

1 Churchyard Court
Templecross
20th May 1834

To Viscount Melbourne

My Lord

Permit me to pull your Lordships attention to the case of ANN TELSED whom was tried on a charge of receiving money under false pretences, convicted and sentenced to be transported for seven years at Clerkenwell Sessions on Saturday last under the following circumstance.

She was engaged as a housekeeper on a salary [£4] a year by the Prosecutor W Gordon with whom she lived in that capacity about three years, shortly after she had entered his service it was arranged that she would buy for ready money at Uxbridge Market all the meat that was necessary for the family, and for that purpose he advanced her £1 every Thursday morning (being the Market Day). She entered in the housekeeper's book the quantity and the amount of the meat which she bought.

This book was sent every Saturday to Mr Gordon, who on that day paid to her through his Butler whatever sum exceeding the £1 which he had advanced that appeared to have been expended by her, upon meat. There was always an excess which varied from 10/- to 30/- and which he invariably paid to her every Saturday. Matters went on for about a year and a half when being about to discharge her in April last he discovered that she had all along procured the meat on his credit and that she had never paid for any. - upon which she was indicted for receiving the sum of £1. 8s 0p on one Saturday and 13/- on another Saturday which sums applied by the entries in the book to have been laid out for meat, beyond the £1 which he had advanced her.

The alleged false pretence was, that she had induced him to pay her those particular sums by falsely representing by the entries in the book that she had paid so much for meat wherein fact she had paid nothing at all, as she had procured the meat on credit.

These being the facts of the case I submit with confidence that it does not come within the statute and that if she was tried before a Judge of the Land he would direct an acquittal . It was not denied that so much meat was supplied as was represented in the entries in the book, it did not appear that Mr Gordon was liable to pay for that meat a second time. The only evidence as to that point being that the Butcher who deposed that he had supplied meat all along at his insistence that he had sent in his bill to Mr Gordon, some time ago which came into her hands, that he had subsequently applied for payment, when she told him, that Mr Gordon

was not then at home but that when Mr Gordon returned he should be paid, she never had any communication on the subject with Mr Gordon from the commencement of the arrangement.

The only evidence of false pretences was the entries made in the book, and payments made to her by the Butler, pursuant to such entries.

My Lord, having taken the liberty of laying this case before your Lordship, I shall not trouble your Lordship with any further observations on the subject, feeling confident that your Lordship will institute an enquiry and adopt whatever course is most consistent with the due administration of the Laws. I was not Counsel in the case, but I was present during the trial. Permit me to observe that Mr Gordon has in his hand [50/-] being a balance of wages due to this unfortunate woman.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble and obedient servant

P B Leigh.

ANN TELSED

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SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

PIECE NUMBER - 47

ITEM NUMBER - GT 8

ANN TELSED - AGED 40

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