

Mary Watts per William Bryan 1833 - HO17/119/3

MARY WATTS - 1833
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
STEALING IN A DWELLING HOUSE
TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
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MARY WATTS
ON BOARD THE WILLIAM BRYAN FOR TRANSPORTATION
PRESENTED BY SIR HENRY VERSEY
ANSWERED 8th JUNE 1833

I J D King consider it advisable that MARY WATTS be removed from Aylesbury Gaol to the Penitentiary (in case the commutation of Punishment can be obtained) to save expenses to the County and trouble to the officers here and on the Hulk and anxiety to the individual.
Sir John believing WATTS to be truly penitent [which] joins Sir Henry Versey [] on her behalf.

Aylesbury
29 May 1833

MARY WATTS - AGED 26

BUCK LENT ASSIZES FEBRUARY 1833
STEALING IN A DWELLING HOUSE
GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER - GOOD - RESPECTABLE PARENTS
ANSWERED 29 APRIL 1833

To the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Melbourne His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State to the Home Department.

The humble Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Buckingham

Sheweth,

That the assizes lately held at Aylesbury for the county of Buckingham MARY WATTS of this town a singlewoman (aged about twenty six years) was convicted before The Honourable Sir John Vaughan Knight, one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, of stealing in the dwelling house of Mr Benjamin Kirby, Draper, to the value of five pounds and upwards, and sentenced (as the Law now requires in such cases) to be transported for LIFE. And that your Petitioners humbly shew to your Lordship that the said MARY WATTS is a person of respectable family and connections and up to the time of her being charged with this offence, had stood free from accusation, and had been in the frequent employ of several years of your Petitioners as a seamstress and confidently entrusted in their house without any charge or suspicion of dishonesty or immorality.

Your Petitioners (amongst whom is her Prosecutor) deeply lamenting that she should have now fallen into temptation, beg leave to appeal to the known clemency of His Majesty in the humble hope that the severity of her sentence may be mitigated so that she may be kept in the country under such imprisonment and for such term as His majesty may think proper, whereby she may be brought to reflection, repentance and amendment of life and enable to resume a respectable and useful situation in society.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

Benjamin Kirby - Draper

John Harris - Cordwainer

Thomas Willmore - Cable Maker

Ann Codington - Butcher

William Partidge - Book Binder

Thomas Atkin - Shoe Maker

Thomas Twom - Cooper

Thomas Heywood - Book Keeper

An 195+ more signatures ranging from Gentleman to Plasterer

Buckingham

8th March 1833

My Lord,

Upon the earnest [l t ly] of the family and friends of MARY WATTS committed of felony at the late assizes, I beg the liberty of transmitting to your

Lordship the enclosed Petition.

I have the honour to be My Lord
your Lordships very humble servant
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