

Louisa Bell ID5711 per *Gilbert Henderson* 1840

Louisa Bell aged 30

Mary Ann Freegrove aged 27

Receiving of stolen good 7 years transportation

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William Freegrove aged 26

Larceny on two indictment 14 years transportation

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Central Criminal Court September 1839

Gaol Report – Bell and Mary Ann Freegrove character not known

William Freegrove - Tried before

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To the Marquis of Normanby Secretary of State

The Petition of Mary Freegrove residing at 3 Long Coast Leicester.

Humbly Sheweth

That your unfortunate Petitioners for William Freegrove, Mary Ann Freegrove and Louisa Bell were tried at the Central Criminal Court last September Sessions charged with having received a quantity of articles well knowing them to have been stolen upon which occasion they were found guilty and sentenced to be transported as follows

William Freegrove 14 years, Mary Freegrove 7 years and Louisa Bell 7 years also.

Your Petitioner humbly begs to state to your Lordship that her son bought the box off a person named Curtis who is now in Newgate having been since convicted and sentenced to be transported for the term of ten years.

Your Petitioner begs to inform your Lordship that Louisa Bell was only employed by her son as a workwoman and never slept on his premises and therefore could have no knowledge of her sons actions.

Your Petitioners son had lived nearly 2 years in respectability and was by trade a master Tailor and in the habit of making up Gentlemen's own materials and taking in exchange various articles as he might require.

Your Lordship will observe the respectable names attached to this Petition and make enquiries into the fact of this case and be pleased to mitigate the sentence passed upon the unhappy prisoners.

An your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Mary Freegrove

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Mr Dudline – Prosecutor

J Bowker - Boot Maker

And 10 other signatures

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