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ANN BURNE

OLD BAILEY - 1830

LARCENY

TRANSPORTATION FOR 7 YEARS

SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

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ITEM NUMBER - GP 43

ANN BURNE - AGED 33

OLD BAILEY DECEMBER SESSIONS 1830

To The Right Honourable Viscount Melbourne His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble and important petition of ANN BURNE a prisoner now under sentence from the last Middlesex Sessions for 7 years transportation.

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That your petitioner is of the age of 33 years of a reputable and strictly honest family with the other members of which until recently your Petitioner resided occupied in attending to an infirm aged mother your Petitioners only surviving parent who has lost the use of one side and it is not likely ever to recover the same.

That your Petitioner from having formed an acquaintance with the female afterwards her Prosecutrix and from being on close terms of intimacy with her and having free use of the apartments she occupied your Petitioner did as she laments whilst under the influence of liquor the sole cause which had led to the acquaintance between her and the Prosecutrix in an unguarded moment incantiously without apprehension of the criminality or consequence - take and pledge some trivial articles of wearing apparel belonging to the said Prosecutrix which have been in evidence valued at about 3s.6p.

That immediately upon the Prosecutrix enquiring of your Petitioner whether she knew anything of the said articles the said Prosecutrix not been aware of the manner in which the same had been removed your Petitioner forthwith admitted

she had done so and offered to make restoration thereof.

That the said Prosecutrix contrary to the confidence your Petitioner had in her subsequently charged and prosecuted your Petitioner for a felony in removing the said goods and she was in consequence more than a month since taken into custody.

That at the last session held at the Old Bailey your Petitioner was tried and convicted for the offence upon evidence founded in the admission your Petitioner had promptly made to the said Prosecutrix shortly after removing the said goods and your petitioner was sentenced upon the said conviction to 7 years transportation.

That at the said trial no defence was made on behalf of or assistance rendered unto your Petitioner on account of the hope entertained by your petitioner and her friends in respect to previous character and the peculiar circumstances of the case which it was thought would have weighed with the Prosecutorix and have been stated by her on the trial.

That your Petitioner thus taken by surprise in the result and now being on the eve of absolute destitution should the sentence be continued against her.

Most humbly and earnestly prays that as she was never until now impeached in character or associated with vicious persons the kind of punishment awarded may be remitted and that should it be deemed necessary that her misconduct should be marked with discountenance beyond that already experienced by her then that she may be sent to a refuge for the destitute or other place of virtuous regulation for such period as will not utterly exclude the possibility of her again seeing and assisting her aged and very afflicted mother whose death your Petitioner is anxious not to accelerate by knowledge of the melancholy situation in which your Petitioner is placed and which hitherto has been withheld from her.

Ann Burne

22nd December.