

Jane Castings ID1061 per *Sea Queen* 1846

Jane Castings aged 29

Leicester Borough Sessions 2nd March 1846

Receiving stolen goods

7 years transportation

Gaol report – For some time suspected as a receiver of stolen goods.

Received into Millbank prison from Leicester Borough Gaol on 16th March 1846

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The prisoner denies guilty knowledge – represents her good character and prays for mitigation in account of her family.

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

The Petition of Jane Castings a prisoner in Millbank Prison.

Humbly Sheweth

The humble Petition of Jane Castings native of Leicester who is now under sentence of transportation convicted on the 2nd March , I am a married woman for 14 years and have left four little children together with my husband. He is a turner and wheeler by trade but he is not able to attend to his work regular on account of his health being very indifferent. I am a worsted spinner and have been employed by Mr Carter manufacturer Leicester for the last five years I have always been the greatest support to my children and have always worked very hard in order to gain an honest livelihood for my family. I have always borne a good character in being honest and

industrious and never have been charged with any indictment whatever previous to the 23rd February last when I bought some articles not knowing them to have been stolen for which I was taken convicted, my health is very indifferent and has been since I have been in prison. My greatest anxiety of mind is the thoughts of my poor children which I have left behind fearing that if I am compelled to leave my country I fear that I shall never be able to return home to my family owing to the difference of my health therefore being that I have never been previously convicted I do humbly implore for mercy earnestly hoping that your Lordship together with our Sovereign Lady will remember mercy and your great kindness show pity towards the one whose humble Petition is now laid before you.

Your most humble and obedient servant

Jane Castings

(Aged Thirty Three)
