

Mary Kelly ID4638 per *Emma Eugenia* 1842

Mary Kelly

Central Criminal Court June 1841

Larceny from the person

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – 14 days in the House of Correction

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The prisoner's mother says it was her first offence – many persons will give her a good character if necessary and asks for mitigation.

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My Lord

I hope this liberty I take in presuming to address this letter for your kind perusal will not be deemed as an offence, My Lord having been creditably informed you are possessed of a feeling and sympathy. Desperation induced me to take the liberty I have done. I beg leave to state the advice of your Lordship is what my motive is to obtain being strongly recommended by several Gentlemen. I beg leave to state the particulars are respecting an unfortunate daughter of mine by the name of MARY KELLY who was tried at the lat Old bailey Sessions on a charge of taking from the person of a seafaring man the sum of £1.10shillings for which the sentence of the Court was ten years transportation, now My Lord I can with truth and a sincere head solemnly declare it is the first time she ever appeared before a bench of Justice and now perfectly innocent of the charge logged against her. She being in company with another female who committed the crime, and then immediately said it was her. Now My Lord if you think by me getting a memorial drawn up and signed by

many Gentlemen of respectability would have any avail towards a mitigation of punishment of my poor daughter. I would feel ever thankful to you, My Lord to send me your advice on the subject as such signatures that may be annexed to the Petition are ready to give her a character of honesty and industry.

With Respect

Hannah Kelly

Please to direct the reply to:

Hannah Kelly

At Mr Martlins

Sign of the Dover castle

Deptford

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