

Mary Larter ID3290 per Cadet 1847

Mary Larter aged 31

Convicted – 6th January 1847

Warwick Quarter Sessions Coventry January 1847

Crime – Picking pockets

Sentence - 7 years transportation

Received into Millbank Prison from Coventry 2nd February 1847

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The prisoner protests her innocence and prays of a pardon

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

The Petition of Mary Larter a prisoner in Millbank Prison

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That your Petitioner is the widow of Edward Larter a native of Birmingham and that after her husband's death her aged and widowed mother came to live with her, and that they supported themselves by keeping a huckster's shop and needle work. A man of the name of William Jackson , a pig jobber lodged in their house and borrowed £3 from them which he promised to return them by a certain date, but he left Birmingham without performing her promise. Understanding that he frequented Atherstone Fair your Petitioner with the consent of her mother went there in hopes of meeting with him, and recovering the money. On her return having missed the Omnibus she had to walk to the Station and when she

had proceeded about two miles she met a cart with a man and two women in it. She inquired whether they thought she would be in time for the train, they replied that it had already started. She expressed her disappointment as she wished to return home that evening. They said that they would be returning to Birmingham at half past six and that if she would go back to Atherstone with them they would make room for her in the cart and that she could return to Birmingham with them. She accepted their offer and on arriving at Atherstone she and the women named Smith went into a Public House and remained there until five o'clock when they went out together Smith went to seek for the man and the cart, and your Petitioner to buy some food she returned alone to the Public House about six o'clock and remained there expecting to be called for until half past eight when she inquired whether she could be accommodated with a bed. She was told that they had not a spare bed, but the Landlady's daughter said she could recommend her to a house where she could obtain one, and went with her to the Black Boy Public House. The Landlord asked a few questions and then bade your Petitioner sit down, a short time after a Constable came in accompanied by a man who on seeing your Petitioner, identified her as the person he had been talking with near the place where a man had been robbed she was immediately taken into custody. Smith had been apprehended for robbing a man and was then in the same house.

Your Petitioner protests that she had no previous knowledge of the persons she met with in the cart and that she is entirely innocent of the charge brought against her. She humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case and that you would be pleased to recommend her pardon and your Petitioner will ever pray.

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