

Sarah Healy ID12203 per *Tory* 1845

Sarah Healy aged 18

Gloucester Quarter Sessions October 1844

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Convicted before

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 144

This being a second conviction I cannot mitigate the sentence

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It is stated that the prisoner committed the offence in a state of
absolute famine

Thurlow Lodge

Clapham

23rd December

Dear Sir

I was directed by Mr Yorke, the High Sheriff for Gloucestershire to
visit a young woman sent from his Parish to Millbank as a convict, it

seems that her crime was caused from hunger and that the consequence of illusage, she is a respectable and girl and behaves extremely well in prison

Mr Yorke and many gentlemen of that County are extremely anxious to save so young and uncontaminated girl from transportation if possible and have charged me to convey the enclosed Petition to you, trusting that you will have it in your power to cause Sarah Healey's sentence to be mitigated, food was the thing stolen.

I remain

Yours faithfully

[C N Neave]

The following circumstances respecting the convict Sarah Healey are humbly submitted to the Right Honourable Sir James Graham for his favourable consideration.

In consequence of a letter received by William Healey father of Sarah Healey a convict now under sentence of 7 years transportation for theft at Cheltenham in which he is informed that this sentence will be carried into full effect, unless any circumstances can be added in her favour, we, the undersigned are anxious to state the following facts, in the earnest hope that her sentence may be commuted to imprisonment in this country.

It appears that she had the misfortune to lose her mother at an early age and on her father's marrying a second time, she was treated very cruelly by her stepmother, who, in the intervals that elapsed between her leaving on situation and looking out for another, actually turned her out of doors -- in consequence of her being thus

destitute of food or shelter she went to Cheltenham in the hopes of obtaining another situation and it was while there that she fell into bad company and at last in a moment of absolute hunger was tempted to commit the crime for which she is now sentenced.

We also trust that the extreme youth unfortunate girl will be remembered being seventeen years of age.

J Yorke – High Sheriff

Charles Allen – Curate

John Pope – Church Warden

Thomas Pearce – Overseer

Richard White – Overseer

Luke Bull – Church Warden

And 11 more signatures.
