

Mary Ann Lyons per Mermaid 1828 - ID 90889

Mrs Thorpe
High Street
Shadwell

Dear Friend

I am sorry to tell you I am called for the ship and none of my friends have been to me I am so unhappy to think I am going away so very distressed for I have not a cap nor anything to take with me, I want thread, tapes needles pins for they are things I cannot do without I am much obliged to you for anything you have done towards my comfort pray come to me tomorrow has soon has ever the gate is open which is 1 o'clock. I have got on quite well thank God and hope you will come to me as quick as possible, God help you and believe me to remain

Your ever grateful well wisher

Mary Lyons

Tuesday 22nd 1827

Dear Friend, I take opportunity of writing these few lines to you hoping it will find you and all the family in good health, altho it leaves me very poorly. I have been confined to my bed ever since I saw you my ant came to me but did not bring me a single thing I am in the [g] [] as call for the ship yesterday and we expect to go on board this day week at the latest and what I am to do I do not no. What to do I should be much obliged to you if you can make it [co] to see me as soon as possible for there is not a sole comes near me I am [] last pray come if you can posably I shall ever feel greatful as I dare say it may be the last time I shall ever have the pleasure seeing you.

You unfortunate and unhappy friend

Mary Lions

Capper Esq
Secretary State Office Whitehall

MARY LYONS alias JONES Old Bailey

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose two letter from the unfortunate and deluded MARY LYONS or JONES in whose behalf the Petition of Mrs Thorpe was presented and when humane conduct does honour to her heart in her humble walk of life, if you think any benefit would result from thus being attached to the Petition which I fear from her letter is rejected, apologising for the trouble I thus give you.

I remain respectfully

Dear Sir

yours very []

Frederick Shore Nodin

23 Crutch[]

1st February 1828

To the Most Noble Marquis Landsdown
Principle Secretary of State

The humble Petition of ANN THORP of 81 Shadwell High Street in behalf of MARY ANN LYONS

Most humbly Sheweth

That MARY ANN LYONS now a prisoner in Newgate under sentence of transportation for robbery live with your humble Petitioner as servant for upwards of two years and afterwards with Peter Duval whose certificate is annexed and from whose service said MARY ANN LYONS again returned to your Petitioner until March 1827 when at the instigation of an Aunt who was no doubt desirous to obtain the small trifle due to her for wages she finally quitted your Petitioner.

That this said Aunt afterwards turned her out of doors friendless and penniless and fearful of returning to your Petitioner by whom she would have been [] after so quitting her former service fell as your Petitioner presumes afterwards into bad company and became guilty of the crime for which she had been sentenced. That your humble Petitioner state that during the period of said MARY ANN LYONS being with her she was a virtuous honest girl and your humble Petitioner being actuated by motives of charity towards the unfortunate girl being an orphan and without any friends in this country to assist her most humbly supplicates your Lordships for a mitigation of her sentence and that her youth and inexperience may plead in her behalf and your humble Petitioner will receive the unfortunate girl into her service and your humble Petitioner as in duty bound will for ever pray.

Signed

Ann Thorp

London
7 January 1828

Silas Weaver - Overseer of Shadwell

James Thompson - 194 High Street Shadwell - Church Warden of Shadwell

Charles Cook - Overseer

George Stathland - Overseer

Thomas Boston - 78 High Street Shadwell

The said MARY ANN LYONS lives as servant in my family from December 1825 to September 1826 during which time I never knew her to be guilty of any dishonest action

Peter Duval Junior

43 Minories

I the undersigned beg to certify that the names of the parties who have subscribed the Petition of ANN THORP are respectable persons in their several vocations.

W W Jutyens MA

Curate of Shadwell

William Crooteas - High Street Shadwell

Henry Busher - No 6 Poston Row Tower Hill

MARY ANN LYONS

OLD BAILEY 1827

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