

Mary Clayton per Hindostan 1839 - ID

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To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

We the undersigned with all due submission of the sanctity of the Laws of our Native Land, beg leave to approach Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen with a fervent and we trust not misapplied supplication for some investigation of the sentenced punishment of MARY CLAYTON at the last assizes at Lincoln convicted of shop lifting an offence which no doubt requires the most active interference of the Legislative and for the infatuated commission of which in the present instance we are wholly at a loss to account; from Mrs CLAYTON [forms] respectability of character as a widow in Barton upon Humber from her patient resignation to the penalty of this her first thro' serious conviction and from the evident remorse she is now labouring under, from a due sense of her transgression we are induced to believe her afit object for some merciful consideration, and if not - incompatible with the due administration of Justice, we hope that these together with the claims of her two young and helpless orphans may have some weight in inducing Her Majesty's most gracious mercy to be extended in mitigation of the sentence and that she may be again restored to her family and friends and as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray.

David Holdsworth - Prosecutor - Draper

Edward Johnson - Solicitor

W Rayson - Land owner

And another 33 signatures.

12 Upper Belgrave Street

30th April 1839

My Dear Lord

I have the honour to send you a memorial signed by some very respectable individuals resident at Barton on Humber in the county of Lincoln and I shall feel obliged by your Lordships [] use if you can comply with the prayers of the petitioners .

I have the honour

to be yours faithfully

Worsley

Arlington Square
31st May 1842

Lord Worsley
Respecting MARY CLAYTON

Dear Sutton

Will you kindly look at the enclosed and see if any thing can be done towards getting back MARY CLAYTON free of expense.

Worsley
(Please return the letter to me)

MARY CLAYTON
2nd Application
3rd April
In Van Diemens Land
Communication to the Governor - to be returned at the first opportunity

The Prisoner was ordered to the Penitentiary in commutation of her sentence - but it appeared that she had been previously sent abroad in consequence of which the terms of her transportation was reduced to 3 years. Lord Worsley now requests under the circumstances that she may be provided with a free passage home at the at the expiration of that time.

Letter to Col. Officer
15th May 1841

12 Belgrave Street
28th April 1841

Dear Lord Worsley

I am requested by the friends of a convict of the name of MARY CLAYTON who was to have been sent to the Penitentiary ; but was transported by mistake to apply to you to allow her a free passage back when her punishment is over.

yours truly.

MARY CLAYTON
LINCOLN 1839
PRISONER LOCATION - PENITENTIARY
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMBER - 121
ITEM NUMBER - XZ 34

MARY CALYTON - AGED 35 - A WIDOW WITH TWO CHILDREN
LINCOLN LENT ASSIZES MARCH 1839
LARCENY
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
GAOL REPORT - CHARACTER UNKNOWN - NOT RECEIVED
TRANSPORTATION REDUCED TO 3 YEARS - 29 JULY 1839
INFORM LORD WORSLEY