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Sir,

We have will hand you to post a  
 Wafer in the enclosed Letter and forward  
 it with ~~the~~ its inclosure to Capt<sup>n</sup> Boyce  
 of the Ship William Pitt Transport  
 Ship now lying at Spithead, we beg  
 to hear from you as soon as you  
 have delivered it & are p

Yours Lanc. Smith  
 13<sup>th</sup> July 1805

Mass Greenwich J. E. G.  
 Portsmouth

F25/1/117

13. July 1805  
Bank  
(in the (partly))  
to Mr. Greenham & Co.

C  
Sir;

We are directed by The Gov<sup>t</sup> / Directors of the Bank of England to request you will lay out the enclosed Bank Note for £15 in such Articles as will in your judgement best contribute to promote the comfort of Miss Ann Macarthy (a Transport who will sail in your Ship) and her Child & in case you think it not necessary to lay out the whole you will please to give her the remainder on her arrival at Portau Bay. We are informed she has conducted herself with great propriety since her conviction & we shall be obliged to you to afford her all the protection you can.

We will thank you to acknowledge the receipt & are &c

Yours &c &c London  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1805

Capt<sup>n</sup> Boyce



13. July 1885  
Bank  
(Ann McCarthy)  
to Capt. Boyce

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tion of my Office though it is well known I have

Portsmouth 19<sup>th</sup> July 1825.

Gentlemen

I received your Favor of the  
13<sup>th</sup> Instant with a letter inclosed for Captain  
Boyce and a Bank Note of 15<sup>£</sup> for Ann  
Macarthy which I have sent to Capt.  
Boyce, and am for W. Greenham

Gent<sup>n</sup>

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

W. Andrew

F25/1/119

PORTSMOUTH

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Messrs Winter Kays  
Bedford & Brookfield -  
Solicitors  
Twickenham Lane  
LONDON

19 July 1803  
Bank  
(Account Copy)  
for Mr. Graham

Gentlemen,

If the Contrition of an unfortunate Woman can have weight in my favour to induce you to have compassion on a misguided and deluded Female, mine is truly sincere. —

I have never pleaded in any way in extenuation of my Offence, though it is well known I have fallen a prey to delusive and false persons, being unacquainted with the dangerous tendency to Society or fatal Consequences of the Crime I now justly suffer for. —

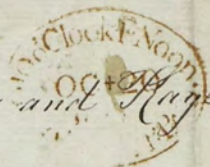
I am now, through distress, reduced to the painful alternative of imploring your Benevolence for a small Relief — I am well aware of your Goodness towards the Unfortunate — I have no Friend to help me, through my misconduct. — Alas! but a few years ago I lived in honest and good repute, now lost to the world — through ignorance, — am I plunged into the lowest ebb of misery — pray have pity on me, and your Goodness shall not be mis-applied. — My Prayers, and my nine innocent Children shall join with me in Gratitude for your Benevolence extended to  
your Humble Applicant.

Newgate, Oct 19. 1804

Sarah Whaley



Report  
Newgate St  
Winter and Hage,  
Copy Paid



Bank of England

Bank of England  
from Bank Money

14. 1841

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Honoured Gentlemen,

With Grateful Respect do I return you  
my sincere Thanks for your Generous Relief  
to me, and I hope you never will have occa-  
sion to think me unworthy of your kind Be-  
nefaction; through the inhumanity of my hus-  
band have I involved myself in distress, but  
my Contrition for my imprudence, my sor-  
row for the Crime I committed has been  
such that I trust you will <sup>still</sup> kindly Think on

The unfortunate Person, who im-  
plores your Pity, and who humbly sub-  
scribes herself

Your  
Greatly Obliged Servant

Sarah Whaley

Newgate

Oct 29, 1804



Messrs. Winter and Hogg,

Bank of England.

29 South Street

Bank

Oct 29. 1804

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Oh most Honorable Gentlemen

Your Humanity and Goodness I humbly hope  
will Pardon the Liberty taking by me  
to Return you my Sencear thanks for the  
Benevolent kindness you have shewn me since  
My Confinement for without your Generous aid  
and Support I should have been reduced to  
the greatest misery and want and it behoves  
me ever to be mindful of the gracious bounty  
I have received, and Gentlemen as I am so well  
Convinced of your feelings for the distressed  
saver of those who have been guilty of so  
base a crime the heinousness of which indeed  
I was not aware But I pray leave to Inform  
you kind Gentlemen that we are going to sail  
from here in a day or two and as its not in my  
Power to Procure me a little tea and Sugar  
for the Voyage has Embolden me to aske the favour  
for a small trifle for that Purpos for there is  
no more to be told we go to Sea and then  
only half ounce of Pewee and quarter Pound  
of Sugar for each Person

So Pray Gentlemen with your wanted  
goodness take Compassion<sup>on</sup> the Unhappy  
mother who as Left nine Children forever  
to Lament her Case Oh how great is my  
trouble none is like to <sup>mine</sup> leave so many innocent  
Children never more to see them But I  
hope God will Protect them from all Bad Company  
I pray for that as Ben my Puer

Oh most Hon<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen I hope your  
Goodness will Pleas to Excuse this Liberty  
taking By me and sirs I am in

Duty Bound forever to  
Pray for your Kindness  
while Life Remains

Sarah Whaley  
on Board the William  
Pitt Bound for Botney  
Bay August the 5 1805



Aug 25 : 1805  
Bank  
from Sarah Whitey

Messrs Winter and  
Royal Bank of  
England  
FALMOUTH

F25/1/22



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London 8 Aug 1805

Sir,

Sarah Whaley a Female Convict on Board  
the William Pitt now at Falmouth outward  
bound for New South Wales, has applied to the  
Gov<sup>r</sup>. & Directors of the Bank (the Prov<sup>t</sup>)  
for some small allowance to provide  
some additional necessaries for her during  
her Voyage. We enclose you a £5 Bank  
Note which we request you will give to  
the Capt<sup>n</sup> & direct him to lay it out for  
her in such a manner as he shall think  
most likely to contribute to her comfort

We are Sir

Ld 30<sup>th</sup> July 1805 - W<sup>m</sup> 5563

Put into the Post on date

W<sup>m</sup>

Mr Jas. Tippet  
Falmouth

Sept. 1875

Bank

Whisky

to Mr. E. J. C.

