state that he referred the matter to the Military Authorities, Portobello Barracks, who inform him that in the case to which you refer the Form of Undertaking has not been signed - that it has in fact been rejected. In these circumstances it is difficult to see what can be done. As you know, the matter is altogether in the hands of the Military Authorities.

Mise le meas,

Runaidhe Aire.
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R.A. 2741



STANHOPE COURT HOTEL,

50 - 52, STANHOPE GARDENS,

SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W. 7.

R.A. 2741.

19th January, 1923.

President Cosgrave

Lady Macardle,
Stanhope Court Hotel,
50-52, Stanhope Gardens,
South Kensington,
London, S.W. 7.

Dear

I am the Mother of
Dear Madam,

Dorothy Macardle
Mountjoy Prison

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant regarding Miss Dorothy Macardle, at present in Mountjoy Prison. The President's attention has already been drawn to this matter by Sir Thomas Macardle and he has communicated with the Military Authorities, who now inform him that the Form of Undertaking has not been signed by Miss Macardle - that it has in fact been rejected by her. In these circumstances it is difficult to see what can be done. The matter is altogether in the hands of the Military Authorities.

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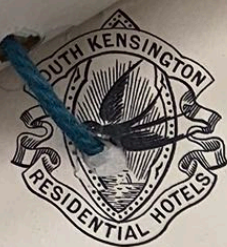
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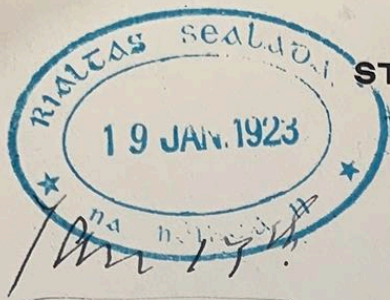
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Private Secretary.

R.A. 2741



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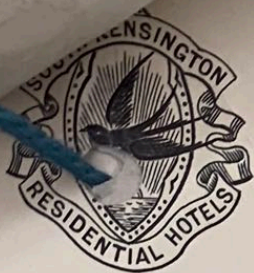
Dear Sir

I am the mother of
Dorothy Macanick who is in
Brixton Prison, & against whom
no charge has been made - I am
writing to you to beg you to enquire
into the case - I know she had
some
nothing to cause her to be arrested -
I believe she made some harmless

SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.7.
50 - 52, STANNHOPE GARDENS.
STANNHOPE COURT HOTEL.



article in a paper, & was arrested
in some office where the post called
at in passing -
My daughter has been foolish, but
she & other girls, have been influenced
& led astray by the woman you
released last week after 24 hours
in jail - she & the (concealed) woman
must do untold harm to these
girls who are just following ideas -
It is useless asking my girl to
sign anything, she is too loyal



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SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.7.

to her friends to do that, but she
is a gentle nature, & violence of
any sort would be quite impossible
to her - I do so fear the prolonged
imprisonment will make her reckless
& defiant - Sir Thomas Macarroll
& I will do our best to keep her
out of Ireland, & I pray you to
consider her case & relieve our
great distress

Yours truly

M. Macarroll

Macardle Moore & Co. Ltd Dundalk.

Telegraphic Address - "Macardle, Dundalk."

Telephone No. 50.

~~The Dundalk Brewery~~
St. Margaret's
Dundalk.

13th. April, 1923.

My dear O'Neill,

I am extremely grateful to you for your kind offer to give employment to my daughter, Dorothy Macardle, who has been in prison since the 13th. Novr., 1922.

I enclose you copy of letter dated 19th. Dec., '22, addressed to President Cosgrave's Private Secretary at his request, giving the exact circumstances of her arrest.

Dorothy never at any time was militant. A considerable time ago she wanted to rent a flat in Dublin, and the fates sent her to 73, Stephens Green where Madame Gonne has just what she wanted. She became very friendly with Madame Gonne and Mrs. Despard, got interested in their concerns, and became an active worker for the White Cross Dependents' Fund, which got her interested in the prisoners, and she edited a little paper called "Freedom", which so far as I know dealt entirely with the question of the prisoners. She thinks that she was unjustly arrested, that anything she did was constitutional, that she went in a free woman and she will come out a free woman - this is making allowance for feminine exaggeration. Her mother, Lady Macardle is staying at the Stanhope Court Hotel, Stanhope Gardens, Kenington, S.W.7 and is a confirmed invalid, and the loss of our eldest boy in the war in 1916 considerably affected her health, and the strain through this continued imprisonment of Dorothy is exceedingly trying on her. I am confident that President Cosgrave will at once accede to your request when you are so good as to attach her to your famous paper.

