

Mary Davis ID7524 per *Lloyds* 1845

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

The petition of Mary Davis in Millbank Prison.

Humbly Sheweth

That she is truly sorry ended the Laws of her Country and that she humbly craves the foregiveness of Her Most Gracious Majesty and humbly begs that you (favourable Sir) will intercede for her, and soleumly promise to show her gratitude by her life by the assistance of God who is ever kind to the children of misfortune, when striving to amend their ways. Her circumstances in life as follows; she is a married woman, the mother of two children, her husband is by trade a [bushel] maker, he had not behaved with propriety towards her for some time past, she has the misfortune to be deprived of her right hand which was cut off in Charring Cross Hospital 7 months ago on account of an abscess having formed in it.

She has not be able to contribute towards the support of herself and family since that event, she was in very distressed circumstances at the time she committed her offence, and does not by any means wish to make that an excuse, she humbly hopes that her previous conviction will not discourage your honour from making some intersission for

her in pity to her children whose tender age do indeed need a mother's care and begs leave to add that the thought of their being [injured] by her example will embitter every movement of her absence from them, she again most humbly craves your intersission Sir and Her Majesty's clemency [] herself your most humble grateful

Petitioner Mary Davis

Mary Davis aged 45

Central Criminal Court 12th May 1845

Larceny

7 years transportation

Received into Millbank from Newgate 29th May 1845

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The prisoner expresses contrition and promises amendment and prays for mitigation on account of her family