

Catherine Oakford ID10824 per *Royal Admiral* 1842

Catherine Oakford aged 19

Central Criminal Court November 1841

7 years transportation

Larceny

Goal Report – Not known here

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Transport

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It is said that the prisoner has borne a good character – that she was led into the offence by an accomplice and that the Jury has some doubt as to her guilty knowledge.

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To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of Sylvester [Cadam][Cadain] residing at No 118 Bradwall Stanford Street Blackfriars on behalf of his daughter Catherine Oakford.

Sheweth

That your Petitioners daughter was tried and convicted with two other persons named Miles and Evans for purloining one £10 note and 8 sovereigns the property of Thomas Longfoot together with

some clothes also his property and for which offence your Petitioners daughter was sentenced to be transported for 7 years.

That your Petitioner wishes to inform your Lordship that the Jury after hearing the evidence retired for some time to consider the verdict have some doubts as to guilty knowledge of Oakford and Evans and the Prosecutor has kindly come forward to recommend Oakford to mercy on the grounds that the statement made by Oakford's counsel at the time of the trial was a true one – therefore under these circumstances he had attached his signature to this Memorial strongly recommending Oakford to the mercy of your Lordship.

That your Petitioners daughter is a married woman and until the present charge was brought against her she had never been incarcerated before, but in the present instance it appears that she had been involved in her present difficulty by associating with the prisoner Miles who it appears had been in the habit for a considerable time of practising offences of the same description and entirely of obtaining her livelihood by the same practices.

That your Petitioner therefore trusts your Lordship will bear in mind the fact of the character hitherto borne by Oakford and upon that ground, coupled with the recommendations of the Prosecutor your Lordship will be merciful as regards my unfortunate daughter.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Lordship will take the same view of the case as the Prosecutor who if your Lordship would wish to make any enquiries would satisfy your Lordship as to the facts contained herein.

And your petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

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Sylvester [Cadam][Cadain] and Jane[Cadam][Cadain] parents of  
convict Catherine Oakford intreat your Lordship to consider her case  
favourably

Thomas Longfoot - Prosecutor

J Webb

M Lloyd

And 12 other signatures

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