

Sarah Jobson ID 7564 per Lloyds 1845

Temple

11th December 1844

Sir,

I am desired by Mr Justice Williams to inform you that he tried a person for ARSON last week at Chelmsford named SARAH JOBSON, she was found GUILTY but recommended to mercy by the Jury. Mr Justice Williams sentenced her to 18 years transportation as he found that was the sentence which had been passed upon similar cases by other Judges. He wishes you to be made acquainted with the fact of the recommendation to mercy.

I am Sir

Yours respectfully

N Denman

Clerk of the Assizes for the Home Circuit

Millbrook Prison

18th July 1845

Sir

We beg leave to transmit a petition from a prisoner named SARAH JOBSON, which had been placed in our hands to be forwarded to the Secretary of State agreeably to a Rule of this prison.

We are Sir,

Your most humbly and obedient Servants

William Crawford

[] Ruppell

John G Percy

Inspectors of the Prison

M Phillips Esq

Convicted 3rd December 1844 – Chelmsford

Crime – Maliciously firing a stack of straw

Sentence – 15 years transportation

Received Millbank Prison from Springfield Goal on 18th
December 1844.

The Right Honourable Sir James Graham Baronet, Her
Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home
Department

The Petition of SARAH JOBSON a prisoner in Millbank Prison
humbly sheweth that your Petitioner acknowledges her guilt
not the justice of her sentence, douth begs for mercy as it is
her first offence and she hopes to act very differently in the
future. She therefore begs that you will kindly interfere on
her behalf and recommend her pardon and your Petitioner
will ever pray.

Signed

Sarah Jobson

Witness – Caroline [.....]

2nd Application

The prisoner transferred for favourable consideration on the grounds that this was her first offence.

SARAH JOBSON aged 14

Essex Winter Assizes December 1844

ARSON

Chelmsford

15 years transportation

Series – HO 18

Source – Home Office Criminal petitions – Series II

Piece Number – 143

Gaol report – Character not known

Two brothers have been transported and a cousin is convicted of felony
