

Ann Taylor ID1622 per *Angelina* 1844

Ann Taylor aged 25

Central Criminal Court October 1843

Larceny by a servant

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Character not known

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The prisoner states that distress was the cause of her offence. And represents her previous good character and prays for mitigation.

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

22nd January 1844

The humble Petition of ANN TAYLOR now a prisoner in Millbank Prison.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was convicted upon her own confession at the last October Sessions held at the central Criminal Court of stealing a quantity of shoes and other articles the property of CHARLES LONGHAM her master and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

That your Petitioner had, only very lately been subject to a state of deep distress with an infant child to support with no other means than her own hard labour by servitude.

That her infant child about 18 months old was sent to Cumberland to your petitioner's mother to nurse, but she being very poor and unable to support it,, and your Petitioner having had many [] difficulties to encounter at 300 miles distance from home and to provide means of support for her child was induced in an hour of temptation to pledge some of her Master's property to supply her immediate wants, intending to replace when she received her wages, but so many difficulties pressed upon her in succession that she was unable to carry her intentions into effect and the whole matter was discovered.

That your Petitioner up to the time of the present lamentable affair always bore a good character for honesty and integrity which was proved by most respectable witnesses upon her trial in addition to which the Prosecutor most humanly recommended her to mercy.

That your Petitioner most sincerely regrets the commission of her offence, and humbly prays a remission of part of her sentence that she may at some earlier period be restored to her destitute infant child and to the path of honesty and rectitude and once more become a respectable member of society.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that a commutation of her present sentence may be granted and a period of imprisonment be substituted to such extent as in your merciful clemency may seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

We the undersigned most earnestly beg to recommend the within named ANN TAYLOR to the merciful consideration of Sir James Graham and to state that we know her parents to be persons of integrity although poor have brought up a large family without

Parochial Relief, and the person above named went early to service and lived 7 years in the village of [Gamblesby] three years or more with one Master and bore an honest character and having lately been unhappily left with an infant child to support, we implore that her sentence be commuted to some lesser term of imprisonment.

William Bird – Farmer

Christopher Hardy – Farmer

Joseph Pattison – Yeoman

John Bird Farmer

Joseph Dixon – Farmer

John Watson – Perpetual Curate

And a further 24 signautes.
