

To His Grace The Duke of Wellington Secretary of State

The humble Petition of RICHARD [BONNUSILE], [Hodeler ], residing at 27 Sidney Street in the Parish of St Mary, Islington in the County of Middlesex.

Sheweth

That on the 14th November your Petitioners house was robbed of sundry articles of wearing apparel exceeding the value of £5 by CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM your Petitioners servant (a girl not 16 years of age) for which the crime she, with MARY WIGLER the receiver of the above property knowing it to have been stolen, was convicted and found GUILTY before His Lordship the recorder of the City of London at the Sessions holden at the central Court at the Old Bailey.

And that your petitioner having stated to His Lordship and the Court the circumstances connected with the case and the previous good character and conduct of the girl, CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM, his Lordship most humanely commiserating the condition of the girl most benevolently, not only allowed but directed your Petitioner to say, that it was with his sanction and approbation, that a Petition be immediately forwarded to your Grace, most humbly imploring your Grace's kind interference in obtain from His Most Gracious Majesty, some mitigation of the penalty which must else be transportation for life.

Your humble Petitioner feels encouraged to hope from your Grace's well known humane and benevolent feelings towards the distressed, that your Grace will kindly take the case of the poor girl unto your most serious consideration especially as your Petitioner in conjunction with the undersigned can affirm that he had known the girl for nearly two years (eight months of which she had lived in his family) during which period her character has been unimpeachable, [ ] within the last two months when she became ensnared by the aforementioned MARY WIGLEY a woman of bad character, who after having by persuasion and promise induced the girl to part with her [ ths] which WIGLEY pledged prompted her to rob your Petitioners house of the aforementioned property.

Your Petitioner most humbly begs the case of the unhappy girl before your Grace [ ] mercy for her and her distressed and afflicted parents (who though prior are well known to be strictly honest) [ ] [ ] from the natural temper and [ ] of the unhappy girl, that could the penalty be mitigated without a violation of Justice she yet might become a useful member of society and moreover your Petitioner is so fully convinced of the above statement as to avow that he should feel no hesitation in again taking her into his family.

And your most humble Petitioner on behalf of the girl as in duty bound will ever pray.

Richard [Bonnusile]

Thomas Russell - Tea Dealer  
George Russell - Tea Dealer  
Thomas Belbin - Tailor  
Thomas Waterman - Naval Architect  
Elisha Buddy - Baker  
Anthony Wrighty - Eating House Keeper  
Frances Janes - Cheesemonger

CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM  
OLD BAILEY 1834  
STEALING IN A DWELLING HOUSE  
SOURCE - ,HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1  
SERIES - HO 17  
PIECE NUMBER -- 115  
ITEM NUMBER -- WT 3

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OLD BAILEY NOVEMBER SESSIONS 1834  
STEALING FROM A DWELLING HOUSE  
TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE  
GAOLERS REPORT - FORMALLY RESPECTABLE - DECENT COMPANIONS  
THE RECORDER RECOMMENDS THE PRISONER AS A FIT OBJECT FOR THE  
PENITENTIARY  
ORDERED TO THE PENITENTIARY 110 DECEMBER 1834