

Margaret Low ID11916 per *Tasmania* 1844

Perth

29th May 1844

To The Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's Secretary
of State for the Home Department.

Sir

I have been requested by Margaret Low or Allan present prisoner in
the County Gaol of Perth to transmit the enclosed Petition by her, to
Her Majesty the Queen, to you.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient and humble servant

James Clement

Unto the Queen's Most Gracious Majesty

The Petition of Margaret Low or Allan present prisoner in the County
Prison of Perth Scotland.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was at the Circuit Court held at Perth on the first
day of May last by Lords Moncrieffe and Cockburn convicted of
having committed the crime of stealing a coat belonging to her Uncle
Duncan Stewart coal merchant of Perth, and in consequence of a
previous conviction of theft from him, sentenced by their Lordships
to be transported for the period of seven years. That your Petitioner

was married to the deceased John Allen sometime residing In Perth, and is the mother of a family, three of whom are under fourteen years of age and are in the Character of orphans having no person to whom they can look for support.

That your Petitioner is fully convinced and sorry for the crime of which she was convicted; but in the hope of yet being useful to her young family, she would humbly ask of your Majesty to commute the sentence of transportation to such a period of imprisonment as to your Majesty in your wisdom shall seem meet.

May it therefore please your Majesty in taking the premises into your gracious consideration, to commute the sentence of transportation to such a term of imprisonment as to your Majesty shall seem meet and proper.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Margaret Law.

We subscribers hereby certify that the statements in the annexed Petition subscribed by Margaret Low or Allan are consistent with our individual knowledge.

Edward Robertson – Minister

James Clement

Thomas Graham and Sons – Merchant and Ship Owner

David Clemie – Justice of the Peace

And another 18 signatures

Margaret Low or Allen aged 37

Perth Circuit Court 1st May 1844

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Dishonest and intemperate. Three times before convicted.

The prisoners expresses contrition and prays for mitigation on account of her young family

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