

Mary Ann Griffin per Mary Ann 1821 - HO 17/49/37

MARY ANN GRIFFIN -
TRANSPORTATION FOR 7 YEARS
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMBER - 49
ITEM NUMBER - HR 37

Mr [Bright] presents his complements to Mr Capper and takes the liberty of transmitting to him a Petition from MARY ANN GRIFFIN - he will be much obliged by a note to inform him of the result after the case had been taken into consideration by His Majesty's Ministers.

Ilchester Gaol
September 28th 1821

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. I have to observe that MARY ANN GRIFFIN under sentence of Transportation for seven years hath conducted herself in a very orderly and peaceable manner and may much to my satisfaction

I am Sir your obedient servant
M Biddle
Governor

To His Most Excelent Majesty George the fourth of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defence of the Faith.

The petition of MARY ANN GRIFFIN late of the Parish of St Paul in the City of Bristol now a convict in your Majesty's Gaol at Ilchester in the County of Somerset - wife of George Griffin.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Majesty's Petitioner was convicted at the Thomas a becket Quarter Sessions for the County of Somerset held on the ninth day of July 1821 of having on the sixteenth day of June Ultimo in company with ELIZABETH RILEY and ANN BANISTER FIDDES felonously stolen in the shop of Henry Tugwell in

the City of Bath Linen Draper and Haberdasher six silk handkerchiefs of the value of twenty four shillings and sentend to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Majesty's petitioner was prevailed upon by the aforementioned ELIZABETH RILEY to accompany her to the said shop saying that she wished to purchase a gown of a particular pattern but your Petitioner had no intention to steal any thing therein nor had your petitioner any knowledge directly or indirectly of ELIZABETH RILEYs intention so to do so, and your majesty's petitioner doth most humbly and solomly declare that she had no part and concern in the felony otherwise than having been unfortunately in the company of the said ELIZABETH RILEY when on leaving the said shop, gave the goods to ANN BANISTER FIDDES who was waiting in the street, declaring that she the said ELIZABETH RILEY had purchased them.

That on your Majesty,s Petitioner taking the coach to Bath for Bristol the aformentioned ELIZABETH RILEY requested your Petitioner to take care of her bundle which your Petitioner accordingly did having no knowledge of the contents thereof and that being pursued and apprehended by the Police Officers the said bundle containing the said property so stolen was found in her possession of your petitioner - notwithstanding which your petitioner doth further most solomly decline that she had no known knowledge of interest in or particulars, of the felony committed otherwise than being in the company of the said ELIZABETH RILEY as above stated.

That your majesty,s Petitioner has recently entered the nineteenth yoear of her age she had herefor supported an unblemished character the crime of which she stands convicted being the only transgression of the law of her country she has at any time accused of she is the mother of an infant son only sixteen months of age and she is now some months advance in her pregnancy she therefore most humbly prays that your Majesty will be most graciously pleased to take her pitiful case into serious consideration and mitigate her punishment in such manner as your majesty in wisdom may think fit, and your Majesty,s Petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

Mary Ann Griffin

We whose name are hereunto submitted beg leave to recommend the above name MARY ANN GRIFFIN your Majesty's Petitioner as truly worthy of your Majesty's clemency;

J Poerter - Curate of St Pauls
D Wellington - Church Warden
Jack Gardiner Junior
William Morris
George pemberton
W Taylor

[A] [Alnsters]

William Thorne

D G Gouder

William Stewart

J Kingdom Junior

E Pitton

John Silvent

M Snellygrove

Thomas Bird

Thomas Morton

James Williams

William harris

J Williams

John Daniel Prevett

William Smith

Daniel Mitchel Cummings

John Chester
