

Ellen Bailey per Margaret 1843

Ellen Bailey aged 40

Central Criminal Court October 1842

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Not known

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 91

The Petition states that the prisoner was placed in a situation of trust under circumstances of great temptation at very inadequate wages her husband being at the time out of employment. It is said that she was undefended and that she is in ill health.

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To The Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Mary Walker residing at No 10 Barretts Court Wigmore Street, Saint Marlebone

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner's Sister in Law Ellen Bailey was tried and convicted at the Old Bailey before the Right Honourable Common Sergeant in the New Court of privately stealing under the value of £10 property entrusted to her care belonging to Mrs Brandum of No

29 Gowers Street Bedford Square and sentenced thereon to seven years transportation.

Your Petitioner begs leave most humbly to state that this is the first offence she even committed and that she was placed in a position of great temptation having the whole charge of the house and furniture under her control for the small sum of 10/- [for week and no coals or] and her husband at the same time out of employment and your Petitioner as no doubt it was her intentions (as she stated at her trial) of replacing the articles if poverty had not prevented her.

Your Petitioner also begs leave to state that the [] the Learned Sergeant was not in possession of the case as he stated her unfortunate sister was above want and must have supposed she was a regular servant of the family instead of only being a chairwoman and replaced for economy in her temporary situation. She was also unprovided with Counsel from poverty and the few friends who came to speak for her where too late for the trial coming on in the first thing in the morning after they had been waiting several days.

Your humble Petitioner therefore hopes you will take her case into your merciful consideration and as she is an old woman and of ill health that you will see just cause for lessening her sentence and making her punishment as lighter as the whole of the circumstances will justify – hoping for a favourable answer.

Your humble Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

Mary Walker.

The following persons who know the prisoner can speak to her former character for honesty and join in the prayer of your humble Petitioner.

Edward Grenville

William Southcott

And six more signatures.
