

Julia Higgins ID3277 per *Cadet* 1848

The prisoner's parents state that this is her first offence and that she was led away by bad companions and that she will be provided for if liberated.

To the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Patric Higgins and Margarate his wife.

Sheweth

That your Petitioners are the parents of Julia Higgins who at the Session of the Central Criminal Court held the 17th April last was tried and convicted with another with attempt at robbery on the person of Jones in Oxford Street.

That your Petitioners regret to state that the prisoner Julia Higgins was inticed from her home by evil disposed youths altho' constant and preserving steps were taken to keep her in the path of virtue and honesty and not till the morning of the trial did your petitioners know of the disgraceful situation in which she was placed therefore prevented from providing witnesses to character the just Laws of England afford.

That your Petitioners from information subsequently received have just grounds to believe that the said Julia

Higgins was no party to the said incident but that the parties in whose company she was [] aggressors who are not known to the Petitioners [] any known premeditation on the part of the said Julia Higgins.

That the said Julia Higgins being under 19 years of age your Petitioners beg the mercy of Her Majesty's Secretary of State to mitigate the sentence and that Mr Charles Bennett who brought up the said Julia Higgins from childhood owing to a long and serious illness of her mother will take her into his house and will take care of her that a constant restraint shall be placed over her, so that no temptation shall be thrown into her way to intice her again from home.

That your petitioners have great pleasure in stating that the Prosecutor has voluntary offered to sign any Petition for the remission of the sentence and also other persons who can speak to the respectability of your Petitioners and the character they have always shown for honesty and integrity and this being the first offence of the said Julia Higgins beg you will be pleased to grant a mitigation of punishment and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

The Prosecutor Marshall Jones Carpenter of No 8 Black House Yard Rathbone Place Oxford Street London beg to join in the prayer of the aforesaid Petitioners for a mitigation of the sentence passed upon the said Julia Higgins.

Signed

Marshall Jones

23rd April 1847

We the undersigned beg to say that we have known Patric and Maragaret Higgins for many years to have known a most unpeachable character and have brought up a family of six children in a most praiseworthy manner.

James Hutchinson – Wholesale Milliner

Charles Bennett

James Donavan

Julia Higgins aged 16 (18)

Central Criminal Court 17th April 1847

Robbery

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – In prison before.

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