

Mary Ann Sheehan ID5200 per *Emma Eugenia* 1850

Mary Ann/e Sheehan aged 17

Central Criminal Court July 1850, Larceny, 7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Convicted before 6 months in prison.

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The Prisoner's mother prays for a mitigation in consideration of her age and previous good character.

Transport being her second conviction

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey

Honourable Sir

I humbly and most respectfully beg leave to address you and supplicate the [] of your kind mercy and clemency in behalf of my daughter lately convicted for the term of seven years transportation at the Old Bailey being accused with a female accomplice of felony and her age is only 15 years and was known and respected with all those her mother employed, respectable shopkeepers and trade persons at Covent Garden who have oft would trust her the said convict Mary Ann Sheen with any considerable amounts of property and she was never known to be a defaulter and the enclosed certificate of character from those her mother employed of long standing date will vouch for the truth of this. My humble and earnest appeal to you for your attention in her behalf in praying that her severe sentence may be commuted as her

tender age , character and [] [] may prompt your noble feelings consistent with the duty of your high and elevated office that you now hold thus humbly trusting and praying this your favourable and merciful decision and the heartfelt tears of joy of an afflicted mother in duty bound will ever pray.

I am with the most profound respect Honoured Sir your most obedient servant

Norah Sheen – Mother of Mary Ann Sheen

Residing at Mrs Holders

No 6 Marlborough Place

Peter Street

Westminster

And I humbly pray and await Honoured Sir your kind and favourable answer.

To The Chairman of the Middlesex Sessions Clerkenwell

Sir

We the undersigned being the shopkeepers in Covent Garden Market beg to bear testimony to the bearer Norah Sheen being an honest, sober, hard working woman (mother to the prisoner Mary Ann Sheen) she having working for us many years without any complaints against her.

Isaac Isreal

Michael Webber

James Lucas

And a further 10 signatures.

(A further two applications using the same layout as the first, dated
20th July 1850 and 2nd August 1850)
