

Rebecca Carr ID 7512 per Lloyds 1845

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To the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Home  
Department

May it please to take into consideration ,as I, a convict in  
Millbank Prison under sentence of 7 years transportation,  
and I have served 18 months of that time in Warwick Prison,  
and have been kept there in consequence of being afflicted  
with fits, your Petitioner will ever pray, that it may please you  
to take it into dire consideration as I am heartily sorry for  
what I have done and as the Governor of that prison, can give  
me a good character, while there humbly hope that it may  
please you to preserve in mitigating my sentence, that I may  
be enabled in the course of time to be with my friends once  
more who will rejoice to think that I am once more restored  
to them, and I humbly hope that I shall endeavour to become  
a useful member of society and to entirely alter my course of  
life for the future. Hoping that it may please you to intercede  
for me, owing to my great affliction which I shall never be  
able to be relieved now cursed.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

Rebecca Carr Convict

Millbank Prison London 2nd July 1844

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To The Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State  
for the Home Department

The humble Petition of Jane Carr of No 24 Leak Street,  
Birmingham

Sheweth

That your petitioner is the unhappy mother of Rebecca Carr who some time ago was convicted in conjunction with another person who had taken a pair of trousers from the shop of Mr Spicer of Snow Mile in this town, and for which the sentence of transportation for a period of seven years was proposed against them.

That shortly after the prisoners conviction there was a Petition transmitted to your Lordship most respectfully signed and in which said Petition, the Prosecutor Mr Spicer most earnestly begged to recommend the prisoner to your most merciful considerations, in conjunction with the other gentlemen whose signatures were placed thereto, praying for a mitigation of the prisoners sentence, owing to her previous exemplary character and youth, but which Petition unfortunately did not take the desired effect.

That the prisoner was removed from the prison at Warwick to the Penitentiary prison at Millbank, but after being there for some time it was considered necessary to remove her back to Warwick, she being subject to fits, and which said

complaint the unfortunate prisoner had been subject to from her cradle.

That the prisoner is truly penitent and labours under the greatest remorse of conscience at the degrading situation in which she is now placed.

That the prisoner is scarcely safe to be left alone owing to the serious affliction, under which she has so long and most unfortunately laboured.

That your Petitioner has reared a large family, and no other instance ever before occurred in her family of the slightest deviation from the Laws of this Country.

That your Petitioner in conjunction with her unhappy family is almost weighed down with grief and sorrow at the situation of her unfortunate and afflicted daughter.

And therefore humbly though honestly prays in that your Lordship will be pleased to look upon the prisoner's case with some commiseration and recommend her to the Royal clemency as a fit object for a mitigation of sentence, as should the prisoner obtain an extenuation of sentence through your Lordships kind interposition, your Petitioner will ever pray.

Jane carr

No 24 Leak Street

Birmingham

6<sup>th</sup> June 1844.

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Rebecca Carr

2<sup>nd</sup> Application

Prisoner was rejected at Millbank on account of fits and prays liberation.

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To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham the Principle  
Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of Jane Carr of No 22 Leek Street  
Birmingham in the county of Warwick

Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the unhappy mother of Rebecca Carr who was convicted at the recent General Sessions held for the Peace in the Borough of Birmingham in conjunction with another girl of the name of Catherine [Tyney] of purloining a pair of trousers from the shop of Mr Spicer of Snow Hill in this town for which the sentence of transportation for the term of seven years was passed against them.

That although the prisoner now stands in such circumstances of disgrace yet her family testify she never did before misconduct herself as a daughter a sister or a servant except on a trivial occasion.

That your Petitioner who is a widow has eight other children and no other instance ever before occurred in the family of the slightest deviation from the Laws of the Country.

That the prisoner was in the service of a Mr Neale of this town for a considerable time, who certifies by his signature hereto that the prisoner was in his service a considerable time during which period her conduct was of that nature to give him ample satisfaction and that such is his present opinion of her, that he would most willingly receive her into his employment again.

That Mr Spicer the Prosecutor feels greatly for the prisoner in her present truly distressing situation and therefore begs to recommend her to your Honours notice as a fit object for your Honours most merciful consideration.

And therefore humbly though earnestly prays that your Honour will be pleased to take her case into your humane consideration and recommend her to the Royal clemency as a fit object for an extenuation of sentence or so far mitigate the prisoners sentence as to continue her in her native country so as to afford your petitioner the sustaining and comforting hope that she will not be separated there from nor from her almost broken hearted mother and friends.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

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Prepared in the unusual form by the Birmingham Petition  
Writers

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May it please your Honour

We whose names are subscribed declare our belief in the allegation contained in the annexed Petition, and therefore most earnestly hope that though your Honours kind interposition a mercy may be extended to the unfortunate prisoner and the prayers of the Petition may be accordingly granted.

William Spicer – Clothier and Hatter

John Neale Brass Founder

John Shimplton – Needle and Fist Hook Maker

William Sutton – Victualler

Charles Mason – Plumber

And another 25 signatures.

Rebecca Carr

3<sup>rd</sup> Application

The prisoners expresses contrition represents her good conduct and prays for pardon

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Rebecca Carr aged 19

Birmingham Quarter Sessions 5<sup>th</sup> January 1844

Stealing trousers

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Twice before in prison

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