

To the Right Honourable Lord Melbourne Secretary of State for the Home
Department

The humble Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Brighton in the county of
Sussex and also of Mr William Baker the Prosecutor

Sheweth

That at the last gaol delivery for the county of Kent held at Maidstone in December
1833 FANNY MARTIN late of Brighton a singlewoman was indicted for felon with
THOMAS ANDRENS upon the prosecution of WILLIAM BAKER and found guilty.
That the sentence of the Court upon the said FANNY MARTIN was that she be
transported beyond the seas for the term of seven years.

That your petitioners in approaching your Lordship beg to state the following, that
they have known the prisoner FANNY MARTIN several years that her conduct during
that period has been uniformly good, that she has lived in respectable service in
Brighton and never would had she not been a few months previous to the
committing of the offence in question seduced by the prisoner THOMAS ANDRENS
have committed any offence against the Laws of the Country.

That if your Lordship would be pleased to take the circumstances of the prisoner's
FANNY MARTINs case into consideration and also the favourable view the Learned
and humane Judge who tried her, took of her conduct , your Petitioners humbly
hope that such a mitigation of the present sentence would be ordered so as in a
few years to restore FANNY MARTIN with friends and to be a useful member of
society.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that your Lordship will be pleased to
take the case of the unfortunate prisoner FANNY MARTIN into your Lordship's
consideration and be pleased to order a remittance of part of her present sentence
which your Petitioners can state with confidence will in their opinion be the means
of eventually restoring a deserving young woman to her friends and society.

William Baker

F Smith - Leather Cutter

Rich Hennard - Butcher

George Salter - Baker

Daniel Bundy - Shoemaker

John Antrill - Shoemaker

Henry Cappard - Baker

William Morris - Cordwainer

Brighton
12th March 1836

My Lord

At the request of the friends of FANNY MARTIN I beg to enclose a petition of the Prosecutor WILLIAM BAKER of Seven Bales. Kent and some of those friends who have known her here are praying for a mitigation of her sentence. I have been informed that great commiseration was expressed for the female prisoner at the time of the trial.

I have the honour
to be

Your Lordships most humble servant
William {Jolen] Faithfull

Brighton
April 1834

Dear

Sir here is a Petition signed by 12 Housekeepers of this town of Brighton in the behalf of FANNY MARTIN and presented to your Lordship by the Member of Parliament Mr Faithfull and signed by the Prosecutor all [] [] with the [] of the worthy Magistrate Mr Curtis on her behalf [] to your Lordship the memorials in which the poor deluded young woman was seduced by the prisoner only 2 months previous to the committion of the offence in question at the sessions held at Maidstone and the prisoner THOMAS ANDRENS and FANNY MARTIN both transported on for life and the other for seven years I humbly emplor of your Lordship not to take offence of this letter not the manner in which it is addressed [] to the bad character of the prisoner your Lordship could not present the said Petition before his Majesty. I humbly emplor of your Lordship as tho I make now before your face on my bended nee as the God did beseech you by me. [] I implore of your Lordship to present to His Majesty and safe the poor deluded [] from transportation and the honest old father and mother from a broken hart. I read a letter last Sabeth day morning from the ship she is on board. from herself to her parents and family which should melt the hart of a stone, a copy of which some time very shortly I shall be sent to your Lordship which shows the true repentence of this poor deluded young female.

FRANCES MARTEN/MARTIN
KENT 1833

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