F25/123



Dear Sir

Falm. 23<sup>d</sup> Aug. 1805

Your favor sending me the inclosed note reached  
this place in the Evening of the day that the  
Convict Ship. had sailed for Botany Bay -  
of course too late by 8 or 10 hours - I  
directed my Clerk to return the note as  
I was that moment setting off for our  
Apexis - but I find it was neglected -  
however I now inclose it you & beg  
the favor of one line of its receipt -

Can you recommend my Eldest Son  
to a partnership in our line? He is a most  
remarkably steady young man & has  
been in the management of Mr. Viorian's Office  
(the Solicitor of Excise) for upwards of 3 yrs past  
I was admitted upwards of 4 yrs since, but  
I must not look about to establish him in business  
I shall be thankful if you co.<sup>d</sup> recommend him -  
Mr. Hamilton of Marsh Lane knows him well - I am  
Yours truly  
James Tippet



110.3  
Messrs. Winter & Page & Co.  
Solicitors

*P. Swithins Lane*

London

✓ Through shame indicated by  
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Sept. 1875  
Bank  
Whisky  
to W. E. P. L.

P25/123

Newgate.

Monday Evening  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct

Hon. Gentlemen,

I hope it will not be thought impertinent in me, in imploring your Benevolence, or inquire those to whom you are kind; I have incurred your displeasure, have merited the punishment I receive, and am convinced that what I suffer is justly inflicted on me, but after the sentence I have received, the little I had is expended, and in hoping you will excuse the liberty, I may also, if it is but a small Relief, have Reason to thank, with heartfelt Gratitude, my Generous Prosecutor, and endeavour, as I have hitherto done, while in this Country and also should I be sent abroad, to prove myself deserving (by a sincere atonement) of his Majestys gracious Mercy, and your Charitable aid.

I would plead, in extenuation of this intrusion on your Charity, that in the unfortunate Place where I am confined your Generous Goodness soon transpires and having now no husband, who can ~~now~~ help me, through his misconduct, I am inclined to hope that if it is but the smallest sum, I may be a partaker of your Goodness.

Should this humble Request which I pray to God may not hurt those in the same Prison who consider themselves under the greatest Obligations I humbly subscribe myself  
Your Distressed Humble Servant.  
Through shame <sup>Ann Fols</sup> indicted by the name of  
Ann Haynes.



22 Oct 1804  
Bank  
from Ann Foss  
Messrs.  
Winter and Keys,

Bank of England.

Oct. 22, 1804.

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Gentlemen,

Pardon the Liberty I take, I sent a Letter to you, acquainting you of my distress, imagining you might not have received my humble Application, I once more presume, though I hope without Offence, to intreat your Benevolence; I know I have been Guilty, the Laws of my Country have proved it to my disgrace, but Gentlemen am I more Guilty than my Companion implicated in the Offence for which we are both in Prison, I therefore most humbly intreat and with the greatest submission, hoping you will consider an Unfortunate Woman, subscribe myself

Your Distressed Humble Servant,

Ann Topp.

Newgate

Oct. 30, 1804



Messrs.

Winter and Boyer,

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~~Bank of England,~~

1. Bartholomew Lane

~~Essex.~~

ENGLAND  
1800

for Mr. Winter  
and Boyer

F25/1/126

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1800



Hon. Gentlemen,

Pardon the Liberty I take, which distress alone impels me, in thus humbly imploring in your known Goodness a small Relief; the last time I humbly addressed you, you were led to believe that I did not stand in need of your Generous assistance, but keen Necessity, once more has stimulated me to humbly request a small relief as in your Goodness may seem meet. I have not any Friend in the world, or I would not have supplicated this Great Favour. In pity then <sup>as you are</sup> Gentlemen, Good and Kind to others, be graciously pleased to grant me a trifle, sorry am I that I should have incurred your great Displeasure and daily, do I in secret deplore my past misconduct. I have no Friend to render me assistance, or I would not dare to trespass on your Liberality. I have been guilty of a Great Fault, but I am truly sensible and convinced of my error, and would wish were it in my ~~state~~ power call back the days of happi-

ness I enjoyed before I was guilty of a  
crime which has brought on me such  
great disgrace: Pray have compassion on  
me, and in your willingness to do good  
even to those who have offended. I most  
 fervently intreat you to take into your  
human consideration the distress of

Yours  
Humble Petitioner  
Ann Fosi

Newgate,

Feb 14. 1805

W. J. 121 1005  
Bank  
from Ambros

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Messrs.  
Winter & Keyes.

