

Mary Welsh ID 3353 per *Cadet* 1847

The prisoner states that she is not guilty

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

The Petitioner of Mary Welsh a prisoner in Millbank Prison

Humble Sheweth

That your petitioner is not guilty of the crime laid to her charge, but suspicion fell upon her through the following circumstances; 3 years ago contrary to the advice of her parents she left home to follow the calling of a Hawker and when apprehended was going through Hastings to Brighton expecting to meet an individual there who had promised necessaries for her approaching confinement and from there she intended to return immediately to her parents in bath. Night coming on she sought for lodgings and found one at the sign of the Ship in Hastings where she slept with a woman she had never seen before named Sullivan. In the morning they left the house together and were joined by a man who was acquainted with the woman . He went up to a house to shew the articles he had for sale and on returning brought a bundle with him which he said were things he had taken in exchange for the wares of his basket, but shortly afterwards a Policeman overtook them and charged the man with stealing the bundle and apprehended them all.

Your Petitioner protested her entire innocence and begs to mention that she has never been in prison before. She therefore humbly

solicits your kind interference on her behalf and hopes you will be pleased to recommend her pardon and your Petitioner will ever pray.

Mary Welsh

Witness – Caroline Macleash

Mary Welsh aged 19

Sussex Quarter Sessions Lewes 23rd September 1846

Housebreaking and stealing wearing apparel

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Not Known

Received into Millbank Prison from Lewes on 14th October 1846

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