

Mary Holland per Harmony 1828 - ID H129H

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have known MATTHEW HOLLAND of Sheffield in the county of York, Scissorsmith and MARY HOLLAND his wife for some time past and have always considered and believe them to have been and still to be good honest and loyal subjects of this Realm having endeavoured by every means in their power so far as their humble abilities would allow and persist of bringing up their children to a life of honest industry by instilling into their minds principles of Christianity, Morality and Piety.

Thomas Clark  
William Emmat  
Edward Griffiths  
William Mason  
and 28 other signatures  
To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of MATTHEW HOLLAND of Sheffield in the county of York, Scissorsmith and MARY HOLLAND his wife.

That your Petitioner had a daughter who was tried at the last Pontefract Sessions for the West Riding of the county of York on Thursday the seventeenth day of April last for a felony committed by your Petitioners daughter in conjunction and along with one MARTHA FOX when after a long and tedious trial before Lord Wharncliffe as Chairman of the said sessions and a full Bench of Magistrates your Petitioners daughter was convicted along with the said MARTHA FOX of the said felony and was sentenced to be transported to such places as your Majesty with the advice of your Privy Council should direct for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioner further represents to your Majesty that there were great doubts of the guilt of your Petitioners daughter insomuch as the evidence produced on the part of the Prosecution was not very direct and conclusive and the Jury had to decide on the guilt or innocence of your Petitioners daughter could not agree upon their verdict without retiring for that purpose and were in deliberation for upwards of an hour as to whether they should be their verdict find your Petitioners daughter and the said MARTHA FOX guilty or not guilty.

That your Petitioners pray that your Majesty will be please to take the case of your Petitioners daughter into your most gracious consideration and if your Majesty and if your Majesty should be advised that the ends of Justice be equally satisfied by your Petitioners daughter being sent to and confined in the Penitentiary or some such other place of confinement in your Majesty's Kingdom set apart for the reformation of female prisoners that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to extend your Royal Clemency to that effect to your Petitioners daughter.

That your Petitioner MATTHEW HOLLAND has been in your Majesty's service for

upwards of eighteen years and has fought and bled in your Majesty's service and got disabled at the ever memorable battle of Waterloo that he has brought up two sons also to the same [initary] life one of whom died in your Majesty's service. That your Petitioners have always been good and royal subjects of this realm and have endeavoured by every means in their power to instil and emulate the same principles of loyalty and affection for your Majesty's Most Sacred Person into the hearts and minds of their children by teaching them sound principles of religion and setting them an example of morality and virtue in testimony of which they presume to refer your Majesty to the annexed certificate. Your Petitioners therefore in thus presuming to lay this Petition at your Majesty's feet do so with the greatest humility and respect for your Majesty's Most Royal and Sacred person most humbly beseeching your Majesty to expend your Royal mercy to the case of your Petitioners daughter so far as your Majesty may be advised can be consistently done should the ends of Justice be equally satisfied by your petitioners daughter not being sent out of this Kingdom. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Matthew Holland  
Mary Holland  
Mary Holland Convict  
the Petitioners [Q ]

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HOLLAND  
PONTEFRACT 1828  
STEALING PROVINCIAL NOTES  
TRANSPORTATION FOR SEVEN YEARS  
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS SERIES 1  
SERIES - HO 17  
PIECE NUMBER - 40  
ITEM NUMBER - F 13

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MARY HOLLAND - AGED 23  
PONTEFRACT SESSION APRIL 1828  
STEALING PROVINCIAL NOTES TO THE VALUE OF £27  
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION  
GAOLERS REPORT - BEEN HERE BEFORE ONCE CONVICTED AND ONCE ACQUITTED OF FELONY . ONE OF THE MOST EXPERT THIEVES IN SHEFFIELD WHERE SHE HAS LIVED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS BY PROSTITUTION. HER PRESENT HUSBAND HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED.