

Mary Ann Dougan ID 1512 per *Angelina* 1844

Embarked for V.D.L.

The prisoner's mother prays for a mitigation of her sentence but states nothing in her favour except that she had been in the habit of rendering assistance and attending to a sick brother.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

The humble and most respectful testimony of the Rev George Keasley Catholic Priest of St Patricks Huddersfield.

Speaketh

To the good conduct of Bridget Dougan the mother as steady, honest and persevering under her difficulties.

To the correctness of her statement regarding her sons infirmity and present distressing state also, regarding the thoughtless and light demeanour of her daughter which seems to betray something approaching to mental imbecility.

(Signed)

George Keasley C.P.

To her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

The humble Petition of Bridget Dougan

Sheweth

That in consequence of the misconduct of her daughter and the punishment which at present awaits her, the misfortunes of your Petitioner seems to have reached their utmost extent and threaten to overpower her by their weight.

That your Petitioner was abandoned by her husband previous to the birth of her unfortunate daughter the convict and had received no assistance from him for fourteen years past.

That your petitioner still has a greater domestic affliction to support in the deplorable lot of her son James, that he has been subject to fits nearly from his birth is now twenty seven years old and for the last seven years it has been judged expedient to have him tied down in bed that the fits are frequent and sometimes cause him to be extremely violent.

That your petitioner has had no one else but her daughter Marion to look to for help and that she was not much to be depended on being at times light headed – judged to be in consequence of an injury received about four years ago.

That your petitioner lays her case³ with confidence in the feet of Her Gracious majesty Queen Victoria who by mercifully granting an humble request will administer no

small consolation to an afflicted, careworn and widowed mother in her declining years.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that she may not be entirely separated from her only resource and that an adequate and satisfactory punishment may be inflicted on her guilty daughter in her own country.

And your Petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

Bridget Dougan her mark

Marion Dougan her mark

Mary Ann Dougan aged 15

YORK Quarter Sessions Leeds October 1842

Larceny

7 years transportation

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