Riots, Disturbances & Insubordination

The female convicts listed below are known to have been involved in riots, disturbances or other forms of insubordination whilst at a Female Factory, House of Correction, Gaol, Hiring Depot or Probation Station.

Date	Place	Female Convicts	Charges
c2 Oct 1823	Hobart Female Factory	Lydia HINES *Providence II* Elizabeth BOUCHER *Mary Anne I* Maria SMITH *Providence II* Ann DICKINS *Lord Wellington* Helen STEWART *Friendship* Anne DONAVAN *Maria I* Mary WILLIAMS *Maria I* Margaret MORGAN *Elizabeth I* Ellen BUTLER *Lord Wellington* Catherine GRADY *Lord Wellington* Sarah COLLINS *Janus* Mary Ann DAVIS *Janus* Mary Ann KELLEY *Providence II* Mary TAYLOR *Providence II* Elizabeth PASCOE *Mary Anne I* Mary ROBINSON *Mary Anne I* Janet ANDERSON *Lord Sidmouth* Hannah BELL *Lord Sidmouth* Isabella HILLS *Lord Sidmouth* Deborah SAUNDERS *Lord Sidmouth*	Wetting the yarn spun by her with intent to defraud by increasing its weight and thus make her work less.
1 May 1824	Hobart Female Factory	Sydney WILLIAMS *Morley* Rachel CHAMBERLIN *Mary Anne I* Sarah WILSON *Mary III*	Insolence and disobedience of orders, singing obscene songs and accusing the Keeper of the factory with making away with provisions belonging to the factory, also threatening to beat the Keeper of the factory.
25 Oct 1825	Hobart Female Factory	Johanna LEAHY *Janus* Ann LIVINGSTONE *Henry*	Disorderly conduct and abusing and being insolent to the Revd Mr Bedford.
15 Nov 1825	Hobart Female Factory	Mary MURPHY *Lord Wellington*	Riotous and disorderly conduct.
28 Nov 1825	Hobart Female Factory	Rachel CHAMBERLIN *Mary Anne I* Jane MILLER *Brothers*	Disorderly conduct and fighting in prisoners' barracks.
2-10 Jun 1826	Hobart Female Factory	Lydia HINES *Providence II* Elizabeth BOUCHER *Mary Anne I* Susannah MARR *Morley* Mary Ann SMITH *Morley* Sydney WILLIAMS *Morley* Ann WILSON *Morley* Mary Ann CARDIN *Providence II* Hannah NOON *Mary Anne I* Alice PAINTER *Lord Sidmouth* Hannah BURTON *Mary III* Sarah WILSON *Mary III* Elizabeth BANNISTER *Brothers* Eleanor HOLLAND *Brothers* Mary Ann LACY *Brothers* Jane MILLER *Brothers* Sarah THOMPSON *Brothers* Ann WRIGHT *Brothers* Bridget LANGHAM *Henry* Ann WALKER *Henry* Eliza BROWN *Midas*	Riotous and disorderly conduct on 2, 4 or 6 June and following days. (Some sent to George Town FF.)

