

Jane Collins 8930 per *Mellish* 1830

Jane Collins aged 22

Old Bailey January Sessions 1830

Stealing from the person

14 years transportation

Gaolers Report – Not known here.

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To The Right Honourable Robert Peel Secretary of His Majesty's
Home Department.

The Memorial and humble Petition of William and Catherine Collins of No 34 Great Peters Street, Westminster. London. That your Petitioner presumes most humble to approach your Honours consideration that their case will receive your generous attention your Honour our only daughter by name of Jane Collins aged 22 years the 6th November 1829 and on the 26th December 1829 as she was out costermongering or selling of apples at a Public House be the name and sign of The Royal Hospital at Chelsea and she sold some apples in that house to the amount of six pence to which money she received and during her tarry there, there was another man and woman in company with her and during the tarry there in that house there was a man who lost his watch value at two pounds and our only daughter Jane was accused and blamed for having it to which your Honour she most solemnly declares her innocence of the charge laid against her, whereby she was taken up and cruelly committed to Newgate for trial whereby she was tried at Newgate³ and sentenced to 14 years transportation across the water and she was never in Newgate before whereby us both as an aged father and

mother that is very unhealthy we bothj most humbly beg of your Honour to be so generously well pleased as to intercede in our behalf to get her sentence mitigated such your Honour as to permit her into the Penitentiary on account of the ill state of health of the aged father and mother the father having served in the Cold Stream Guards 21years and 47 days and always conducted himself as a good honest upright soldier both in foreign climates where ordered and at home and this being their only surviving daughter the mother having, lived and worked for one family 25 years and upwards where by her character is as this an honest active hard working woman and was always willing to make herself useful to her employers the two aged and afflicted parents most humble begs your Honours kind intercession in her behalf such as may mitigate the sentence to that of the Penitentiary as we shall never omit to pray for you Honours health happiness welfare and prosperity and remain your Honours most obedient and humble servants.

(signed) William and Catherine Collins.

Thomas Davis

I the Prosecutor Thomas Lee beg that mercy may be shown to the prisoner

Thomas Corderoy – Grocer – Westminster

Charles Crock – Westminster

I have known the parents of the unfortunate young woman for these 25 years the mother has been in our service the whole of that time and she has been a honest hard working industrious woman

John Martin Esq - Westminster
