

Sarah Lamb ID 11908 per *Tasmania* 1844

The prisoner's father represents the trivial natures of her offence and the unwillingness of the Prosecutors to appear against her and prays for a mitigation of her sentence

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

The Petition of Sarah Lamb aged 20 a prisoner received into the Millbank Prison on the 27th April 1844 having been convicted at the Central Criminal Court on the 8th April 1844 of Larceny and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the daughter of Benjamin Lamb, Master Painter and Glazier 25 Bevendon Street East Road Hoxton and that she had lived in respectable service till within 9 months of her imprisonment and had resided with her parents till within 1 month of her imprisonment.

She can obtain a good character from the following persons with whom she lived: Mr Henry Coffee – Modeller 6 Oxford Street Oxford market, Mr Paine - Brunswick Hotel Regent Street Oxford Street.

The things which she was accused of stealing were given to her by the young man Thomas Carr, who had stolen them from his sister.

Your Petitioner humbly solicits your kind consideration of the circumstances of her case as it is her first conviction and that you

would be pleased to recommend a mitigation of her sentence and your Petitioner will ever pray.

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

The humble Petition of Benjamin Lamb of No 25 Bevenden Street Hoxton in the County of Middlesex - Plumber.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner is the father of Sarah Lamb who was on Wednesday 17th day of April last tied with two others before the Honourable Charles Evan Law MP the recorder for larceny and also of six other children beside the prisoner solely dependent on him, for support.

That it appears to your petitioner that the Prosecutix in this case is the sister of one of the prisoners and that she was extremely unwilling to prosecute but in consequence of the worthy Magistrate sitting at Worsnip Street Police Office having stated that if she did not appear he would fine a summons against her to compel her, she voluntarily appeared and was then bound over to prosecute.

That the Jury having found the prisoners GUILTY the Learned Judge sentenced them to seven years transportation but the Prosecutix on hearing the Jury find the prisoners guilty being ion a fainting state was unable to give them that recommendation to the Mercy of the Court which she would otherwise have done.

That your petitioner along with another person attended at the Old bailey Court as a witness for the prisoner when they were told by Sergeant James Wood No 277 the principle witness in this case that “they might safely go home to dine as it was not likely it would come on before the Evening” at the same time he was well aware the case was on the point of being called thus it arose that no person was present to speak for the prisoners.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Lordship to take the facts of the case until your merciful consideration and if suitable to the end of Justice to mitigate the sentence of the Court and instead thereof any imprisonment your Lordship may think proper your Petitioner being willing at the expiration of the same to take her home to his dwelling and use e very exertion in his power to raise her to that station again from wench she has so unfortunately fallen, but if the sentence of the Court is carried into effect it is feared she will be an outcast from the World for ever, the property for which she is convicted of stealing the Prosecutix admits is not of one penny value namely “an old pair of shoes” under these circumstances the Prosecutix joins your Petitioner in praying that your Lordship will order such commutation of the sentence as to your Lordship may seem meet.

And your petitioner as in duty will ever pray

Benjamin Lamb

25 Bevendon Street

Hoxton

Ellen Kerr Prosecutix.

Sarah Lamb aged 20

Central Criminal Court 8th April 1844

Larceny

7 years transportation

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