Bank of England,



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To Mr  
Wm. Lloyd  
Esq  
Wm Lloyd



Mr Lloyd Esq  
of  
Longland  
Wm Lloyd Esq  
of  
Longland

F25/1/128

\* Mr Bly's I've  
I hope you will Pardon the  
Relativity of Writing to you But  
Real Necessity obliges me to  
write to you Hoping your goodness  
will Pardon me for the Lett  
I write I have been here one year  
and all my clothes is gone for  
I stander than some Body has bin  
so good to Tell Mrs Minter  
and Read I got a great deal of  
monney god send I had it I wold  
not take god now in vane o Sir  
if I did not see my worts you  
wold pity me I wrote to the them  
and the sad I did not want  
anew I have not anew Body to  
give me a singel thing o Sir  
if by your good interlesson thea  
wold give me a shil to by  
me some Tea and Sugar for I  
stander stand we are a geeing  
a Board in a short time  
Mrs Miley has got a Husband  
and Danters to help her I than  
by my self no friend in the  
world o Sir if will a But in  
twisted for me god will  
 Bless you and your Sir  
your humblest Son  
Thos

Gentlemen,

In Expectation of being sent abroad  
in a few days I humbly implore you to have Pity on  
me, it is well known in the Prison that I am reduced  
almost to poverty not having sufficient to pay for a  
Bed to sleep on.

Pray then Sir have compassion on me  
the smallest Trifle will be acceptable, and will be re-  
ceived with Gratitude by an unfortunate, an unhappy  
Woman, who with the Greatest Respect, in the deepest  
Sorrow, subscribes herself  
Hon. Sir,

Yours

Most Respectful,

Humble and Medient  
Servant,

Ann Trapp.

Newgate  
July 9.

Tuesday 2 P.M.



Messrs. W. & J. Winter and Hayes,  
Bank of England.

July 6th 1800  
Bank  
from  
Am. Kof.



1800/1/139

Raising received your charitable

Gentlemen

Perk

It is with the greatest Humility I venture to intrude my Supplication—praying that your Compassion may be extended towards me for the sake of my destitute and very distressed Infants, trusting that their unhappy Cause will aid their captive Mother by meeting those benevolent Feelings, which have often been the Means of restoring the penitent Offender to a grateful Family.

My Sorrows, Gentlemen, under my Dilemma are great; and I really deplore the fatal Error I have fallen into; fatal indeed to me—having deprived me of every Comfort of domestic Life; and left me with three helpless Children (the eldest being not above Five years), and an Increase in Expectancy—entirely friendless and fatherless, having never heard, nor received the least Assistance, from my Husband since my Confinement; and who will be truly Orphan, unless Gentlemen Your Condescension and Humanity should alleviate my Condition—by interceding for some Mitigation of my dreadful Sentence—to be transported for the long and dreary Space of Fourteen Years.

Be assured, Gentlemen, that I shall ever most gratefully feel and acknowledge your great Goodness; and look upon you as the Instrument of the Mercy of Almighty God in raising me from the lowest Depth of Sorrow and Misery; to Joy, Comfort and Happiness; and ever most ardently pray that you may receive the due Reward of Compassion to the penitent and distressed.

I must humbly beg Leave to subscribe myself,

Yours &c

Gentlemen,

Newgate;

Your Obedient and devoted Servant,

Aug. 26/1803

Elizabeth F. Ware

March

Please to turn over

J. L. Pleg Porcon, Gentleman, for further intruding  
to mention - that the threatening Expression, said to  
have been uttered by me towards my Husband must  
(with great Reverence and Humility signify it)  
have arose thro' a Misunderstanding; as it was ever my  
Advice for him to speak the Truth, when questioned,  
on the greatest of all Considerations - W<sup>ch</sup> That of  
his Family. -



*Present to Edm.*

10 Messrs. Winter & Co.  
Bank of England



2000/1000  
Messrs. Winter & Co.  
Bank of England

F25/1/130

Necessity to make such an Abstraction; and from the

Gentlemen

I very humbly beg Pardon for the Liberty I take in again intruding upon your Notice; but the Distress of myself & Children; & the Remorse & Anxiety I daily experience on Account of my sad Situation; will I trust, be considered as some Apology for so doing.

I only beg, Gentlemen, in this to be permitted to draw to your Recollection an Intimation that some pecuniary Aid would (on sending) be charitably bestowed upon me: I while I should acknowledge any, the smallest Donation with the deepest Impressions of Gratitude, my Feelings would likewise teach me ever to pray that the divine Protection may attend on those who might be instrumental under Providence, to soften my Affliction by interposing for some Mitigation of my unhappy Doom; before a Draught of Female Convicts should be sent from hence; which I am led to believe will shortly take Place.

I most humbly rest, Gentlemen,

With the greatest Dependence,

Your devoted Servant

Elizabeth F. Wear

Newgate

Sept. 1803

Messrs. Winter & Ray

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POST  
Office

Messrs Winter & Hay  
Bank of England

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Bank

Sir

Having received your charitable  
Donation, I catch this, the first, Opportunity very humbly  
to express my sincere Regret of having been under the  
Necessity to make such an Obtrusion; and from this  
Receipt of your Bounty am convinced that Justice only  
was the Motive for prosecuting me; and being also  
convinced of the Necessity that absolutely exists for the  
Punishment of Offences against Society, I humbly submit  
to my Country's Laws, trusting, under Providence, to the  
Exertions of Humanity for an Annihilation of the dreadful  
Sentence they have pronounced against me: In the mean  
Time, Sir, permit me to say, that the Comfort myself and  
Children have derived from your Bounty, will ever impress  
on my Mind, Sentiments of real Gratitude, by enforcing  
a Duty of always praying for the Happiness and  
Prosperity of my Honor.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1803.