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27-28/17-18 Sep 1826	Hobart Female Factory	Sarah KIRTLAND *Morley* Mary Ann JARVIS *Henry*	Disorderly conduct, fighting.
7 May 1827	Hobart Female Factory	Ann WILSON *Morley*	Disorderly conduct and breaking the window of the apartment of Mr Drabble the Superintendent, and insolent and abusive to Mr Drabble.
3 Sep 1827	Hobart Female Factory	Ann WOOTONS *Lord Sidmouth*	Singing obscene songs in the evening.
7 Sep 1827	Hobart Female Factory	Mary ROBINSON *Mary Anne I* Hester EYLES *Lord Sidmouth* Mary TURNER *Lord Sidmouth* Jane JEFFERSON *Henry* Agnes ROWSE *Henry* Elizabeth WINTER *Midas* Catherine CURRAN *Providence II*	Singing obscene songs in the evening.
27 Dec 1827	Hobart Female Factory	Mary JAMES *Morley*	Making use of abusive language and creating a disturbance.
2 April 1828	George Town Female Factory	Mary SAMPLE *Midas* Catherine TAYLOR *Mary Anne I* Sarah WILSON *Mary III*	Violent and disorderly conduct in breaking down the cell in which she was confined and likewise breaking 2 spinning wheels the previous night
28 May 1828	Hobart Female Factory	Mary CONNOR *Brothers*	Creating a disturbance and fighting.
6 Jun 1828	Hobart Female Factory	Ann WOOTONS *Lord Sidmouth* Ann CLANCEY *Providence II*	Fighting and creating a disturbance.
30 Jul 1828	Hobart Female Factory	Mary BURTON *Midas*	Fighting and creating a disturbance.
8 Aug 1828	Hobart Female Factory	Hannah RYLES *Sovereign* Elizabeth DAVIS *Sovereign* Mary LAYTON *Sir Charles Forbes* Sarah WILKINSON *Persian*	Riotous and disorderly conduct and obstructing the constables in the execution of their duty or being extremely insolent to Mrs Lovell in the hearing of the Principal Superintendent.
2 Sep 1828	Hobart Female Factory	Mary STORER *Providence II* Mary BURNS *Providence II*	Fighting and creating a riot.
8 Feb 1829	Cascades Female Factory	Julia MULLINS *Providence II* Jane LEWIS *Borneo* Mary ROBERTS *Borneo* Ann THOMAS *Borneo* Mary SCALES *Mary III* Sarah BECKLEY *Sir Charles Forbes* Charlotte PHILLIPS *Sir Charles Forbes* Elizabeth DAVIS *Borneo* Mary DAVIS *Providence II*	Riotous and disorderly conduct in the sleeping rooms in the ward of the Female House of Correction and making use of violent and infamous language. OR Disobedience of orders and attempting to create a riot in the crime class yard.
8 Jun 1832	George Town Female Factory	Ann BENNETT *America*	Insubordination
4 Sep 1832	George Town Female Factory	Ann BENNETT *America*	Inciting others to fight; insolence to the matron of the Factory.
1 Apr 1833	George Town Female Factory	Mary DAVIS *America*	Insubordination
19 May 1834	George Town Female Factory	Catherine OWENS *Lady of the Lake* Rosina GAVILIN *Frances Charlotte*	Insubordination
2 Jul 1834	George Town Female Factory	Rosina GAVILIN *Frances Charlotte*	Impertinence and trying to create dissatisfaction among the women.
16 Apr 1839	Cascades Female Factory	Ellen SCOTT *Eliza III*	Gross insubordination

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4 May 1839	Cascades Female Factory	Amelia HEDSMAN *Atwick* Ann MARTIN *Atwick* Eliza SMITH *Atwick* Mary SMITH *Atwick* Eliza TAYLOR *Atwick* Ellen SCOTT *Eliza III* Ann MALONEY *Midas* Mary DEVEREUX *Mary III*	Insubordination in forcibly, violently & in a turbulent manner resisting Mr Hutchinson & with openly refusing to obey his lawful commands. Ellen SCOTT: Violently assaulting Mr Hutchinson with intent to kill or do him some bodily harm.
16 May 1839	Cascades Female Factory	Ellen SCOTT *Eliza III*	Gross insubordination.
20 Apr 1840	Cascades Female Factory	Elizabeth FORSTER *Atwick*	Insubordination
30 Apr 1840	Launceston Female Factory	Mary Ann SHANDLEY[1] *Hindostan*	Insubordination
7 May 1840	Launceston Female Factory	Ellen MALONY *New Grove*	Insubordination
26 Oct 1840	Cascades Female Factory	Ellen MALONY *New Grove*	Insubordination
25 Jan 1841	Launceston Female Factory	Mary SHERIFF *Atwick*	Gross disorderly conduct in breaking 7 panes of glass.
13 Nov 1841	Launceston Female Factory	Mary SHERIFF[2] *Atwick* Eliza OWEN *Hindostan*	Insubordination
21 Jul 1842	Launceston Female Factory	Mary SHERIFF *Atwick* Catherine LOWRY *Rajah* Ellen MILES *Gilbert Henderson*	Misconduct in destroying a table and 2 mess kids & creating a violent disturbance in the gaol.

