

Sarah Sparrow ID13044 per *William Bryan* 1833

Sarah Sparrow

Warwick Lent Assizes March 1833

Larceny by a servant

14 years transportation

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Sailed in the *William Bryan* for V D Land June 1833

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

Sheweth

That at the Assizes holden at Coventry in March 1833 a young woman of the name of Sarah Sparrow was convicted of stealing from her Master certain articles and was sentenced to fourteen years transportation.

That at the time of the committal of the robbery the said Sarah Sparrow was but 16 years of age and tis evident as we believe was proved on trail that she was instigated to perform the deed by an individual whose moral quilt the Law could take no consequence.

Your Petitioners disclaim all intention of justifying the act or wishing for one moment the none vindication of the law but at the same time beg most respectfully to express to your Lordships their opinion that the punishment already received and to come till the expiration of seven years will operate as a prevention to future crime and

should she by the clemency of your Lordships be restored to liberty and her country will prove a good and usefull member of society.

Your Petitioner beg further to inform your Lordship that the father of the young woman has within the last 4 months died leaving a family of clean small children to whom she could render the most efficient services from these considerations your Petitioners have presumed most earnestly to beg of your Lordship to remit a part of the sentence.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

William Hill –Prosecutor

Edward Gorde

Frances Thorpe

And a further 30 signatures.

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