You can use the enclosed letter anyway you want.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas J. Macardle

J.J. O'Neill Esqr.,
"Manchester Guardian",
40/43, Fleet St., E.C.4

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*I read the copy from
my daughter the
mor which she
has sent to Portobello
7/11/23*

Kilmainham Prison,

April, 14th., 1923.

To The Adjt- Genrl., Portobello Barracks.

Sir,

I was arrested at 23 Suffolk St., where I had called to enquire for an address, in the course of a raid on Novr. 9th., 1922. I was not a member of the office staff or of any military organisation, nor was I connected with military work of any kind. Nothing of a military nature was found in my possession either then or during the numerous raids made by your troops and C.I.D. Officials on my flat at 73, St. Stephens Green. Nevertheless I have been imprisoned for five months in conditions most injurious to my health.

I have hitherto left the matter to be investigated by my father, Sir Thomas Macardle. I understand that in answer to his enquiries as to the cause of my imprisonment he has been informed :-

- (a) That I am a writer
- (b) That I have refused to sign a certain form.

I am not aware that, even according to the Free State assumption of authority, either of these facts constitutes a charge which could justify my detention. No act has been passed that I am aware of either by the Free State Parliament or the British Imperial Parliament making it illegal to practice the profession of writing or obligatory to sign this form. I therefore demand to know what charge has been made against me and a full enquiry into any such charge.

Dorothy M. Macardle, B.A.

The Manchester Guardian.

MANCHESTER.

LONDON.

GLASGOW.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

NEW YORK.

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42-43, FLEET STREET, E.C. 4.

131, WEST REGENT ST.

220, WEST 42ND STREET.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOLBORN 7550.

20th April, 1923.

18th April, 1923.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

My Dear President,

I am going to, if I may, take the liberty of writing to you about a very dear friend of mine. With reference to the President's letter of 18th inst., herewith further personally. Certainly by reputation, she is well known. I have received by him in connection with the case of Miss Dorothy Macardle. Would he you kindly let him hear from you at your convenience. In Irish affairs, that she has been persuaded to behave as if she were in agreement with them. As a matter of strict truth I know she is not in agreement with them. She is not the sort of girl likely to be guilty of a riot in any shape or form.

RUNAIDHE AIRE.

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20th April, 1923.
26th April, 1923.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

With reference to the President's
With reference to previous
correspondence regarding the case of Miss
Dorothy McArdle, I should be glad to hear
from you as to the present position, at your
earliest convenience.

RUNAIDHE AIRE.
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General R. Mulcahy,
Commander-in-Chief,
Portobello Barracks,
DUBLIN.

30th. April, 1923.

Dear General Mulcahy,

I had the honour of seeing President Cosgrave three times last week, and he promised to bring my daughter, Dorothy Macardle's case again before you for review. I called on Friday and saw Major-General O'Sullivan, who was also good enough to say he would call your attention to this case. Of course I know the terrible responsibilities you have, and I hate to encroach on your time, and only absolute urgency would compel me to write to you direct now.

I enclose you letter from my younger daughter, Mona, who is in London, stating that her mother is in a Nursing Home, that my younger son Donald, who is in London, is also laid up with influenza. She herself is going through a course in the London University and is afraid of missing her examination on account of attending to these two invalids. My wife's health is very precarious. I am tied up here in Dundalk with a very troublesome business, the work of which has been much increased by the frontier barriers, and on top of all this I get a letter this morning from Madame Gonne MacBride stating that Dorothy's health is very precarious.

Dorothy has lost her position in the Alexandra College, and the "Manchester Guardian" told the President they are willing to give her employment in London. She asserts in writing that she never was militant, never had anything to do with military, and that no papers were found to lead to this conclusion. Personally, if I could see her I would recommend her to sign the simple undertaking, but she won't.

Taking a broad view of the whole situation, I with much respect ask you to grant her immediate release. You will never be sorry, and you will confer a great obligation on yours,

With much respect,

Sincerely,

P.S. If our mutual friend, Father Flood of the Dominicans (who is now in Trinidad) was here, he would go and see you and save all this trouble and correspondence.

TELEPHONE: DUNDALK 50.
TELEGRAMS: MACARDEE, DUNDALK

ST. MARGARETS,
DUNDALK.

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30th. April, 1923.

My dear President,

I enclose you copy of letter which I have sent to the Commander-in-Chief. I also enclosed him my daughter, Mona's letter and one from Madame Gonne MacBride who says she does not like Dorothy's health. For God's sake do something.

With much respect,

Yours sincerely,

Mona Macardee

President Cosgrave.