

Margaret Rafferty ID122267 per Tory 1845

Margaret Rafferty aged 19

Manchester Borough Sessions 28<sup>th</sup> October 1844

Larceny

7 years transportation

Received into Millbank Prison from Salford Gaol on 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 1844

Gaol Report – Character bad. Twice before convicted and  
three times in prison.

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The prisoner alleges that she has been falsely accused.

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

The Petitioner of Margaret Rafferty a prisoner in Millbank  
Prison

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was falsely accused of stealing 4 pairs of shoes from the shop of a Mr Jones, Oldham Street Manchester and received the above sentence. Mr Jones could not swear that your Petitioner stole the shoes – he could only say that she had been in his shop, and had bought a pair of child's shoes. A pair of the stolen shoes having been found pledged in your Petitioner's name by a young woman an acquaintance of hers, subjected her to suspicion.

Your Petitioner humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case, and that you would be pleased to recommend a mitigation of her sentence, and your Petitioner will ever pray.

The mark of Margaret Rafferty

Witness – A Macleash

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