

Isabella O'Brian or Crawford ID11573 per *St Vincent* 1850

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The prisoner's husband and mother represent her penitence  
and pray that she may not be sent out of the country

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Petershead

17 October 1849

To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State

Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing a Petition to you from the  
mother and husband of Isabella O'Brian, a convict in Millbank  
Prison and solicit your favourable consideration and the  
prayers thereof.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

William Spence, Solicitor

17<sup>th</sup> October 1849

Unto the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for the Home Department.

The humble petition of Mrs Isobel O'Brian mother and James Crawford , Labourer, Husband of Isabella O'Brian No 3089/3 convict of Millbank Prison London.

Sheweth

That the said Isabella O'Brian was tried at the Aberdeen Circuit in the spring of the present year upon the charge of theft, and having been convicted of that charge was sentenced to seven years transportation.

That since her removal from Abredeen she has been an inmate of the Millbank Prison and is now about to leave this country for her destined penal settlement.

That the convict prior, and subsequent to her trial has, in her correspondence with the Petitioners, expressed great penitence for her past conduct both on her own account and that of the petitioners and deeply lament the disgrace she had brought upon herself and all connected with her.

That your Petitioner, the convicts mother, has sustained severe family affliction within the last few months, having lost two sons at the Greenland Seas and the approaching transportation of her daughter to a penal settlement is bearing hard upon her, and although her daughter cannot now be with her to smooth down the pillow of declining years still the idea that she is within the reach of correspondence will lend greatly to lessen the hardships and

anxieties incident to the trials she had met with and to her advanced years.

That the Petitioner do not expect and do not venture to ask, any mitigation of the convicts period of confinement their only wish would be that, in the circumstances mentioned, she might be permitted to spend the period of her sentence in this country and not be transported to a penal settlement.

May it therefore please your Lordship to take this petition into consideration and to recommend to Her majesty that the sentence of the convict Isabella O'Brian be limited to confinement in her present, or any other place of confinement in this country.

William Spence

Solicitor

Agent for the Petitioners

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Isabella Crawford or O'Brian aged 37

Aberdeen Circuit Court April 1849

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character very bad – convicted before.

