

Mary Vitteridge ID1636 per *Angelina* 1844

Mary Vitteridge aged 22

Central criminal Court 13th December 1843

Receiving stolen goods

7 years transportation

Gaol report – 3 times before in prison

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The prisoner's mother represents her husband's services in the Navy and states that her daughter was unconsciously led into the offence and prays that she may be detained in this country.

Refuse and transport

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

The humble Petition of HANNAH VITTERIDGE of No 13 Bilton Street Long Acre

Humbly Sheweth

That your petition has been and is about 16 years a pensioner in the British Nation being the widow of GEORGE VITTERIDGE who had the honour of serving in the Naval Service of his country for about 50 years. He first entered the service in about 1780 and served in the

Transport Service in various ships, the first remarkable affair that occurred was the taking of the ship "Edward Ellis" by Admiral Lord Cochrane on the Spanish Main and was subsequently kept a prisoner for 12 months until he was relieved by Captain Sir Thomas Hardy then Governor of Valpariso, he served in many other vessels (which Petitioner is competent to communicate) until his death which took place on board the William and Mary in the year 1828.

That your Petitioner's only daughter is at presently under sentence of transportation for seven years having been convicted before Baron Alderson at the central Criminal Court on the 13th December last.

That your Petitioner notwithstanding her natural affection for her only child would not venture to appeal to your Honours humane protection was she not aware that the delinquent was unconsciously led into the dreadful affair which if not for your Honours timely interference will deprive your Petitioner of her only comfort and finally wind up her mortal [career] by sending her grey hairs and broken heart to an untimely grave.

That your Petitioner trusts that the prayer of the poor widow will have the effect of inducing your Honour to recommend to Her Majesty most gracious clemency her poor child or as a last resource that your Honour will so far confirm to the prayer of the Petitioner as to give orders for her daughter's remaining in this country.

That the God of Mercy may influence the more noble feeling of your nature and that you may be induced to [] the poor widow by throwing the [] mantle of your judication around her and that you may live for years with unsullied happiness in the [sunshine] of your own virtues is the feverent prayer of the poor desolate and destitute widow who will as in duty bound ever pray.

Ever pray

Hannah Vitteridge

Prosecutor – George Veale, Montague Street

Henry Harris = Charles Street