

Ann Vernon ID11320 per *Sir Robert Seppings* 1852

10 years transportation

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the
Home Department.

7th April 1851

Bunbury

The most humble Petition of the Parishoners of Bunbury in the
county of Chester and others on behalf of Ann Vernon now a convict
in Chester Gaol under the sentence of transportation of the period of
ten years, convicted of sending a threatening letter and extorting
money from a person named Mottram, a County Court Officer of
Nantwich.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners have known the said Ann Vernon for many
years, and up to this offence have always considered her an honest,
striving and industrious woman, labouring hard to provide for a
family of eight young children with whom she has left a widow
though since she has remarried.

That after the verdict of the Jury we do not attempt to palliate the
offence which she had been convicted, but this being her first
offence humbly implore your Honour for a commutation of the same
to imprisonment in the County Gaol of Chester.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Edward Davenport – Farmer

William Speed – Headmaster

George Large – Cooper

And a further 160 signatures.

John Clarke Esq

Chester

Whitehall

22nd July 1851

Sir

Secretary Sir George Grey having carefully considered your application in behalf of Ann Vernon I am directed to express to you his regret that there is no sufficient grounds to justify him, consistently with his Public Duty in advising Her Majesty to comply with the prayer thereof.

I am Sir

Your most humble servant

Waddington

17th July 1851

Chester

Sir

I beg to enclose you a Petition on behalf of Ann Vernon who was sentenced to ten years transportation at the Spring Assizes held in Chester in the month of April last and hope you will be pleased to look favourably upon it.

I remain Sir

Your most obedient servant

John Clarke

(By Keith: There is also a page showing an envelope giving the address of John Clarke stating that it is not known at this address).