

Mary Beck ID 4546 per Emma Eugenia 1842

Inhabitants of Madingly in consequence of her former good character pray mitigating to Imprisonment.

To the Right Honorable The Marquis of Mormanby one of her Majesty's Secretaries of State.

We the undersigned by most respectfully to submit to your Lordship the following facts respecting MARY BECK who was sentenced to seven years transportation at the Sessions held for the Borough of Cambridge on Monday the 5th July instant upon indictment for obtaining goods under false pretences. MARY BECK is about eighteen years of age, has been in service about one years and a half as a Nurserymaid, left that service about three weeks since owing to misconduct, but since such service owing to bad acquaintances committed the crimes of which she was convicted.

Her parents James and Frances Beck have resided in the Parish of Madingley near Cambridge for some years and have been employed by Sir Vincent Cotton and most of the respectable farmers there and have always borne an irreproachable character.

The undersigned therefore most respectfully submit these circumstances to your Lordships attention and trust that

considering the youth of the prisoner and that this is her first offence your Lordship will reconsider the case as one in which the punishment might with propriety be mitigated to imprisonment for some term.

Philip Cotton

John Hind - Officiating Minister of Madinley

George Kent - Farmer

Thomas Morris – Farmer

William Hodson – Farmer

Susan Ansell – Publican

Thomas Woods – Draper , from whom part of the goods were obtained.

And another 12 signatures.

MARY BECK aged 18

Occupation – Nursemaid

Cambridge Borough Quarter Sessions July 1841

Obtaining goods by false pretences

7 years transportation

Series – HO 18

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Gaol report – Character – Bad.