

Mary Cull ID12335 per *Tory* 1848

Mary Cull aged 16

Liverpool Sessions December 1847, Receiving stolen goods

10 years transportation, Gaol report – 5 times in prison and once acquitted. Thief and Prostitute

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Presented by Mr Chadwick MP

Inform him of the reasons

The Applicants express doubt as to the prisoners guilt and pray for a consideration of her youth and good character that her case may favourably be considered.

17th January 1848

My Dear Sir

Can you hold out any hope to Mary Cull

Yours dutifully

William Wainwright

Liverpool

14th January 1848

Sir

I have taken the liberty of enclosing the Petition to you being you will be pleased to present it to Sir George Grey and use your valuable influence towards forwarding the prayer of the Petition. Wishing you will excuse the liberty I have taken.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most humble and obedient servant

Michael White

Russelle Street

Toxteth Park

14th January 1848

Liverpool

To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of the undersigned for and on the behalf of Mary Cull now a prisoner in the Borough Gaol of this town.

Sheweth

That the prisoner was tried and convicted at the last Sessions for this town and sentence to ten years transportation. That the prisoner is only sixteen years of age and the only child of an aged and [] mother and until the present case had not before been convicted and your Petitioners from circumstances connected with the case are inclined to think her innocent of the charge now laid against her. Your Petitioners therefore think your Honour may be pleased to take the matter into serious consideration and be pleased to mitigate the heavy sentence passed upon the prisoner and your Petitioners will ever pray.

The above Mary Cull lived with me as a servant for about seven weeks when she had free access to house and shop, and was industrious and honest, civil and obliging and a very good servant.

John Kenyon

124 Park Road

Liverpool.

2nd Application

The prisoner's mother applies for mitigation but states no grounds.

Liverpool

4th February 1848

Honoured Sir

I humbly beg to be pardoned for taking the liberty to lay before you noble mind the very humble Petition of the sorrowful and brokenhearted Betsey Cull, mother of Mary Cull which now lies ever under the sentence of transportation for ten years at present lies in the Borough Gaol of Liverpool. The [affected] widow mother implores your mercy in behalf of her unfortunate daughter in relieving her broken heart it depends on your great [] as we no you very humane hart would [still] the crys of this distracted parent and melancholy widow the prays of whom most noble Sir will be continued offered up to the most [] for your present future happiness, prosperity in this life and [] in the world to come this is the present prayer of your humble Petitioner

Betsy Cull

An answer will be most anxiously expected:

To

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