How  
Elizabeth X. Mearns  
Mark



1843 - 1843

Delivered to the Bank of England

Post  
Paid

Mr Kay -

Bank of England

Bertham Lane

24th Sept 1843  
From Mr Kay  
to Mr Kay

625/1/132

10 May 1805.

Hon. Gentlemen,

Extreme distress impels me to trespass on  
your humanity. I would not dare to obtrude on  
your known liberality were I not bereft of apparel.  
I hope my misconduct will be a warning to others not to  
commit offences, which entail on them the sad appendages  
of misery and want; for myself I can assure you that I  
knew not the danger to which I have been exposed, acting  
like a foolish Woman, ignorant of the crime, I have become  
a victim to justice, yet now made sensible of my error,  
I feel the sad effects of my duplicity, and with Contrition  
would endeavour to atone for the Fault I have been  
guilty. As I have lost almost all my Cloaths, if you would  
be so humane as to grant me a trifle, as in your Goodness  
may seem me it will be received with Gratitude by her  
who ought always to acknowledge your humanity, and  
who subscribes herself  
your obliged, Distressed Servant  
Mary Ann Jenkinson.



I have several duplicates of cloaths in pledge,  
but have not money to take them out, or I  
would not obtrude on your Charity.

I should be happy to see Mr. Bliss, as I have  
something to communicate to that Gentleman if  
he would be so kind as to call.



Bank May 1805  
from Mary Jenkins

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and Sons,  
London. West.





Non. Gentlemen.

In the unfortunate situation in which I lamentably am placed, it would certainly behove me to inform you of any Circumstances that would tend to my advantage, and from the mercy I have received from his Most Gracious Majesty it would be a duty incumbent on me to acquaint you of any Person concerned in the nefarious practice, I through ignorance am the unoffending sufferer.

I would inform you, that having seen Mr Bishop, whose civility to me I am <sup>now</sup> thankful, has requested information of me respecting the persons who circulate bad Notes, but I can assure you I never was concerned with any person, nor knew not that Mr Holt was a vender of bad Notes.



In the business I carried on as a Japanner,  
Ann Adams who has changed her name  
to Portucie, claimed an acquaintance, this  
woman was intimate with a man of  
the name of Whaley, whose conduct is well  
known, and as I have reason to believe  
that bad Notes are yet vended, though I  
do not practice such nefarious practices  
I will make it my study to apprize  
you of any such proceedings.

Trusting that you will (from  
the humanity you shew to Others  
known to be Offenders) grant me a  
small Relief to her, who with the  
greatest humility subscribes herself

Yours  
Distressed Humble Servant  
Newgate Mary Ann Jenkinson.  
May 20, 1805

Ref: 100  
Winter and Haye,  
Swithins' Lane

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Henry Foxcroft

Bank

May 20th 1805

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Yours Sir,

W<sup>m</sup> Brown

I trust the apprehension of Eliza  
beth Brown will not only tend to my advantage  
but be the means of developing the nefarious  
practice of issuing Forged Notes, and proving to  
you Gentlemen my ignorance of the Transaction  
in which I have been innocently involved. I  
should indeed be happy to see some of the Gen-  
tlemen of the Bank, whereby I might endeavour  
to exonerate myself as to what knowledge I have  
had <sup>of</sup> the woman, who perhaps has been the cause  
of my misfortunes. - If I could be honoured with  
an interview it would confer a favour on

Newgate

June 17, 1805,

Your Distressed Servant  
Mary Jenkinson



Messrs.

Wint & Hayes

29 Swilthins Lane.



Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 11th inst.

1851/11/13

Sir

London 26<sup>th</sup> Aug' 1855

We are favoured with yours of the 23<sup>d</sup> instant returning us the £5 Bank note sent for the use of a Convict, which we are sorry for the sake of the Unfortunate object to learn reached you too late —

We should be very happy to render your Son any service in our power, but at present we are not apprized of any Gentleman of respectability who wants a Partner, and as your Son is a stranger to us we fear our recommendation would have little weight. As he has been so long in Mr Vivians Office we should think that Gentlemen Simpson will be desirous to secure his services. If the Business of the Excise Board is now so very considerable that it will enable the Solicitor to make ample provision for a Partner or assistant Solr. — If your Son has been employed exclusively in conducting Excise Prosecutions, his assistance must of course be more valuable to the Solr for that Department than to any other professional man —

Yours truly W H Dr J

I will thank you for an account of your charges in the little matters in which we have troubled you —

Jas Tippet Esq<sup>r</sup> Solr Falmouth



26 Aug. 1815

Bank

Wrythe

to Mr. Tippet

F25/1136



My Lord,

We are directed by the Gov: &  
Directors of the Bank to request the favour of  
Your Lordship to direct that the <sup>under men's</sup> ~~following~~  
Female Convicts <sup>detained in Newgate</sup> ~~now~~ under sentence of  
Transportation for Forgery upon the Bank may  
be sent out in the ship now fitting out for  
New South Wales.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's M<sup>t</sup>. O<sup>b</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sw. Lane 21 June 1805

The Petition <sup>turn over</sup> Lord Hawkesbury

J. Neeketh.

Sarah Wylie } Capitally  
Ann Baynes ad. 70 } convicted in April 1804  
for using forged Bank notes

Mary Jenkins - Capitally  
- convicted in Jan'y 1805  
for the same offence

The Punishment of these offenders has been mitigated  
to Transportation for life  
Ann Mac Carthy - convicted in Feb'y 1804 for  
having forged Bank notes in her  
Shop - sentenced to Transportation  
for 14 Years.