[1] Mary Ann SHANDLEY *Hindostan* – 19 June 1843 at Brickfields Hiring Depot, charged with gross disorderly conduct in being in an indelicate situation for improper purposes with Mary MOONEY.

[2] Mary SHERIFF was named by Eliza CHURCHILL in the inquiry into female prison discipline as a member of the **flash mob**. Also named in CSO 22/50 were Elizabeth FORSTER per *Atwick* and Ellen SCOTT per *Eliza III*.

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23 Aug 1842	Cascades Female Factory	Ann McKENNA *Mexborough* Catherine Jane DOWNEY *Mexborough* Jane CHARLTON *Mexborough*[3] Mary SMITH *Mexborough*[4] Caroline JUSTIN *Navarino* Elizabeth CLAYTON *Rajah* Bridget TOOMEY *Hindostan* Elisabeth REID *Nautilus* Janet McLEAN *Nautilus* Mary CUNNINGHAM *Mary Anne III* Elizabeth THOMAS *Gilbert Henderson* Mary Ann ROBERTS *Gilbert Henderson* Mary RAFTER *Mexborough* Martha HODGSON *Navarino* Sarah GRIFFITHS *Navarino* Mary MATTHEWS *Mary Anne III* Fanny JARVIS *Westmoreland*	Insubordination in assisting in a riot or tumultuory proceeding which occurred amongst the females of the Crime Class (CSO 22/50 No.208 pp.391–405) **AOT, AC 480/1/1** Tuesday, 17 September 1842, before Principal Superintendent & James Thomson Esqr, 23, 26, 31 August, 7 & 14 September No.186 Ann McKenna, No.313 Cath^{e} J Downey, No.477 Jane Chirlton[?], No.480 Mary Smith *Mexborough*, No.185 Caroline Justine[?] *Navarino*, No.432 Elizth Clayton, *Rajah*, No.150 Bridget Toomey, *Hindostan,* No.180 Elizth Reid, No.181 Janet McLear[?] *Nautilus*, No.416 Mary Cunningham *Mary Ann*, No.157 Elizth Thomas, No.204 Mary Roberts *Gilbert Henderson*, No.248 Mary Rafter[?] *Mexborough*, No.371 Martha Hodgson, No.239 Sarah Griffiths *Navarino*, No.329 Mary Matthews *Mary Ann*, No.142 Fanny Jarvis *Westmoreland*, all at House of Correction under sentence; charged on the complaint of Mr Hutchinson with insubordination in assisting in a riotous proceeding which occurred among the females in the Crime Class in the House of Correction on the evening of the 25[23?] August last; plea guilty; Toomey, Roberts, Smith, Justin, Hodgson, and Charlton each reprimanded; McKenna & Downey each existing sentence of transportation extended for twelve months; Jarvis, Cunningham, McLear, Thomas, Matthews, Rafter, Reid, Clayton, Griffiths each existing sentence of hard labour to be extended six months, out of which to be placed in solitary confinement twenty one days, with an interval of one month between each seven days.
18 Oct 1842	Launceston Female Factory	Jane ESKITT *Garland Grove* Catherine LOWRY *Rajah* Catherine OWENS *Lady of the Lake* …	Insubordination
22 or 24 Oct 1842	Launceston Female Factory	Margaret WAYLEN *Garland Grove* Jane ESKITT *Garland Grove* Catherine Lowry *Rajah*	Insubordination
26 Oct 1842	Launceston Female Factory	Mary SHERIFF *Atwick* Elizabeth ELEMORE *Gilbert Henderson* Eliza OWEN *Hindostan*	Unlawfully & maliciously stabbing Dr Maddox with intent to do some grievous bodily harm.

[3] No such female convict listed in database.
[4] There were three convicts named Mary SMITH transported on *Mexborough*.

