

Ann Travis ID2269 per *Asia* 1847

Ann Travis aged 30

Manchester Quarter Sessions 26<sup>th</sup> August 1846

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character bad – convicted before.

Receive into Millbank Prison from Salford on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1846

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The prisoner states that she is not guilty.

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

The Petition of Ann Travis a prisoner in Millbank Prison.

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That your Petitioner is njoy guilty of the crime laid to her charge. The spoons said to be stolen were not found in her possession as deduced at all, but the Judge told her he should transport her as he found she had been in prison before. Your Petitioner therefore begs to recount the particulars connected with her former conviction.

Her husband was a soldier in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and while he lived her circumstances were comfortable, but when they had been married about 5 years he died leaving her with 2 children and a third being born 10 weeks after his death. For 9 years gone the Petitioner supported herself and family by going out to wash and clean , but at length her strength and heart gave away, she was taken with a dangerous fever and confined to bed for 7 weeks. During the latter part of this time her poverty was extreme and having parted with every article in her possession that would fetch money she applied to the Charlton Union hoping to be received with her children into the Poorhouse but as she was unable to certify on oath her husband's parish her application was rejected.

Your Petitioner though better was still unfit for work and had often to endure [ ] of knowing that his children wanted food. One day while in this sad condition she took a sheet from a neighbour's house hoping by some means to restore it before it should be missed. Soon after she was apprehended and sent to prison for 6 months. When restored to liberty she worked as before and in consideration of the eldest child being a cripple the Parish allowed her 1s6d per week.

Your Petitioner's present incarceration rose from the following circumstances:

For more than 5 years your Petitioner had been accustomed to [ ] at the house, of a lady called [ wood] she [ ] these Mrs [ wood] gave her some pieces to take home wrapped in a [ ] which had formally been a doll's frock, 3 weeks after this the same Lady sent a Policeman to

her soon to search for the spoons and when they could not find them claimed the duster as her property.

Your Petitioner was in consequence taken to prison and received the above sentence.

Your Petitioner protests her innocence and begs to mention that her health is very [in ] she therefore solicits your kind interference on her behalf and hopes you will be pleased to recommend her pardon and your Petitioner will every pray.

The mark of Ann Travis

Witness Caroline [Hassale]

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