

done. Since she had been confined his business had prospered - he had been enabled to send to Ireland for her three youngest children, had given his two sisters a trade, and they were now doing well, and for their sakes especially, he could not consent to his Mother remaining in the city. It was only on condition of her leaving that he was willing to do any thing for her - and could not consent, himself to see her. He wished the committee to request Father Donellan, her confessor who appeared to have much influence over her, and had been a kind friend to him, to persuade her to this measure. But she stoutly and firmly resisted all their entreaties - and seemed much exasperated that her son declined seeing her.

However after much argument and persuasion she was induced to consent to go to Phil^a on condition that her children would all, first see her. To this her son acceded, and after an interview with them at the house of Father Donellan on the morning of her release, she started for Philadelphia. Since she has been there the following letter has been received by one of the Friends, who was mainly instrumental in procuring her departure.

Philadelphia 5th April 1850

My most esteemed and respected Friend

With feelings of heartfelt gratitude

I now hasten to comply with your request of writing to you hoping you are in good health - the obligation I am under to you for the pains and kind attention you have manifested to me in time of need, never can be effaced from my memory - it is to you alone and my dear friend Mrs Talbot I am indebted next to God for that reconciliation and affectionate meeting I have had with my dear Children, first when you mentioned to me that I had only a few limited moments to spend with them, I thought it harder than death. I thought it was impossible that I could submit to it, but in feelings of the deepest affliction and grief I recommended the matter to my Heavenly Father and implored Him to give me presence of mind and fortitude to bear me up, for that bitter trial, I had to undergo, and I can say that my prayer was answered, for one hour I spent with them repaid me for all I suffered for 2 years. My oldest son clasped me to his bosom, his tears flowed and he says to me, my dearest Mother how can I submit to this separation will not we live together again. My other 2 sons came with me to the cars and it was as much as I could do as to retain composure, enough to bear myself from them, they hung on my neck saying Mother shall not we make you happy yet, yes we shall support you and we will be altogether, the girls, I cannot