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7 Feb 1843	Launceston Female Factory	Jane ROBERTSON *Rajah*	Misconduct in setting fire to some blankets and keys, also her wearing apparel.
27 Mar 1843	Launceston Female Factory	Ann HEADSPETH *Rajah* Janet ROBERTSON *Rajah*	Insubordination
27 Mar 1843	Cascades Female Factory	Mary GRANT *Atwick* Sarah BAILEY *Rajah* Catherine FLEMING *Rajah* Margaret KELLY *Mexborough* (also Louisa FREETH, *Royal Admiral* Ann WORELL *Garland Grove*)	Insubordination Mary Grant: violently assaulting Mr Hutchinson with a knife on Wednesday 22 March Catherine Fleming & Margaret Kelly: violently assaulting Ann Martin the turnkey and resisting her lawfully constituted authority Sarah Bailey: attempting to stab Mr James Stewart with a knife on 22 March (also Louisa Freeth & Ann Worrell: gross misconduct in attempting to rescue a prisoner from custody)
24 Apr 1843	Launceston Female Factory	Rosetta McNEILLY *Garland Grove*	Insubordination in kicking Dr Maddox
19 July 1843	Cascades Female Factory	Jane ESKETT *Garland Grove*	Insubordination in openly resisting Mr Hutchinson's lawfully constituted authority on the night of Monday 17 July (about 30 or 35 women engaged in the disturbance)
24 Jul 1843	Launceston Female Factory	Elizabeth BARRETT *Rajah* Ann HEADSPETH *Rajah* Janet ROBERTSON *Rajah* Ellen SCOTT *Eliza III*	Insubordination
27 Dec 1843	Longford Gaol	Rosetta McNEILLY *Garland Grove*	Insubordination
2 Jan 1844	Cascades Female Factory	Margaret KELLY *Royal Admiral*	Gross disorderly conduct in threatening to stab Mr Stewart, overseer, and using improper language on Sunday (31 Dec) night
28 May 1844	Launceston Female Factory	Ann HEADSPETH *Rajah* Rosetta McNEILLY *Garland Grove* Mary PEDDER *Garland Grove* Caroline RUSSELL *Garland Grove* Ann THOMPSON *Garland Grove* and 15 others	Insubordination (see CC 5 June 1844)
26 January 1844	New Town Farm Probation Station	Mary BRADY *East London* Mary CONNELL *East London* Ellen CRONON *East London* Mary DOOLEY *East London* Mary HANNON *East London* Catherine KEMP *East London* Eliza MORAN *East London* Catherine SHAW *East London* Mary Ann/Margaret SMITH *East London*	Insubordination in resisting in a turbulent manner and with violence opposing the lawfully constituted authorities. (For an account see click here.)
6 June 1844	Launceston Female Factory	Margaret WISEMAN *Garland Grove*	Disorderly conduct in creating a riot and destroying Government property
18 Jul 1844	Launceston Female Factory	Elizabeth BARRETT *Rajah*	Insubordination
19 Nov 1844	Cascades Female Factory	Elizabeth ELEMORE *Gilbert Henderson*	Insubordination

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5 Jan 1846	Cascades Female Factory	Mary IRELAND *Hindostan*	Insubordination
23 Nov 1846	Cascades Female Factory	Catherine HENRYS *Arab II*	Insubordination
7 Jun 1850	Launceston Female Factory	Jane JONES *Rajah*	Wilfully breaking glass.
12 Oct 1850	Launceston Female Factory	Catherine MAHONY *Lord Auckland*	Breaking a pane of glass.
22 Nov 1850	Launceston Female Factory	Mary WILSON *Elizabeth & Henry* 1847	Riotous and disorderly conduct.
8 Sep 1851	Brickfields Hiring Depot	Ellen DEMPSEY *Maria II*	Insubordination
27 Dec 1851	Cascades Female Factory	Margaret AHERN *Blackfriar*	Insubordination
23 Oct 1854	Cascades Female Factory	Elizabeth ELEMORE *Gilbert Henderson*	Insubordination
8 Nov 1854	Cascades Female Factory	Elizabeth ELEMORE *Gilbert Henderson*	Insubordination