

Mary Sharpe ID6757 per *Jane* 1833

Mary Sharpe aged 20

Old Bailey October Sessions 1832

Uttering forged notes

Transportation for Life

Gaolers report – Not known before but 2 indictments.

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To The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Milbourne Principle
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of Mary Sharp a prisoner confined in Newgate
under sentence of transportation for Life.

Most humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was convicted on the last October Sessions on a
charge of uttering a forged £5 Bank of England note.

That your Petitioner most humbly confesses the Justice and equity of
her sentence but most humbly begs leave to state that she had been
the dupe of a designing and unprincipled man in the following
manner.

That your Petitioner who is friendless and up to this time obtained
her living by servitude met with this man who represented himself to
be Mr Jackson of 33 Russell Square and who furnished her with the
notes for uttering for which she is now under sentence of
transportation.

That the said Mr Jackson had so far obtained your petitioner confidence by various promises which was of making for her a permanent provision that your Petitioner had not the slightest suspicion of the genuiness of the note in question not could she herself as she considered him her friend the said reputed Mr Jackson who represented himself to be an independent gentleman.

Your Petitioner humbly begs leave to state that from the peculiarity of the circumstances it is impossible for her to produce proof of the truth of this statement further than her own most fervent assurance of her own innocence which she begs leave most solemnly to affirm.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores your Lordships favourable consideration of her case and prays that your Lordship would be pleased to endeavour to move His Majesty for a commutation of her sentence such as in His Majesty's merciful consideration may seem proper.

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Thomas Chambers - Merchant

W Haines – Organ Builder.

Joseph Atkins – Cabinet Builder

William Holden – Auctioneer

And a further 6 signatures.

(By The Transcriber: This Petition was also sent to The Sheriff of the City of London)
