

Mary Dunne ID 2340 per Aurora 1851

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The prisoner's mother respects her daughter's innocence and prays that she may be released.

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September 4<sup>th</sup> 1850

To her Royal Highness Queen Victoria, the most humble and beseeching Petition of the widow above who is one the most afflicted and dis[ ] widow that ever addressed your royal highness. She is a widow these three years a widow left with seven poor orphans having again aged 20 years having the misfortune to meet bad company who brought her to an ill end innocently and having no knowledge of this theft nor was not found in her profession but young woman's work that she gave her these days which was value for four shillings but they were not found mercy [ ] [ ] but her poor afflicted mother was on bed of sickness at the time of her trial so she had no person to give her character if she had any person who knew, she would have saved, but it is in the hands of a good God and a good Queen. So I humbly beg and implore of your royal highness that you may look on me with an [ ] of commiseration which I am one of the most poor afflicted distressed widows that ever [ ] your royal highness having a large family of poor orphan children I am broken hearted to see my dear child to condemned for 7

years transportation without finding thing in her [            ]  
She was of an [            ] character till she innocently kept  
company that she was not aware of. I humbly beseech in  
honour God almighty of royal highness that you may look on  
me an afflicted mother of orphan with an of pity and or  
diminish that long period of time ot whatever your royal  
highness may that proper and for your so doing poor  
Petitioner and seven orphan children will for ever pray your  
royal highness and prince albert and all [            ] may reign  
time immortal may the blessing of God in honour for ever  
and about you and the royal family, for ever and [            ]  
][            ][            ] out of the borough gaol in Manchester.

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Mary Dunn aged 20

Manchester Borough Sessions August 1850

Stealing from a shop

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Once before convicted

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