

Margaret Morris ID814 per *Baretto Junior* 1850

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Middlesex Sessions 18th July 1849, Stealing from the person

10 years transportation, Gaol Report – Not Known

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What is the future as to children of that age.

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The child will be allowed to accompany her

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The prisoner prays on account of her aged parents and infant child that her sentence may be commuted and that if sent out of the country she may be allowed to take her child with her.

Letter sent to the Governor 16th August 1849

1st Application

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

The Petition of Margaret Morris

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner is a prisoner in the House of Correction Cold Bath Fields, under sentence of transportation for ten years. Having been convicted of robbing a man of £15 – tried at the Hicks Hall Sessions of 18th July last.

That your Petitioner most earnestly and humbly prays that your Lordship will please to take her case into your humane consideration and please to grant her a mitigation of sentence , which she most earnestly implores in consequence of having an infant child which age is only two years and a half, and your Petition mostly earnestly prays that when she is sent away she may be permitted to take her child with her as she will leave no one behind who will be able to take charge of it.

That your Petitioner was never charged with any offence against the laws of her country before but she is sorry to say that for the last few months she had been treading the paths of ruin through becoming acquainted with persons of improper character through whose influence she was led to commit the offence for which she received a sentence of ten years transportation.

That your Petitioner has an aged father and mother for whose [] she earnestly prays that if possible your Lordship would please to mitigate her sentence, which she feels to be a very severe one, having never been convicted of any offence against the laws of the country and above all things she earnestly entreats of your Lordship that when she leaves her country she may be permitted to take her child with her, and she well ever feel most grateful to your Lordship.

And your Petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

The mark x of Margaret Morris.

4th Application

The prisoner states that the robbery was committed by two young women who lodged with her, that her parents are in a destitute circumstances and she herself far advance in pregnancy and she prays for a mitigation of her sentence.

3rd Application

The prisoner now states that she is pregnant and prays that she may not be sent out of the country.

2nd Application

The prisoners again prays for a mitigation of her sentence, no new grounds are stated.