21. June 1745  
Bank  
to Lord Hawkebury

F25/1/137



*much obliged to you*

Sarah Wylie Ann Haynes etc. Ann Toft.	} Convicted April 1804	} Sentence Mitigated to Transportation for Life
Mary Seakison	Convicted Jan 4 1805	
Ann M <sup>c</sup> .Carthy	Convicted Feb 9 1804	} Transportation for 14 Years

Bank  
Private  
Wms

f25/1/138

Sir,

As we are informed that you are the  
owner of the ship William Pitt now about  
to proceed to Botany Bay, we shall be  
much obliged to you to favor us with  
a letter of introduction to Capt. Boyce  
to request he will be so good as to  
attend to the wishes of The Bank of  
England which will be communicated  
to him by their solicitors. The reason  
of our making the application is that  
several Federal Councils are going out  
in the William Pitt for Tongaree on the  
Bank, and upon the Pet. of one of them  
the Bank have ordered her a sum of  
Money to be ~~conveyed~~ laid out  
for her in proper Necessaries and as  
we think the best way of applying  
the Money will be to send it to the  
Captain with directions for him to lay



it out in such a manner as will be most  
beneficial to the Woman during the Voyage.  
I in purchasing for her such things as  
may be of use to her when she arrives  
at Botany Bay.

We are &c

Dear Lane

20 June 1808

P. D. Meekins Esq

20th June 1875

C. Smith

To P. L. Meston Esq

F25/1139

Hon. Gentlemen

Your humanity I hope will excuse my trespassing on your known Commiseration, having had a Petition presented to the Right Hon. Lord Hawkesbury, in hope of a mitigation of my Sentence, humbly intreating your kind Recommendation. The length of Time I have been in Prison hath reduced me to great want, therefore I beg of you, having an infirm Husband, and four Children, with an aged Mother, in her 89<sup>th</sup> year, to whom did your Petitioner tend to render Comfortable, considering Good Sirs that I was drawn into Error, be pleased to alleviate my keene Distress, which will ever be Gratefully acknowledged by

Hon. Gentlemen

Newgate

May 6, 1807.

Your Distressed Servant

Mary Prince



6<sup>th</sup> May 1807

Mr Mary Prince

Ms. A. 1. 140.

Messrs,

Winter and Haye,

(29) St. Swithin's Lane,

c/

Sir,

The application to which the  
inclosed Petition refers has already been  
submitted to the Directors of the Bank. The  
Convict <sup>was</sup> Indicted Capitally for the actual  
Forgery of Bank notes (having filled them  
up & subscribed the ~~superscribed~~ names of  
the Cashiers) but on account of some  
favourable Circumstances in his Case,  
we were directed, with the Concurrence  
of the Judges, to permit him to plead  
guilty to an Indictment for having the  
forged notes in his Poss<sup>n</sup>, knowing them to

be forged, & not to offer any love or the Capital  
charge. - ~~In the opinion of the Directors~~  
~~The Pros<sup>rs</sup> have already obtained~~  
~~this session of the Bank were of opinion~~  
that the Prisoner's Case did not call  
for any fur.<sup>r</sup> extension of favour or  
indulgence, & that their duty to the  
public as Pros<sup>rs</sup> ~~required~~ ~~called for~~ them  
to withhold any fur.<sup>r</sup> interference on  
his behalf. ~~we therefore presume Lord~~  
Hawkesbury will not consider it a  
Case to call for the reconsideration of  
we have the honour to be,

Sir, Y<sup>r</sup> M<sup>t</sup> ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J. Peckett Esq  
20, Lane 30 May 1807



30 May 1807  
The Bank  
to Mr. Bennett

17/11/14  
F25/11/14

1800  
Newgate May 25<sup>th</sup> 1807

Messrs Wintour & Co

Gentlemen

I am most anxious to interest, trusting my application  
under all circumstances may meet your Approbation.

Should it be so thatly expected  
such Persons as are under sentence of Transportation  
will be removed where among that unfortunate Number  
my name may be comprised, with that view I now  
again solicit Your Aid,

Altho' it is most undecisive  
to obtain a Conditional Pardon to Transport myself  
from this Country, rather than be sent to any of the  
Shells or the risk for my dear wife & Children may  
in some measure justify for this Prayer to be granted,  
but a little Term is required.

Have therefore Gentlemen  
most earnestly to solicit Your Kindness to send  
orders for my being detained on this Place  
until a Decision is given, which from your  
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hence I am credibly informed is sufficient.

Yours truly Gentlemen  
You are sensible I am guilty of being  
erroneously led into this extraordinary affair,  
and am persuaded you will in this instance  
serve me & my family.

Under the most obliged  
most felt Obligations

I remain

With Warmest Respects

Gentlemen

Your obedt Servt

James Clarkson



25 May 1807

Bank

For  
James Jackson

To the order of  
Messrs

Hayes, Mordaunt & Co

Whitchell 29<sup>th</sup> May 1847

Gentlemen

I am directed by Lord Auckland  
to transmit to you the witness Petition of  
James Clarkson a convict and prisoner  
of Transportation for having forged Bank  
Notes in his Prison; and I am to  
request that you will submit the same  
to the Governor and Directors of the Bank  
of England for their consideration and  
opinion thereon.

I am  
Gentlemen

Your most obedient  
Invisible servant

J. Beckett.

Wm<sup>th</sup> Winter & Co

29 May 1707

The Bank

For  
J. S. Perkin & Co.

