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ANN DAVIES

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

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GAOLERS REPORT - PROSTITUTE.

PETITION OF ANN FITZGERALD A CONVICT UNDER SENTENCE OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR LIFE

To The Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of ANN FITZGERALD a convict under sentence of transportation for LIFE now in your Majesty's gaol of Newgate convicted by the name of ANN DAVIES.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That your Majestys petitioner is the daughter of James Fitzgerald of No 1 Gloucester Court Webb Square Shoreditch in the county of Middlesex Labourer and who for several years served as a Common Sailor in your Majestys Royal Navy. That she is of the age of eighteen years and was brought up to honest and industrious habits.

That about twelve months since the mother of your Majestys Petitioner was attacked with a severe illness and loss the use of all her limbs, petitioners father being at the same time and long after out of employ whereby your Majestys petitioner and her family were reduced to great want and wretchedness. In this state of destitution your Majestys petitioner about two months since in anguish og mind and in a fit and despondensy quitted her home, that being destitute of every necessary of life your Majestys petitioner most unhappily for her was driven to a state of prostitution and this cause of life associated her with the abandoned and profligate of both sexes.

That about a week after you majestys Petitioner quitted her

parents she and one MARY JONES were charged with a capital felony for taking from the person of Mr John Morris Bookseller a watch of thje alleged value of _____ and also of using violence to his person and a true buill of indictment was found at the Middlesex Session in June last whereon your Majestys petitioner and the said MARY JONES were tried and found GUILTY and sentence of transportation for LIFE was pronounced.

That your Majestys Petitioner owing to her poverty had not the means of subpenaing witnesses to attend on her behalf at the trial, to speak to character, that she dfoes not mean to impugn the Justice of the Sentence but with the greatest submission states that she is not the party who took the watch from the Prosecutor neither is she the person who committed the personal violence.

That the Prosecutor since the conviction has takenb in trouble to inform himself of the character of your Majestys Petitioner and of other particulars and is now convinced and satisfied that she in not guilty of having taken from his person the watch or of her having used violence towards him and in confirmation thereof her has subscribed his name hereto and most humbly interseedes with your Majesty in her behalf for mercy.

That this being the first offence of your Majestys Petitioner against the Laws of her Country and in consideration of her youth and misfortunes she most humbly prays your Majesty will be graciously please to extend your Royal clemency to her by mitagating the sentence and she will as in duty bound ever pray.

John Morris - Bishopgate Street

Robert Crosby - Curate of St Leonard Shoreditch