

Rachael Kelly per Arab 1836 - ID 1912

To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department

Manchester

11th November 1835

My Lord

I beg leave to transmit your Lordship a Petition in behalf of RACHAEL KELLY a young female of the tender age of 17 years who it appears way taken up with RACHAEL BECKETT and ELIZA DAVIES for a felony upon one CHARLES LOWNDES and from all the circumstances that have since arisen compare with the Prosecutors statements there appears to be a considerable doubt as to her participation in the crime.

I therefore beg leave to humbly request your Lordship's perusal of the enclosed Petition and request your humane consideration of her aged mother and family.

I am my Lord

your Obedient servant

John Turner

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Please may your Lordship allow me to request that any correspondence (be) addressed to MARY KELLY No 19 Thornly Road Shade Hill, Manchester which will be thankfully received.

To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

In the matter of RACHAEL KELLY a prisoner confined in the House of Correction at Salford under a sentence of fourteen years transportation.

I CHARLES LOWNDES being the Prosecutor in the above case do declare and believe that the said RACHAEL KELLY was not a participator in the offence for which she is sentenced knowing that at the time of the robbery taking place she was at some distance and I have ascertained she has heretofore borne an excellent character.

Charles Lowndes

9th November

Witnessed Thomas Curry

To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell Home Secretary of State

May it please your Lordship

Permit a distressed mother with profound respect to approach your Lordship and to tender to your Lordship the included Testimonial as to the character of my child RACHAEL KELLY under sentence of transportation who was mine and brothers and sisters principle support.

I will not distress you my Lord by any obtrusion of mine and their wretchedness, suffice it to say it is of the most agonising des[]tion.

O my Lord in mercy take into your kind consideration our destitute state and look upon compassion on my unfortunate daughter whom to me and society has never committed a wrong. The prayers of the widow and fatherless children will be offered up to the throne of grace for your Lordship.

I am my Lord with profound respect your most humble and obedient servant.

Mary Kelly

No 19 Thorney Road

Shade Hill

Manchester

4th December 1835

RACHAEL KELLY

LANCASTER 1835

STEALING FROM THE PERSON

14 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

PIECE NUMBER - 115

ITEM NUMBER - WV 41

RACHAEL KELLY - AGED 17

LANCASTER QUARTER SESSIONS SALFORD OCTOBER 1835

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GAOL REPORT - CHARACTER - VERY BAD - 4 TIMES IN PRISON AS DISORDERLY AND IN CUSTODY FOR FELONY