

Margaret Brown, Mary Brown and Sarah Hall per Hindostan 1839 - IDs 6240, 6242, 6287,

Refer to Recorder for those cases marked with a * if fit for PS. The others may be [returned till ??? ??? crime]

To The Right Honourable Lord John Russell

Portsmouth
26th January 1839

My Lord,
I beg leave to bring under your Lordships notice the cases of MARY BROWN aged 15, MARGARET BROWN aged 12, MARY SMITH aged 11 , SARAH HALL aged 17 and MARGARET ROWN aged 17 who were convicted of Felony at the last Michaelmus Session for this borough and sentenced to 7 years transportation, but who are all still confined here at considerable inconvenience of the [] of sufficient accommodation as [] the [shipping] cells allocated to [convicted] prisoners. I have therefor to request that your Lordship will be pleased to take into consideration the circumstances [ad] to and if your Lordship should think fit to direct their [] to the Penitentiary.
I beg to add that their [formal] conduct since conviction has been good.
I have the honour to be My Lord
Your Lordships most humble servant
Thomas Jackson
Major and one of the visiting Justice.

Children Friend Society
29 July 1839

W Sparke

Report on admission of MARGARET BROWN and Others.

Children's Friend Society
9 Throgmorton Street
20th February 1839

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th instant respecting the admission of MARGARET BROWN and MARY SMITH into the Royal Victoria Asylum was this day read to the Committee of Management and I am directed to say that as the Committee are now engaged in making certain enquiries connected with the subject of [] children they are not at the present moment prepared to decide upon receiving these girls into the Institution.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

W Sparke

Secretary

To Sir M Phillips Esq

Portsmouth
27 July 1839

W Howard
Town Clerk

Calling attention to cases of MARGARET BROWN and MARY SMITH

Sir

I am directed by the Major to request that you will be so good to draw Lord John Russell's attention to the cases of MARGARET BROWN and MARY SMITH convicted at the last Michaelmas Sessions to 7 years transportation and still [] in confinement in the Borough gaol.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant

John Howard

Town Clerk

Report on the cases of MARGARET BROWN and MARY SMITH.

MARY SMITH and MARGARET BROWN might perhaps be secured in Children's Friend Society - speak to me.

To The Right Honourable F Maule

24 Montague Place
Bedford Square
9th February 1839

Sir

Your letter of the 30th January last to the Rec order of Portsmouth in which you require his opinion as to the propriety of removing MARY BROWN , SARAH ALL and MARGARET BROWN, who were sentenced each to 7 years transportation, (not at the last but) at the Michaelmus Sessions of 1838 to the General Penitentiary instead of being sent out of the country, was sent to Mr Bingham the present Recorder, who succeeded me after last Michaelmus. Thgis will account for the delay, I having this morning for the first time seen your letter.

Had my opinion been asked at the time of passing sentence, I should have answered that the three persons above named, together with MARY SMITH aged about 11 years, and another MARGARET BROWN, should be quickly removed and permanently from their former habits and associates. They were from London, as I was informed, subsisted by thieving and robbery, and as young as some of them were, by prostitution, and I should have added that, as far as my means of information enabled me to give an opinion, a removal to another country might alone effect what was desired, as however I see that the Major of Portsmouth has represented to Lord John Russell that their conduct since conviction has been good and has requested his Lordship to remove them to the Penitentiary, I will not maintain my opinion, but will merely say that my opinion is that a short term of imprisonment and their being returned at its conclusion to their old associates would not meet the justice of their case.

Allow me to add that my note book of the last Michalemus Sessions was left at Portsmouth for the use of mu successor and that I write from, I believe, accurate memory but that, should you wish I will send to Lord Russell a full report if it be required.

I am Sir

Your very obedient servant

JL Damfrier
(Late Recorder of Portsmouth)

Children's Friend Society
9 Throgmorton Street
11 April 1839

Sir

I am directed by the Committee of Management to say, the only difficulty which was entertained as to the propriety of admitting the two girls, MARGARET BROWN and MARY SMITH into the Royal Victoria Asylum, arose in consequence of the Gaoler's report, that they were of dishonest character, if the girls are not of the description intended to be excluded they will immediately be received.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your very obedient servant

J Sparke

Secretary

To J H Capper Esq

MARY SMITH
PORTSMOUTH 1838
LARCENY
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMBER - 126
ITEM NUMBER - YZ 18

MARGARET BROWN - AGED 12 *
MARGARET BROWN - AGED 17
MARY BROWN - AGED 15
SARAH HALL - AGED 17
MARY SMITH - AGED 11 *

PORTSMOUTH QUARTER SESSIONS OCTOBER 1838

LARCENY

7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

GAOL REPORT - DISHONEST CHARACTERS

PARDON FOR MARGARET BROWN AGED 12 AND MARY SMITH ON CONDITION OF
TRANSFER TO CHILDRENS FRIEND SOCIETY 5 AUGUST 1839