

Ann Buxton ID835 per *St Vincent* 1850

Ann Buxton aged 33

Leicester Borough Summer July 1849, Larceny, 7 years transportation

Gaol report – Not Known

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The prisoner's father prays for a mitigation of her sentence. It is stated that she was induced to commit the offence to produce sustenance for her fatherless child, at a moment when reduced to the greatest distress by the sudden withdrawal of Parochial Relief, in which she had been in great measure dependant since her husband's death. Numerous certificates of previous respectability are annexed.

It is worthy of a Report

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

The humble Petition of John Perkins of Norton by Galby in the County of Leicester.

Sheweth

That he is the father of Ann Buxton (who having pleaded guilty of robbing Mr John Pratt of Leicester of sundry articles his property) was sentenced by John Hildyard Esq. Recorder at the Midsummer Sessions last past, to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioner is sensible of the greatness of the offence committed, and has no wish to palliate the guilt of the act, but as the apprehension of the prisoner was on the Saturday, and her trial on

the Monday morning following and at a distance of 9 miles from his own residence he had no means of placing the character of the prisoner in the proper light.

That the prisoner had been a widow woman for several years, during which time she had had mainly out of her own earnings to provide for her fatherless child sometime since the Officers of the Parish allowed her a weekly pittance for its support, but this being withheld with a view to lessen Parochial expenditure it plunged her into poverty to extract herself from which she unhappily had taken the present unhappy method.

That, this offence is the first which had ever been charged against the prisoner or against any part of your Petitioners family of nine children when he has sedulously endeavoured to train in a course of honest industry and it is the full conviction of your Petitioner that the habits of the prisoner are far from being those of an hardened offender..

That your petitioner earnestly desirous of a mitigation of the rigorous punishment directed to be inflicted upon the unfortunate woman, begs attention to the statements herewith sent, and which are, from the whole of the most influential and respectable persons in the small village of Galby, who then lived there, or at the place where she lived with her husband , and which evidence had your Petitioner had time to have produced upon the trial, would in his opinion have had a most favourable effect upon the mind of the learned Recorder when passing sentence.

Your Petitioner humbly trusts the justice of the County will not be injured by some mitigation of so severe a punishment and that the prisoner may be permitted to spend that period in her own country.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

John Perkins.

I have known the Petitioner for many years being always respectable and his family as very honest and hope the sentence that is against his daughter may be altered.

Isaac Dalby

12th November 1848

Burton Avery

Gentlemen

We have known John Perkins for more than 30 years to be honest sober and industrious man and all the family bear a good character and never knew any misconduct of Ann Buxton

David and Mary Perkins.

Bruntingthorpe

27th July 1848

Dear Sir

This is to certify that Ann Perkins lived with us as a servant in the year 1840 and that she was honest, industrious and behaved herself properly during that time.

Yours respectfully

John and Elizabeth Flude.

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