

Hannah Joyce ID 10788 per Royal Admiral 1842

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The prisoner's mother prays for her detention in this country but states nothing in her favour.

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No 9 Ship Yard

Water Lane Sheffield

17<sup>th</sup> March 1842

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland

May it please your Majesty

The most humble Petition of Widow Ann Joyce in behalf of her unfortunate daughter Hannah Joyce and now her only child, a young woman only sixteen years of age in which your Majesty's humble Petitioner hopes were fixed for support and comfort in her later years, but has unfortunately been led astray by bad company, from her ignorance of the snares laid for her, which she unfortunately has fell a victim to, on her first onset. May it therefore please your Majesty to look with an eye of pity on the distressed situation of the mother as well as the daughter and by graciously pleased to have compassion and commute her punishment from service abroad to the Penitentiary or such other as your Majesty may be pleased to order.

Your most gracious Majesty in condescending to attend to the contrite prayers of the widow and the orphan will draw a blessing from above on your Majesty and on the head of that illustrious prince your son to whom we look up to by the help of God as the Governor of this great nation for many years to come, which will always be the most fervent prayers of your Majesty's devoted but

at present unhappy subject the mother of Hannah Joyce who is now under sentence of transportation in York Castle for ten years.

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We the undersigned do certify to your Majesty that it was with reluctance that we prosecuted Hannah Joyce and most humble beg to recommend her to your Majesty's gracious clemency.

Francis Barker – Labourer – Prosecutor

William Smith

John Pearce

And another 15 signatures (By Keith: All the signatures are in the same hand writing!)

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Hannah Joyce is now onboard the Royal Admiral Convict ship lying at Woolwich.

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As Counsel for the prisoner I make no complaint of the verdict on the conduct of the Court and can only append my name to this Petition as sympathizing with the Petitioner on account of her [                    ]

C H Heaton

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Hannah Joyce

3<sup>rd</sup> Application (By Keith: a repeat of the Petition as above)

Sailed for Van Diemen's Land

Refuse

To the same effect as before

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Hannah Joice/Joyce aged 19

York Quarter Sessions Sheffield October 1841

Stealing from the person

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character – Idle, dishonest and bad. Convicted before  
and 7 times in prison

Series – H0 18

Piece Number – 68

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Transport

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