

Mary Welsh ID 4407 per *Elizabeth and Henry* 1848

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The prisoner pleads drunkenness in explanation for her offence, represents her general good behaviour and character, and prays for mitigation on account of her weakly constitution.

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Manchester

26<sup>th</sup> October 1847

To her Most gracious Majesty Victoria the First by the grace of God  
Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

The petition of Mary Walsh a convict in the Millbank Prison.

Most humbly Sheweth your Majesty

That the Petitioner has been instigated by the influence of ardent liquor to commit the heinous crime of that for which the penalty of the law is inflected upon her.

The Petitioner most humbly begs leave to state to your Majesty that she had been bred a thorough servant and had been employed for many years in some of the most respectable houses of Manchester and its vicinity in the above capacity and never until the evil hour which witnessed her deviation from latitude and consequent misery had she been guilty of a crime so heinous as that for which she is doomed to suffer the miseries of a convict life.

The Petitioner most humbly and yet most earnestly begs leave to represent to your Majesty that she is now far advanced in years, of a weakly constitution and entirely incapable of undergoing the rigour of life which her folly had plunged her into requests your Majesty will

be kindly and graciously pleased to consider her situation and order her sentence to be transmitted from transportation to imprisonment for a few years in any of the prisons in England and may be whose dominion is supreme over the whole creation preserve to thee and they prosperity for ever the undisputed lights of this great empire with all its rich and mull[ ]ous colonies may all the Monarchs of the world behold in thee the brightest and purest example of virtue of benignity and charity. May the visitation of the Almighty on thy people be speedily [ ] and plenty flow to all the nation for thy sake is the prayer of your Majesty.

Your most obedient and humble supplicant

Mary Walsh

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Chief Secretary of State for the Home Department

26<sup>th</sup> October 1847

Right Honourable Sir,

The Petition of Mary Walsh a convict in Her Majesty's Prison at Millbank

Most Humbly Sheweth

That she has been induced while in a state of obesity to commit the heinous crime of theft in the neighbourhood of Manchester for which the bench has pronounced the above sentence on her.

The Petitioner begs leave to state that she had been advised to solicit by letter some of her yet remaining friends at Manchester to Petition her Most Gracious Majesty in her behalf with the hope that her

sentence would be mitigated. She most humbly ,most earnestly and in the name of him whose sway is beyond the regions of the earth implores your Right Honourable Sir to forward the enclosed Petition to her Majesty and may thy days thy actions and the chivalry of thy name reflect [                    ] the sovereign whom we all acknowledge and serve is the prayer of the Petitioners afflicted sister.

Anne Walsh alias Staunton

48 Silver Street

Manchester.

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Mary Welsh aged 29

Manchester Borough Sessions August 1847

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Twice convicted before

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