

Ann Thompson ID 1164 per St Vincent 1850

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's  
Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of Ann Thompson a prisoner in the Millbank  
Prison.

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That your petitioner is not guilty of the crime laid to her charge. She begs to state that a woman who went about the country selling small wares called at her cottage and entered into conversation with her about her mother with whom she appeared to have been well acquainted. She remarked to your Petitioner that she was in want of money and that she had a pair of boots which she would be glad to dispose of, and asked your Petitioner if she thought she could sell them for her promising to give her a trifle for her trouble. Your Petitioner complied with her request, and sold the boots to a woman in Denham. It was afterwards proved that the boots had been stolen from the shop of a Mr Gallin a shoemaker in Denham, and as the woman could not be found from, whom your Petitioner received the boots the above sentence was passed upon her.

Your Petitioner begs to say that she is a widow and had four children and that the eldest a girl 13 years of age is nearly blind.

Your Petitioners humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case, and that you would be pleased to recommend her pardon and she will ever pray.

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The prisoner declares her innocence and prays for a pardon on account of her children.

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Ann Thompson aged 34

Norfolk Quarter Sessions 28<sup>th</sup> June 1848

Stealing a pair of boots

7 years transportation

Transferred to Millbank Prison 19<sup>th</sup> May 1849

Gaol Report – thrice before convicted

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