

Martha Gregory ID 8066 per *Margaret* 1843 and Elizabeth
Collings ID 8040 also per *Margaret* 1843

The prisoner's parents represent the affliction into which
they are plagued by the misconduct of their daughters, and
pray as this is their first offence and on consideration of their
youth that their sentence may be mitigated.

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's
Principle Secretary of State .

Saltash Cornwall

24th October 1842

The Petition of Philip and Elizabeth Parsons and of Henry and
Elizabeth Goodyman of the Borough of Saltash in the County
of Cornwall.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners are the parents of two daughter who
are married and whose names are Elizabeth Collings and
Martha Gregory.

That your Petitioners said daughters were convicted of
larceny at the Quarter Sessions recently held at the said
Borough and have been sentenced to transportation for the
term of seven years.

That your Petitioners note on the [] []
impugning the conduct of the Magistrate yet [] with grief
and bitterly deploring the degradation and ruin which the []
] of their unhappy daughters had thus brought upon
themselves venture most humbly to state for your merciful
consideration .

That the offence of which they have been found guilty is their
first.

That they are both young Elizabeth Collings being only
nineteen and Martha Gregory who is far advanced in a state
of pregnancy is not yet eighteen years of age.

That your Petitioners most humbly and earnestly implore
your merciful consideration of the case of their said unhappy
daughters and earnestly pray that you will be pleased to
grant a mitigation of their punishment, thereby hoping while
such a mitigation [] punishment might satisfy the
offended laws of the country, the consequences of []
may be impressed upon their feelings as to produce a
thorough [] of their future lives.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Philip Parsons and Elizabeth Parsons

Parents of Elizabeth Collings

Henry Goodman and Betsey Goodman

Parents of Martha Gregory

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State
for the Home Department.

The most humble Petition of Henry Goodman father of
Martha Gregory a prisoner in Saltash Gaol.

Saltahs

Cornwall near Devonport

224th November 1842

Sheweth

That your Petitioner with extreme regret for being thus
troublesome , but begs leave to state that he daughter is now
in Saltash Prison Cornwall under the sentence of
transportation for 7 years for stealing of calico from a shop in
Saltash , that she is about 7 months in the state of pregnancy
18 years of age the first time in that state in being the first
year of her marriage, your Petitioner therefore ask humbly
pray your Honour will be graciously pleased to take the case
into consideration and grant her to be allowed to lie in there,
or to be placed in the Penitentiary for her accouchmant and
there to remain if it should seem meet, when she may make
herself useful, and be the means of her repentance and
caution her from the evil of keeping bad company in future,
and restore her to her former good character, that she may
be again useful to society and be a guide to her future

conduct , imploring sympathy with a compliance and an answer and a forgiveness of this intrusion in consequence of her age, and very unpleasant and deplorable present situation, mercy is solicited.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Henry Goodman

2nd Application

Let the prisoner proceed on her voyage

Have the medical report of her pregnancy GG

She is fit for the voyage tho' pregnant and would be taken case of if delivered, it is the present course.

Embarked for V.D.L.

Transport – GG

Martha Gregory aged 19

And

Elizabeth Collings aged 19

Saltash Quarter Sessions October 1842

Larceny

7 years transportation for both

Gaol Report = Collings – character bad

Gregory = Supposed to have been honest

Transport – GG
