

Margaret Allen ID12939 per *William Bryan* 1833

Margaret Allen aged 15

Old Bailey April Sessions 1833

Receiving stolen china

7 years transportation

Gaoler Report - Been here before

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To The Right Honourable His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State  
for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of MICHAEL HALLMAN a pensioner from His  
Majesty's 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner's only child Margaret aged 15 indicted by the  
name of MARGARET ALLEN having been accused of being concerned  
in a robbery of some china plates belonging to Mrs Ann Witten was  
yesterday tried and found guilty and received sentence to be  
transported for seven years.

That your Petitioners said daughter has always born a good character  
until within these last four months when she was (unknown to her  
parents) seduced by bad company.

That your Petitioner who is 73 and had faithfully served his King and  
Country for 25 years during which he was in nine General  
Engagement and twice severely wounded and for which he is  
awarded with a pension is naturally anxious at the close of life to  
witness the reformation of his only child which he cannot reasonably

expect to do if her present sentence is carried into execution . The mother who is 58 years old is in a state of illness bordering on distraction and her life almost despaired of. MARY GASKINS the companion of your Petitioners daughter was only sentenced to imprisonment and hard labour the reason your Petitioner cannot know.

Your Petitioner humbly prays that your Lordship upon inquiring into all the circumstances may be induced to mitigate the punishment and considering the youth of your Petitioners child substitute such one as will not send her out of the country

Such is the pray of her afflicted parents.

Michael Hallman

Margaret Hallman

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19<sup>th</sup> April

My Lord

May I solicit your attention to the case of MARGARET ALLEN and MARY GASKIN who have been convicted this present Sessions of stealing plates from me the Prosecutor.

If your Lordship will be pleased to consider the long imprisonment they have gone through since 19<sup>th</sup> February and their being young in years that your Lordship will be pleased to mitigate their punishment as far as your Lordship will consider proper.

Your Lordships humble servant

Ann [Mitten]

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19<sup>th</sup> April

London

I certify that the Bearer here of MICHAEL HALLMAN served in the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment as a brave and meritorious soldier where he was severely wounded and was present in many General Actions.

R[Suely] Lt Colonel

28<sup>th</sup> Reg.

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17<sup>th</sup> April 1833

Old Brentford

We the undersigned inhabitants of Old Brentford Middlesex do hereby certify that we have known MICHAEL and MARGARET Allen his wife for upwards of three years during which they have always conducted themselves as sober honest and industrious people and we also further certify that we have known MARGARET ALLEN their daughter for the same periods and that until within these four months when she was (unknown to her parents) seduced by bad com[any , considered her an honest and industrious young girl and earnestly recommend her to mercy.

James Grant – Grocer

R Beauchamp – Draper

And six further signatures.

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