

Johanna Bradshaw ID3078 per *Cadet* 1849

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The prisoner's husband alleges that the case had been compromised. That the proceedings were taken against her in direct violation of a promise to the contrary from the Prosecutor and that as written statement to that effect which had been prepared.

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Guilt not denied promise to [compromise] the felony by the prisoner not kept

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey

The memorial of John Bradshaw

Humbly Sheweth

That his wife Johanna Bradshaw was indicted by one Mrs Baker at the last Old Bailey Sessions for a Felony for pawning some property belonging to Prosecutix of which she was found guilty and sentenced to be transported for seven years.

That your Memorialist from [ ] fortune was rendered unable to procure Counsel for her defence. She prepared a statement of the facts of her case for the Judge which she directed to be handed to his Lordship but on enquiring after the trial the prisoner and also Mr Cope the Governor of Newgate were informed that it was never handed to his Lordship.

That in the above statement the Prisoner fully explained the facts of the case which were that the Prosecutix after the property was discovered missing came to the Prisoner and told her she suspected her of removing it and added, that if she would confess the truth she would forgive her. That the Prisoner did confess in the presence of a Policeman who accompanied the Prosecutix.

That your memorialist at the request of the Prosecutix gave her his IOU for the amount that the property was pledged for .

That three weeks after this the Prosecutix requested your Memorialist to released a shawl part of the said property. That he sent the Prisoner to the Prosecutix residence to obtain the ticket when she gave her in charge if a Policeman and referred the said indictment against her notwithstanding the above mentioned compromise.

That your memorialist is being constantly annoyed by the Prosecutix for the amount of the IOU. And is threatened by her with legal proceedings.

That the Governor of Newgate Prison your memorialist and others believe if the Judge who tried her had been in possession of the above mentioned facts he would never have passed the sentence he did.

That your Memorialist trusts you will make an enquiry into this case and not allow a helpless woman to be deprived unjustly of her liberty for seven years and that you will extend any mercy that you may think fit and the prisoner and your Memorialist will ever pray.

15<sup>th</sup> May 1848

Chester Arms

Albany Street

Regents Park

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Johanna Bradshaw aged 38

Central Criminal Court April 1848

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Not known

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