

Jane Sparrow ID12443 per *Tory* 1848

Jane Sparrow aged 38

Stafford Quarter Sessions January 1848 at Kingswinford, Larceny

Occupation – Labourer, 7 years transportation, Gaol report –  
Character very bad. Twice before convicted and 4 times in prison.

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Mitigation of the prisoner's sentence is prayed for on the grounds that she committed the offence under excitement occasioned by being ill treated by her husband.

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

The humble Petition of several persons whose names are hereby subscribed.

Sheweth

That Jane Sparrow of the Parish of Kingswinford in the County of Stafford the wife of Samuel Sparrow a labourer was at the Quarter Sessions holden in and for the said County of Stafford in the month of December or January last indicted at the at the Suit of Her Majesty the Queen on the prosecution of one John Jones for a felony and was therefor found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation.

That your several memorialists have been acquainted with the convict for a long period of time during which her general conduct had been that of a sober and industrious woman.

That your Memorialists have been informed and believe at the time that the said Jane Sparrow committed the offence of which she had been convicted she was in a state of great excitement in

consequence of her having been cruelly beaten by her husband and compelled in consequence to quit her house.

That your Memorialists respectfully hope that under the foregoing circumstances you will be enabled consequently with your duty to society to recommend Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to remit some portion of the punishment to which the said Jane Sparrow has been sentenced.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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John Jones Prosecutor begs mercy for the prisoner

James Parkes

James Rowley

And a further 20 signatures.—

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