

Isabella Robertson ID5457 per Garland Grove 1841

Isabella Robertson/Galloway aged 45

Perth Circuit Court April 1841

Theft by housebreaking

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character bad – convicted before

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Sailed in the Garland Grove for VDL

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The prisoner's husband says that she was persuaded by others when intoxicated to commit the offence and prays for removal to a Penitentiary.

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Perth

8<sup>th</sup> June 1841

Unto the Honourable Fox-Maule Under Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of Andrew Galloway – Porter to the London, Perth and Dundee Shipping Company.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner's wife Isabella Galloway was convicted at the last April Sessions of the crime of stealing from her sister, and received a sentence of transportation beyond the seas for the term of ten years.

That your Petitioner's unfortunate wife was led into the above crime by the bad company who persuaded her while in a state of intoxication that to steal from her sister would be no great offence, those very individuals who urged her on to the commission of the crime, assisting her. That your Petitioner has been 25 years married to his wife who is now 50 years of age and during the whole of that long time they have lived in the utmost harmony, that she was always a kind a affectionate wife, and until very lately by being led into evil company she was addicted to any vice.

That your Petitioner's mid in truly in a state bordering on despair when he knows that in all probability he never will see the partner of his bosom more, unless the Royal Mercy is extended to her. That your Petition have every reason to believe that his wife is truly penitent for what she had done, that she knows she has transgressed both the Laws of God and her Country, but by a better course of life she hopes to regain the character she had lost.

That your Petitioner humbly implores that the unhappy situation of both himself and his unfortunate wife may be [alleviated] either by granting his wife a pardon or by confining her in one of Her Majesty's Penitentiaries for such term of years as to Her Majesty may seem meet, and that your honour will be most graciously pleased to use your powerful influence in the behalf of your Petitioner's wife who is now onboard the prison ship at Woolwich.

And your petitioner as in duty will ever pray.

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We the undersigned do hereby recommend to the favourable consideration of the Honourable Fox-Maule the forgoing Petition of Andrew Galloway and do earnestly and respectfully request his influence in behalf of the wife of the said Petition.

John Garnie

James Casson

George Grimmond

John Smith

Robert Connel

James Penny

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