

Mary Best ID10903 per *Sea Queen* 1846

Mary Best aged 28

York Special delivery 6th December 1845

York Winter Assizes

Larceny from the person

15 years transportation

Gaol report – 3 times before in prison

Received into Millbank prison from York Castle on 2nd January 1846

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The prisoner acknowledges her guilt but complains that the same sentence was passed upon her as upon her accomplices against whom a former conviction was proved. She states that her health and constitution are weak and prays for mitigation.

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

The Petition of Mary Best a prisoner in Mill Bank Prison.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the wife of John Newlove and acknowledges her guilty participation in the charge first brought against John brown and Margaret Pattison, but begs to state that before sentence was pronounced a second offence was proved against the above named persons, your Petitioner was taken out of the Court while the case was heard and when she returned the Judge passed the same

sentence on her case as on theirs. In addition to this Margaret Pattison had obtained a mitigation of her sentence from 15 to 10 years.

Your Petitioner further begs to mention that her health is very indifferent, her constitution having been injured by working many years at a flax factory she therefore humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case and hopes you will be pleased to recommend a mitigation of her sentence and your Petitioner will ever pray.

The x mark of Mary Best

Witness [Caroline Marshall]
