

Harriet Young ID1199 per *Sea Queen* 1846

Harriet Young aged 22

Banbury Sessions 3rd January 1846

Stealing from the person

10 years transportation

Received into Millbank Prison from Banbury Gaol on 9th January 1846

Report – Several times in prison

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The prisoner states that she is innocent

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

The Petition of Harriet Young a prisoner in Millbank Prison.

1st February 1846

Humbly Sheweth

Sir this is to certify that I am innocent of the crime that is laid to charge and for that reason I hope Sir you will take it in to consideration as it is my first offence. Sir I had the misfortune to be at Banbury and a man lost £2 in money Sir I never saw the man nor his money till they came to the house where I was and took me and a stranger woman to me Sir she gave her name at first to be White and then Elizabeth Harrison Sir she had been out and as soon as she came in the man came in with the Policeman and took me and Harrison but the man could not swear to me there was one witness that did Sir I did not know what to say for myself as I was innocent of

what had been done there was two men taken up but Sir I did not know them we was sent for trial I and the woman got 10 years each but the woman got off I did not know the men nor the woman as I had never been out of the house but Sir a witness swear it was me I had no one to defend me and I did not know what to say as I was innocent of the charge myself Sir it was not taken into consideration at our trial I hope Sir you will look into the case as I take it hard to get such a severe sentence and I am innocent and I hope Sir you will do a little for me as it is my first offence.

I remain your most obedient and humble servant while my life remains.

Harriet Young
