

Mary Ann Montague ID11931 per Tasmania 1844

Mary Ann Montague alias Watts aged 35

Coventry Sessions 10th April 1844

Obtaining money by false pretences

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Not known – Bad temper – very cunning.

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To her Most Gracious Queen Victoria

May it please your majesty to direct your attention to the following
Petition of one of your majesty's humble subjects, who is now in
Millbank Prison, under sentence of transportation for the term of
seven years.

Your petitioner begs leave to state to your majesty that up to the
unguarded moment when she was tempted to conduct the dishonest
act for which she is now under the above sentence, she had borne a
character which was considered irreproachable.

Your Petitioner lived in the service of a family of distinction for
upwards of seven years and from whom she could obtain
testimonials as to her integrity and general good conduct.

Your Petitioner also begs to call to your most Gracious Majesty's
notice that she had the honour of attending on your Majesty when
she took luncheon at Blemhem House.

Your Petitioner has never before been guilty of a single
dishonourable act, nor in any way distracted from the path of
integrity and the shame that your petitioner now feels for having

fallen from the right path far exceeds the extent of her punishment and the grief that she endures in consequence of having acted so wrongfully has greatly affected her health and if your Most Gracious Majesty would be pleased to grant your petitioner a mitigation of her sentence she would ever continue one of your Majesty's most grateful and dutiful subjects and your majesty's kindness should never be breached.

Mary Ann Watts

Millbank Penitentiary 31st May 1844

NB

Your petitioner omitted mentioning the crime which she is sentence to seven years transportation, your petitioner borrowed the sum of £25 under false pretences

Mary Ann Montague alias Watts aged 35 convicted at Coventry Sessions on the 10th April 1844 of felony (obtaining money by false pretences) and sentenced to 7 years transportation was received into the MillBank Penitentiary on the 22nd April 1844.