P25/1/43



Sir

Woolwich July 12<sup>th</sup>  
1807

Pardon the Liberty I Take of  
Addressing you - I have one favour  
To beg of you. which is. That I may  
have the Opportunity of Going To New  
South Wales or Botany Bay - with the  
first draft I hope you will undertake  
for me. & your kind answer To this will  
be thankfully received: I am Particularly  
desirous of going out of the Country  
To Prevent further Trouble: which might  
Occur - I hope you will supply me with  
a few shillings To Purchase me a small  
Quantity of Sea Stores such as Tobacco.  
&c as I am inform<sup>d</sup>. The Gentlemen of the  
Bank has been very generous To Persons  
before: sorry To inform you my friend  
has not been To see me since I have  
been over

Sir, been here - which I am in much  
Trouble about. I ever desire to be  
unfeignedly Thankful for Preserving my  
Life from so Shameful & Synonymous  
as Death as my Time preserves I fully  
Acknowledge The Justice of my Sentence &  
I hope in future to return & be at Peace  
with all men - & A Usefull Member of Society  
I Shall be Extremely Thankfull if you  
be so Obliging as to Assist me in my  
Request: & Shall be in duty bound to  
Pray for your Everlasting welfare -

I am Sir your most Obedt. Servant  
Wm. Simon Boutwell

My return an answer if agreeable to you  
I am on board the Distribution Hulk Woolwich  
Kent

12. July 1807

Bank

Genl. Bontell

Messrs Winter & Hay

Solicitors to the Bank

Swithins Lane  
London

pas 11/144

IN LOSE  
27-AP-07  
1807



Sir

Gilbert Street Chester  
May 13. 1802

I arrived here last night from Chester  
In my way to Portsmouth, I was convicted at  
the last assizes Chester for having in my possession  
one and two Pound Bank of England notes, I had  
some conversation with Mr Ward Constable of Chester  
Castle about ten days previous to my removal  
Respecting the one Pound note of the new  
Guarded Pattern that was hid in Liverpool and  
offered to disclose who are the makers, on condition  
of having liberty to transport my self and I please  
they are persons not in the least suspected  
they make ~~them~~ the Papers and do all except the  
Plate one is now in London and the <sup>1 million bank notes</sup> other in Bristol, &c  
and the other in Dublin, they make Irish notes as  
well and will surprise the Bank's directors, they are

me in every respect equal to those paid from the  
Bank, it was my intention to write to you  
from Chester but was persuaded by Mr Ward to  
make the communication to him under promise  
that he would transmit it to you, and as I have  
not heard any more respecting it I suppose Mr  
Ward has not made it known to you or that  
Directors of the Bank, believe I shall go from here  
this afternoon to the place of my destination  
if my Proposition meet your approbation  
I can tell how to put the parties into your hands

I am Sir respectfully your  
obedient humble Servant

Wm. Norton

W B I am now bound to another Person  
and cannot think of conversing on this  
Subject but alone. W B -

It is given to understand

I before mentioned in a Letter to Mr Ward Controller of  
the Exchequer, that the one Pound Notes was his  
in Liverpool, I mentioned the Place where they were hid  
and who I supposed found them, ~~if that~~ the particulars of  
that information, or my Letter has I suppose been laid before  
you or the Directors of the Bank of England - if those  
notes can be found, I can point out I conceive has the  
Person I hid them from may be convicted, who is one of the  
Wells and used in London, I have got the original note  
they were made from,

Elihu A. L. ... No. 121th



F25/1/145

30 May 1802  
By post from  
James W. Buxton

MAY 1 1802

London  
8  
J. W. Buxton  
J. W. Buxton  
J. W. Buxton

B

Newgate Oct<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1777Gent<sup>l</sup>

Understanding it to be the  
 custom of the B.<sup>h</sup> of Eng<sup>l</sup> - <sup>a weekly sum</sup> to allow unto  
 persons who are unfortunately confined  
 at their instance, I take the liberty of  
 troubling you upon that score & inform  
 you I have not receed any assistance since  
 yesterday was a month when I rece<sup>d</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gua!

I therefore solicit your interference in  
 my behalf being greatly distressed, by  
 communicating the same to the person  
 in whose province it is to attend to this  
 matter which will be gratefully acknowledged  
 by

Elix<sup>r</sup> Dudley

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1707  
Bank  
for Eliza & Dudley

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Winter & Hay

Bank of England

F25/1/146



Newgate Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1807

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Having been convicted last Session for  
hav<sup>g</sup> in my possession a forged £1 B<sup>k</sup> of Eng<sup>d</sup> Note and  
being very much distressed & in want of the common  
necessaries of life and unable from Age & infirmity to do  
any thing to assist myself, I am advised to apply to you  
for some assistance to which I am given to understand  
your humanity extends towards persons who are so unfortunate  
as to be confined here at your instance without the means  
of support. Any small sum your clemency shall direct  
will be ever gratefully acknowledged by  
Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your unfortunate & Obs<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Eliz<sup>h</sup> Dudley

60 years of age  
much pained  
very distressed

Present M<sup>r</sup>. Maithland & M<sup>r</sup>. Bowden  
27<sup>th</sup> October 1807. Banks.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Kays is authorized to  
pay Eliz<sup>h</sup> Dudley 10/6 p<sup>er</sup> week  
until she is sent away from  
Newgate. — J<sup>m</sup> Smith Sec<sup>y</sup>

To the Governor & Directors of the  
Bank of England.

