

Mary Lambert ID5788 per *Gilbert Henderson* 1839

Mary Lambert aged 25

Central Criminal Court August 1839

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Poor

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The humble Petition of Mary Lambert now a prisoner in Her Majesty's Gaol of Newgate.

Newgate

August 1839

Sheweth

That your petitioner has been recently sentenced to seven years transportation on the prosecution of James Palmer and Elizabeth Ann Travers.

That your Petitioner committed the wrong with which she was charged under circumstances of great distress having been left a widow with an infant child, her husband having died in Batholomews Hospital leaving her and her infant entirely destitute.

That since the death of her husband the Petitioner had supported herself by washing and charring and had been enabled to earn but scanty means to provide herself and child with the necessities of life.

That your petitioner has for years past been subject to much ill health, and is still suffering from an Astinastical complaint and is appreciative that if the full sentence of the law passed upon her is

carried into execution that it will shorten her days, and leave her innocent offspring to [] her parents loss.

That the Petitioner fervently implores the endeavours of the merciful and benevolent to obtain a commutation of her sentence to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for a shorter period and Petitioner and her infant will as in duty bound ever pray for those whose humane exertions may be used in her favour.

We whose names are hereunder signed join in the prayer of the prisoner and recommend her as an object worthy of compassion from the knowledge which we have of her previous character and conduct, convinced that she committed the offence of which she had been found guilty from distress and [].

James Palmer – Prosecutor

Elizabeth Ann Travers – Prosecutor

William Wilkes – I have known her for eight years and placed the greatest confidence in her.

William Stevens

George Callcut
