

Mary Ann Savery aged 19

Somerset Quarter Sessions January 1844

Larceny

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Convicted before

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The prisoner's father states that her crime is the result of weakness of intellect rather than deformity – represents her penitence and prays for a mitigation.

Refuse and transport

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To Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of George Savery of Wiveliscombe in the County of Somerset – Labourer.

Sheweth

That Mary Ann Savery a prisoner now in Wilton Gaol Somerset under sentence of transportation for ten years is your Petitioner's daughter.

That the said Mary Ann Savery is your Petitioner's youngest child out of twenty one children whom your Petitioner has had by two wives.

That your Petitioner without ever having had any Parochial aid or assistance had brought up all his children in an honest and religious manner and your Petitioner and his wife being now old and infirm the said Mary Ann Savery was the child whom your Petitioner had looked to, to be the say and support of his and his wife's old age.

That the said Mary Ann Savery was convicted at the last Quarter Sessions for Somerset for stealing a silver spoon from Thomas Bishton Esq. of Halse.

That the said Mary Ann Savery being of rather weak intellects is by no means like a practiced thief but was as your Petitioner verily believes led away to commit the offence of which she had been convicted rather from such weakness than from any thing like a hardened depravity.

That your Petitioner and his wife have had several interviews with the said Mary Ann Savery since her committal to prison and upon all such occasions she had shewed such unfeigned sorrow and distress for her crime that your Petitioner is satisfied that she would be in no danger of falling again into the like wickedness if she were pardoned for this offence.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that you will be graciously pleased to take this case into your consideration and to remit a part or the whole of the sentence against the said Mary Ann Savery.

And your Petitioners will ever pray

George Savery.
