

Jane Rayden per Mary 1831 - HO17/73/117

**JANE RAYDEN**

**SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS SERIES 1**

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**JANE RAYDEN AGED 23**

**OLD BAILEY DECEMBER SESSIONS - 1830**

**SENTENCED COMMUTED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE**

**CONSIDERED AT REPORT IN COUNCIL 2 MARCH 1831**

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**PITITION OF JANE RAYDON**

**PRISONER CONFINED IN NEWGATE UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH**

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**To The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Melbourne His Majesty's Principle  
Secretary of State for the Home Department.**

**The Humble Petition of JANE RAYDEN a prisoner in His Majesty's Goal of  
Newgate under sentence of DEATH.**

**That your Petitioner was tried and convicted at the last Old Bailey Sessions  
upon a chagre of stealing in the dwelling house of JOHN MANN a twenty  
pound Bank of England note his property and for which offence Petitioner  
has received the awful sentence of DEATH.**

Your Petitioner wishes to call your Lordships kind and humane attention to her most deplorable situation and enticates that your Lordship will take into consideration the destitute and forlorn situation in which twas placed previous to my committing the crime which places me under your Lordships consideration as an object of mercy.

Seduced from the home of my parents by a bad man which I afterwards married who afterwards made away with all my clothes and diserted by him. Reduced nearly to starvation and without a home I solicited my parents assistance whose humble situation in life and large family rendered them incapable of giving me the least assistance - Thrown on the wide world young and destitute I contracted a few debts to purchase some clothing to take the situation which has proved unfortunately my distruction through the temtation offerred me which I availed myself of in an unguarded moment.

So that your Lordship could feel the anguish of my feeling or the solitude which my weak frame now sustains or hear the prayers of my parents the cries of my sisters for their unfortunate lost child and sister - your Lordships feelings would then be roused to a thought upon the case of your destitute and forlorn petitioner.

Your petitioner is fully sensible of the justness of the sentence which was passed upon her by the Jury for the crime which she committed, but hopes your Lordship will plead her cause before His Most Gracious Majesty whose heart is always open to the prayers of his meanest subjects hasting through your kind intercession my sentence will be mitigated that I may live to offer up prayer to that great Almighty Being who is the fountain of mercy through your benevolent and humane intercession of your Lordship on my behalf and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

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We the undersigned do most humbly solict your Lordships charitable and humane concideration of the peitioner and do seriously implore your Lordship to extend to her the Royal Clemency and Prayer of her petitioner - and we assure your Lordship that up to the time of the transsaction which has placed her in her truly pitiable and most melancholy situation she ever bore an unreproachable character for honisty and industry of your

**Lordships humanity and kindness.**

**John Adam**

**Jennett [Morris]**

**Jane [Morris]**

**Jennett [N ]**

**Elizabeth [N ]**

