

Sarah Cherry ID1680 per *Anna Maria* 1852

Sarah Cherry or Kerr aged 35

Ayr Circuit Court April 1851, Housebreaking, 7 years transportation, Gaol report – Not Known at Millbank

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The prisoner prays for a mitigation of her sentence in consideration of her delicate health. She has two children dependant on her for support.

August 1851

Unto the Right Honourable Sir George Grey MP Her majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Humble Petition of Sarah Cherry or Kerr at present a prisoner in Millbank Prison London.

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That in April last your petitioner was indicted to stand trial before the Circuit Court of Justiciary held at Ayr Scotland, for the crime of Housebreaking and theft in the house of Ann Kennedy residing in Strannaer in the County of Wigtown, one of her neighbours, when your Petitioner pled guilty and was sentenced to transportation for seven years.

That your petitioner with shame contrition and sorrow acknowledges that she was led to join in the commission of this crime by the unsolicited association of a bad companion.

That your Petitioner is in very delicate health and is frequently afflicted with severe attacks of nervous debility which her present confinement and expected expatriation tend greatly to increase, that she had two small children dependent on her for support. In these circumstances she has been advised to make the present application to the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for a modification or remission of her sentence.

May it therefore please the Right Honourable to take the Petitioner's circumstances into his consideration and to modify or remit the punishment awarded to the Petitioner as in his wisdom he may seem fit and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Elizabeth Cherry

For Sarah Cherry or Kerr.

5th September 1851

Strannaer

We the subscribers hereto certify that we believe the statements in the foregoing Petition to be true, and we do strongly recommend the case of the Petitioner to the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

William Simpson – Minister of Strannaer

John Mc Greggor

J Murdock JP

John Orgill – Surgeon

And a further 7 signatures.