Wm. Pitt  
Esq. Secy. of the  
Treasury

The Bank

London

625/147

Newgate Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> 1807

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Understanding you assist those who are  
unfortunate enough to be here at your Suit without the  
means of support I beg to represent to you that I am one  
of those unfortunate persons, & have been confined here  
since January last that I am very feeble & near 60  
years of Age my friends quite tired of rendering me that  
little assistance I first received from them & am in a very  
wretched state I therefore solicit the extension of your  
humanity towards one who will ever gratefully acknowledge  
your liberality & am Gent<sup>l</sup>

with very sense of Gratitude

Your very Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

<sup>201.</sup> under—  
Sentence of Transportation  
for 14 Years.—

25 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1807. — Com<sup>rs</sup> Laurence }  
Mary Prince to be allowed }  
1/2 a Guinea a Week during }  
her confinement in Newgate. }  
& Order of Ebene<sup>r</sup> Maitland Esq<sup>r</sup> — }

Mary Prince—

Wm Smith Sec<sup>y</sup>



To the Governor & Directors

of the Bank of England.

per Henry Jones

Bank

Nov 15/57

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Bottom Side of Murejete  
February 4. 1807

Sir, I beg Pardon for this Liberty. being very  
much distressed I was induced to beg your  
assistance, in the year 1803, I kept the  
benton at Windsor Barracks, I there  
lost a bad two pound note, which was  
found at the Bank, about a month  
after I lost another, and knowing the man  
that gave it me, I immediately gave  
information to Mr. Blipp at the Bank.  
his name was Blackhead, he was  
apprehended and brought to Court  
and then made application to Mr. Blipp  
for the value of my notes, and my expenses  
as I attended by his order the examination  
at Court. I have made several  
applications to Mr. Blipp but can get  
no answer, I therefore shall be most humbly

Obliged to you, to speak to the Directors  
in my behalf. But I may receive  
that remittance they may think proper  
under my present circumstances. Your  
answer will ever be considered an obligation  
by me  
Yours most Obedt Servt  
James Stickland

Adm. Winter 1787



Orlop says this man has  
applied to me in several  
instances he has been  
to make

John Winter Esq  
Chaunter to the Bank  
City

John Winter



£87 5s 4d

£85/1/49

To cross But cross to  
Sir

I called Yesterday to see Mary Pullen  
but could not see her without Mr. Gurneys  
order — I have seen her this Morning  
and find her to be in great distress  
her things pawned & one of her daughters  
with her arm in a sling from a fall on  
the day of her trial — She says she will  
cause inj: to be made after Hall's time  
and let me know —  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1844

I am Sir Yr<sup>rs</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J. H. H. H.



1000 1800  
Bank  
For Ship

F25/1150

Joseph Henry Esq

Gentell Man of the Banks

Hope your Goodness Will pardon the  
Sincerity take in Addressing these few Lines  
to you But your known Humaneity to  
~~Therapy to a Man~~ in unfortunate persons  
inclines me An unfortunate Woman to sollicite  
your Humane Assistance in Behalf of my  
self Being on the verge of Seamen's Native  
Country for ever & Most Honourable Gentellman  
if it be your pleasure and my own Ambition that  
I should goe I hope you Will humbly grant  
me Attirefull to Assist me in my present  
Rack'd situation to get at some persons  
Which is Rackgill for so long a voyage Being  
intirely Nabet kanni Bin obliged to part with  
Every thing to our route may self and in unfortunate  
Children with this ten Months I have Bin confined  
with in these Gloomy Walls & Gentellman  
I hope these Misfortunate Ladies Will have Wote  
in Humane hearts like yours to Assist & Unhappy  
Widow Whoe has Disposed her self to the  
Largest to halfe her Rack'd offsprings Whoe are  
overley in dread of Being torn from her  
as I am too farre Advanc'd in years Ever to  
hope to get to the End of my voyage Much  
More to Return to than on my knees humbly  
beg you to grant my Request and I shall  
thring my self Ever in Debt Bound to pray  
for you Wile Life shall last  
your humble petitioner Mary Pullis



M<sup>r</sup> Winter and May  
Barbers

151/1/85

Bank of England  
Henry Cotton



September the 9th 1804

Newgate 6th October 1806

Gentlemen

I hope you will pardon a poor lost woman the liberty  
she takes in thus addressing you, to request your kind interference  
with the humane gentlemen of the Bank to make me some small  
allowance for my support & to purchase me some stores for  
my voyage - I understand a ship is about shortly to sail  
and I have no articles whatever to render me in the smallest  
degree comfortable as I have for several years been a widow  
and in distressed circumstances, and have two children whom  
I must now leave unprovided, and <sup>who</sup> must as well as myself  
already have been without the means of subsistence but  
for the liberality of one person - I therefore most humbly  
beg you will condescend to lay these particulars before  
the Honorable Directors whose accustomed benevolence with  
I trust be exercised towards me, as I have felt every  
possible caution for my misconduct

Your most Obedient &  
unfortunate servant  
Sarah Pither

625/1/152

Mrs. Winter Kaye & Co.

50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000

Bank of England  
London

625/1/152

so good as to let her in the inner  
Sir  
if you could make it convenient  
to call upon me I have something  
to communicate to you if you could  
get an opportunity to have me in  
private which you can if you think  
this worthy of your notice - what  
I have to say is of no consequence  
to myself tho much to the Bank

I am Sir

your humble Servant

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>. 1807  
House of Correction  
God bath fields.

J<sup>o</sup>. Ry.

P.S I beg this may be kept a Secret even  
from the Keepers & not let it be known  
to them I wrote to you.



30 September 1707  
Presented  
from Mr. [unclear]  
To the Solicitor  
of the Bank  
Bank  
of England.

F25/1/153

1707

no for them and sent to [unclear] and who  
Sir  
I am sorry it has not been in my  
power to send any further account  
to you before this but I can now let  
you know that there is a Letter sent  
to Birmingham & I shall get the an-  
swer to it & will send it to you.

I should esteem it a favour if you  
would be so kind as to give the  
Bearer a Line to the Governor to be  
so good as to let her in the inner gate  
to speak to me as tho' she is not my  
wife she would have been had it not  
have been for my Imprisonment & I  
have several things to say to her about  
my Business that I cannot say at this  
Gate for every one to hear. There is a  
number admitted by bribing the Turn-  
keys but that is out of my Power as

I have not a shilling to help myself  
& the young woman has done all I can  
for me I am Sir

your most humble

Servant

J<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>

Oct. 14. 1807.



