

Mary Ann Field ID1520 per *Angelina* 1844

The prisoner's husband prays for a mitigation of her sentence on account of her good character and conduct

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's
Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble memorial of George Field of Birmingham in the
County of Warwick – Gun Percussioner.

Sheweth

That at the last Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the
Borough of Birmingham your memorialists wife Mary Ann Field
and one Thomas Rogers were convicted of stealing some
scarfs and handkerchiefs and where severely sentence to be
transported for seven years.

That your memorialists said wife had never before been
convicted or charged with any offence whatever and had
thither borne a good character in the town of Birmingham.

That your Memorialists wife conducted herself most properly
in Warwick Goal before her trial which conduct the Governor
is willing to testify That as the evidence upon which your
memoralists wife was convicted was of a very slight
description and the Counsel for your Memorialists said wife
raised an objection as to the propriety of such conviction and

your memorialists humbly prays that under the circumstances afore said that you will see some extenuating pains to warrant you as to granting that your memorialists said wife may not be sent away to any of Her Majesty's Colonies but may be kept in one of Her Majesty's Home Prisons where she can have a commutation of sentence.

George Field

We the undersigned recommend this Memorial

Hannah Barfort – Shop Manageress

Anthony Turner – Timber Dealer

George Reeves – Butcher

And 24 other signatures

PS

If your memorialist have the gratification to state that the first name on the aforesaid memorial is the Prosecutor .

George Field

No 7 Court

Litchfield Street

No 4 House

Birmingham

To Joshua Schofield Esq. Member of Parliament for
Birmingham.

The humble memorial of George Field of Birmingham in the
county of Warwick.

(By Keith: the memorial is a repeat of the above item)

Plus:

William Dugard _ Clerk of St Bartholmew

James Horton – Silversmith

William Hawksford – Baker

And 20 more signatures

Birmingham

20th December 1843

Sir

The Petitioner Thomas Field is not personally known to me,
but several of the memorialists are and I have faith in their
representation that the evidence on which Mary Ann Field
his wife was convicted, was slighter than the severe

punishment of 7 years transportation is usually awarded to –
should there be found on inquiry any mitigating
circumstances you will, I am sure, give the Petitioner the
benefit of them by complying with his request and not
sending his wife out of the country

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your faithful servant

Joshua Schofield

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of
State.

The prisoner denies guilty knowledge and prays for
mitigation in consideration of her previous irreproachable
character.

Refused GG

Park Square

Regents Park

4th December 1843

Sir

I have the honour to present to you two Petitions praying for a mitigation of the sentence passed on Ann Field a prisoner in the gaol at Warwick and William Anstley a convict onboard the Warrior Hulk to which I beg you to be pleased to give your favourable consideration.

The father of the prisoner William Anstley is a person of very good character and the Gentlemen who have signed the petition are highly responsible and they confirm his conduct has been such as to induce you to council the commands of his statement

I have the honour to be

Sir

Most faithfully your humble servant

William Williams

Mary Ann Field aged 23

Birmingham Sessions October 1843

Receiving stolen property

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Not known

Ship Name – Warrior

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