

Agnes Cameron ID 2313 per *Aurora* 1841

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Unto the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's  
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Peition of Charlotte McLoad or Pratt wife of John  
Pratt mate of the Schooner Agnes of Leith.

That your petitioner has resided in Leith from her infancy  
where she always borne an irreproachable character. That  
her father the late William McLoad was for a number of years  
Porter in the employment of the Carron Company in their  
establishment at Leith, where he was unfortunately killed by  
falling through a hatchway in the company's warehouse.

That since the death of her father, her mother, Mrs Agnes  
Cameron or McLoad has, she regrets to say given way to the  
temptations of intemperance which so abound in Leith, and  
had on separate occasions subjected herself top the  
surveillance of the Police, for purloining trifling articles, to  
satisfy the cravings of this pernicious apetite.

That on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July last, she was taken before the  
High Court opf Justiciary and tried for the theft of a chisel of  
the value, as it appears of from four to six pence sterling.  
Having been found guilty she was sentenced to seven years  
transportation.

That she is now a woman of upwards of fifty years of age, who has been the mother of ten children and her constitution is greatly shattered, both from the hard ships she has endured since the death of her husband and also from the unfortunate habits she had since contracted.

That your petitioner impelled by a daughter's affection to an erring mother ventures to approach your Honour, to lay the case before you, and to solicit your kind interference, to mitigate the punishment to imprisonment for such period as to you shall seem proper.

And your petitioner shall ever pray.

Charlotte Pratt or Mcload (her mark)

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Leith 13<sup>th</sup> August 1850

The petitioner had been known to us for several years to be a person of good character and we hereby recommend her prayer to the notice of HM Secretary of State.

John Thomson – Minister

Neilson Rowe( in absence of John Machattie Agent for Carronl

John Adam – Baker

Adam Smith

And 6 more signatures.

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Agnes Cameron or McLeod aged 49

Edinburgh High Court July 1850

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – 7 times before convicted

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The prisoner's daughter (who states to be a respectable person) prays that her mother's sentence may be mitigated in consideration of her age and impaired health