

Mary Ann Byers ID6245 per *Hindustan* 1839

Mary Ann Byers aged 20

Liverpool Sessions October 1838, Larceny, 7 years transportation,  
Gaol report – not known

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5<sup>th</sup> December 1838

To the Right Honourable The Lord John Russell

With all due reverence to your Lordship, I humbly beg to state to your Lordship that during the last Sessions held in Liverpool that there was a young person twenty years of age – a native of this town of the name of Mary Ann Byers under the accusation of stealing a few[shells]and articles of wearing apparel to the value of a shilling or eighteen pence and was committed on the 15<sup>th</sup> October to the Borough Jail of Liverpool and in the 24<sup>th</sup> of the same month was without the aid of council or the presence of a single friend or relative, sentenced by the Judge to “seven years transportation”

She is now in consequence of the unjust and hostile sentence a prisoner at the Borough Jail (under all the restrictions) as a convict for transportation in April next.

And at the same time articles she was accused of stealing were through a piece of mischief placed in her trunk by a fellow servant unknown to her and on the return of her mistress from Church being missed and being found in her trunk she was instantly taken by a Policeman and committed to prison and the above being the consequence

Such hasty measures prevented the probability of her Father or Mother attending the Sessions from this place – She is the eldest of seven children, Robert Byers – Sailor and Mary his wife much industrious people.

Their daughter Mary Ann was qualified at the School of Industry for Servitude and bore a good character, and her parents , brother, sisters and friends being in deep affliction for this melonchally circumstance depute the [            ] for your Lordship's clemency and humbly hope the cruel sentence may be [            ] or mitigated with sincere prays for the same.

I remain your Lordships most obedient and humble servant

Jane Collins

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