

Mary Ann Jones ID 5783 per Gilbert Henderson

To The Right Honourable Lord Russell

Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of MARY ANN JONES now a prisoner under of sentence of transportation for seven years in the gaol at Ilchester.

Sheweth

At the last Assizes held at Taunton in and for the county of Somerset your Petitioner was convicted of stealing from the person of one Charles Tottle and was sentenced by The Honourable Sir John Gurney to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioner having been advised that such sentence of transportation for seven years was erroneous and there for the Petitioner had the right by the Law of the Land to be discharged out of custody presented a Memorial to Hew Majesty Attorney General some time since who was graciously pleased to grant his trial for a writ of error.

That at the time your Petitioner presented such Memorial and obtained such trial she was not aware that the further proceedings to bring her case before her Majesty's Court of

Queen's Bench would be attended with much expense, but your Petitioner is now informed that the expense would be much more than your Petitioner can raise, therefore your Petitioner is in great poverty and is wholly unable to bring her case before the Court of Queen's bench.

Your Petitioner humbly prays that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to take her case into her favourable consideration and not suffer her to languish in prison on account of her poverty in as much as if she had the means of doing she might obtain her liberty by a due course of Law.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Mary Ann Jones.

Mary Ann Jones aged 28

Somerset Lent Assizes April 1839 Ilchester

Stealing from the person

7 years transportation

Gaol report – No known here.

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