

Mary Crook ID11482 per *St Vincent* 1850

Mary Crooks aged 22

Warwick Assizes March 1849

Larceny by a servant

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Not known at Millbank

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 264

This comes too late

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The applicant states that the prisoner had lent money to her Mistress and on leaving her service received the articles she was subsequently charged with stealing, in payment.

14th November 1849

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of John Grice of Wainright Street Aston Road Near Birmingham in behalf of Mary Crooks under sentence of transportation in Millbank Street Prison Westminster London sentenced at the March Assizes 1849 at the County of Warwick.

Your Petitioner humbly sheweth that Mary Crooks lived as a servant with the Prosecutrix Mary Ann Bicker for three months during which time the Prosecutrix borrowed of her money at several times and then wished her to enter into her own profligate mode of existing which was rejected and a demand was made for the money lent – after much wrangling certain articles were given instead of payment in money and she left her – in revenge the Prosecutix made the charge of robbery of those things against the prisoner directly after her trial the prisoner not having the means she was undefended – overwhelmed at the baseness and treachery of her accuser – confounded at the unjustness of the charge – standing friendless at the Bar she had not one word to offer in her own defence and was consequently convicted – your humble Petitioner hopes the prisoner’s conduct is in her favour and mourns the severity of her sentence – trusting the simple statement of truths will meet with your Majesty’s gracious consideration and grant her a free pardon.

And your humble Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

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