

Jane Charlton ID 11665 per *Stately* 1849

This Petitioner represents the good character of the prisoner and prays for a mitigation of her sentence on the grounds that she was led into the offence by a depraved man who was paying his addresses to her.

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's  
Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The honourable memorial of the undersigned inhabitants of  
Willsdon and others who are anxious to recommend to the  
favourable consideration of Her Majesty the convict Jane  
Charlton.

Sheweth

The the said Jane Charlton who is now 26 years of age is the  
daughter of Mark Charlton of Wokingham in the county of  
Berks who has brought up a family of eleven children with  
credit and respectability.

That the whole of such family have maintained their credit  
and respectability up to the present time, excepting the said  
Jane Charlton who for the first time in the month of  
September last forfeited the character she had hitherto  
maintained by being party to a robbery in the house of her  
Master Mr William Weir Marshall of No 21 Edgware Road  
London

That James Langley the party who was the principle in the said robbery (and who was convicted twice) was paying his addresses to the said Jane Charlton obtained an improper influence over her and induced her to become a party to the said robbery.

That the said James Langley has now admitted at the trial when paying his addresses to the said Jane Charlton he was already married and had a wife living and your Memorialists have been informed and believe that he is a very wicked and depraved man.

That the said Jane Charlton was convicted of the said offence at the last Old Bailey Sessions on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October last.

That the said Jane Charlton not anticipating her trial would come on so soon, had no legal assistance on her behalf, and many of your Memorialists who would have been happy to have given her a good character had not notice of such trial or any opportunity of testifying their good opinion of her whereupon she was found guilty and sentence to 15 years transportation being the same sentence trial was passed upon her depraved associate James Langley.

Your Memorialists now venture most humbly to pray that you will be pleased to take into consideration the former character and condition of the unfortunate girl and that in the commission of this offence she was led away by a depraved man, and that you will mercifully consider the case on trial may be recommended to her Gracious Majesty for a

commutation of her sentence, that her aged parents may have the opportunity of seeing her again restored to the paths of rectitude and to respectability.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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William Hanson – Jeweller –the prisoner was in my service upwards of two years.

W Harris -= School Master – the prisoner was in my service for one year.

And another 10 signatures

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Jane Charlton aged 26

Central Criminal Court October 1848

Larceny by a servant

Series HO18

Piece Number 219

15years transportation

Gaol Report – Not known