

Mary Sullivan per Eliza 1829 - ID4235

To The Right Honourable Mr Secretary Peel His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of MARY ANN SULLIVAN - spinster - aged 15 years.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner has a father and mother resident in London with a family of children.

That your Petitioner together with another female some years older than your Petitioner was indicted last June Sessions for stealing in the shop of a Mr Pike of Islington Linen Draper, a piece of lace and a pair of stays valued at sixteen shillings.

That your Petitioner as also her companion were found GUILTY of the offence and sentenced to be transported for seven years.

That your Petitioner is now well aware of the magnitude of her offence and feels deeply conscious of the wickedness of the transaction and humbly implores (as far as consistent with the nature of her crime) that her youth together with her most serious contrition may be taken into your Honour's consideration and that she may be permitted to pass her time for which she is sentenced in England. Wheresoever His Majesty in his wisdom may think proper so that she may be enabled to conduct herself in future towards those with whom she may be placed in such a way as to gain their pity (if not esteem) thereby she may obtain such a character from her superiors as may induce them to represent her case in a few years to the proper quarter and enable her to get her discharge so that she may in future be a worthy member to society after having experienced as she had already done her fallen situation in her youth.

An your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Newgate

21st July 1829

We the undersigned considering the above Petitioners father to be a hard working industrious man with a family thoroughly recommend that the prayer of this Petition may be taken into consideration and that her youth may plead in some degree in mitigation of transportation.

John Pike - Islington - Prosecutor

T Hyde - Brunswick Square

J Abbot - 20 Phillips Buildings

J Simpson - Brunswick Square

Having known the parents of the Petitioner for several years, I beg to state the father has worked in my constant employment for more than three years for his previous employer (whom I know) for a like period during the whole of which time have always found him a very honest and industrious man. He has a family of eight children (of which the Petitioner is the third) and the case of the Petitioner is the first of only one of the []dishonesty or misconduct I have heard of among the whole family.

John [Sumer]
Statuary Mason
241 Tottenham Court Road
22nd July 1829

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