

Mary Campbell ID10721 per *Royal Admiral* 1842

Mary Miller or Campbell aged 40

Stirling Circuit Court September 1841

Theft

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character bad – twice before convicted.

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The prisoner states that she was driven to the offence by want and that she had a helpless family dependent upon her.

Note to the Gaoler – 3rd January 1843

Stirling

21st December 1841

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent majesty.

The humble Petition of Mary Miller or Campbell at present a prisoner in the Tolbooth of Stirling.

Sheweth

That on the 20th September last, the Petitioner was tried and convicted at the Circuit Court of Justiciary, then held by the Honourable Lord Meadowbank, her for stealing a small cheese from the door of a shop in Falkirk and sentenced to seven years transportation.

That the petitioner who is 45 years of age has had eleven of a family five of whom are alive the youngest being only 16 months of age, and the two intermediate elder unable to do anything for them selves.

That the Petitioner was induced to the commission of the crime upon which she was convicted though her and her family having been reduced to a state of extreme wants.

May it therefore please your Most Gracious Majesty in consideration of the facts above stated, to commute the Petitioners sentence to confinement in either of your Majesty's penitentiaries instead of transportation beyond the seas.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

Mary Campbell