14 Oct 1807

Bank

W. Walker

from

Solicitor to the

Bank

S. Swithins Lane

F25/1/154

Remained

Sir trusting your Goodness will  
pardon the Liberty I have taken in stating  
the Situation of an Unfortunate Young  
Man and family whose Circumstances after  
Eight Months Confinement are left destitute  
of Support and sorry to say my self under  
Excommunications for fourteen years at the  
thought of the Wickedness of a Connivance  
and being Separated from my Wife and Dear  
Children my heart is broken and Attribute  
my Misfortune to being Ignorant of the fatal  
Consequences of my Crime and being treacherously  
Betrayed in hopes that something may be done to  
assist an Unfortunate Victim I have sent to  
the Bank of England and hope to be enabled to  
better Means of Bringing to justice those that  
are the Ruin of Many and trust in god for  
Mercy never to Offend the Laws of my  
Country any more and trust that Philanthropy

to make me proud of I need tell what was I got  
and goodness that as Manifested so Eminently that  
Character that my Family is Ever bound to Bless  
and with due Submission Subscribe my Self

Yours Most —

Obedient and —

Thumbar Servant

Harmonious Goal

April 1808

W L Horn





4. April 1800

Wm L. Stone

Barre

2000

Wm Lawton Stone

243 May

88

Good morning

1682

$$925 \overline{) 151}$$

to state, that I am an unfortunate person who was

Woolwich Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1806

Messrs. Wintour & Pige

Gentlemen I have taken the  
Liberty Troubling you bying the favour  
to have the goodness to Intercede for me to  
have the trifling property returned to me  
that was taken out of my Trunk at my  
Lodgings by M<sup>r</sup>. Blife after I was taken  
into custody by him, which was a brace  
of pistols two silver cases, an one pocket  
watch, M<sup>r</sup>. Blife advised me I should have  
carried my thing safe back before I was  
conducted at my doors. I have since made  
Application for them to M<sup>r</sup>. Blife and he  
inform me that he is not allowed to

Let me have them, I Have gentlemen before  
My Consuetion and since informed M.<sup>r</sup> Blifs of  
Differant Shops what there has been forger Banks  
Moats paid away and likewise the people that  
pay them away which M.<sup>r</sup> Blifs has found to  
be true I Have likewise since I have been on  
board the Hulk at this place found out by some  
people that is head for the same Office  
Mine people in the Country that make  
them for sale and likewise pay them away  
I immediately Acquainted M.<sup>r</sup> Blifs of the same  
and likewise what these people were to  
be found, therefore gentlemen as I have  
Told every thing to serve the Banks I  
Hope you will have the Goodness to



Interested for me to have what trifling property  
belongs to me. No Care so trifling will be a  
great help to me in this Situation —

I beg to remain Your Most  
Obedient and Very Humble St<sup>t</sup>  
Joseph Woodger



Ms<sup>rs</sup> Wintet & Day  
Smithers Lane  
London

Feb 11/56

18 Oct  
Bank  
from  
Jock & Haden

Honoured Sirs

To The Governors and Company of the Bank of England  
Gentlemen

After begging pardon for the intimation per-  
mit me to state, that I am an unfortunate person who was  
convicted at Hertford of being in the month of March 1802  
of having Counterfeit Bank of England <sup>notes</sup> in my possession  
to the amount of one hundred and fifty pounds, for which  
offence I was sentenced to be transported to New South Wales  
for the term of fourteen years. - soon after conviction I  
was removed to the Hulk on the River Thames where I have  
since remained under order of transportation without the  
least appearance of having my sentence put in abso-  
lute execution, now Sirs as there has been ships  
gone out with prisoners from hence and no notice has been  
taken of me it seems cruel in a degree that I should  
be neglected, I have no desire to remain in England  
I acknowledge that I have had such bad connections in  
the line of circulating bad notes that I wish for a final  
reparation from, I am not at present warned, of being  
one that is to depart the country in the present expedition  
to Botany Bay, I therefore shall be left behind  
yours  
Woolwich



therefore Gentlemen I humbly beg you will exercise your  
influence, if I am not at present in the Arrangement, that  
may facilitate my being effectually transported agreeable  
to the sentence pronounced, I know I am an useful man in  
my present situation and that may have been the cause of  
my remaining here so long, but when I assure you that I  
wish to rid me of a connection so superior to commerce  
I propose my sanguine trust that you will promote my  
speedy departure for Port Jackson.

I am Gentlemen with profound Respect

&c. &c. &c.

your very Humble Servant

John Wood.

a Carpenter.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1805.

on Board the *Prudentia*  
Y<sup>th</sup> *Woolwich*

Per



To The Governor and Company  
of The Bank of England  
London  
With Speed

125/1/157

14 Dec 157  
Bank of England  
John J. Moore

Letter from John J. Moore

Honoured Sirs

Sept<sup>r</sup> 30. 1805. —

Trusting in the well known  
benignity & humanity of your hearts, I  
have presumed to become your Suppliant  
I hope that as your Philanthropy saved  
me from an ignominious death, so will  
it preserve me from an hungry one, I have  
no friend to assist me & am in the extreme  
need, & have no hope but in your  
benevolence, which I trust you will  
extend towards me, by supplying me  
with a trifle to purchase a few stows  
for the Passage to Botany Bay, should  
you graciously condescend to comply



with my request Gratitude will engrave  
the obligation so deep, that time will never  
efface it from the memory of

Yours Most Obedient  
Most Obliged and  
Most Humble Servant  
Thos. Young

Royal Admiral  
Westwick



TWO PENNY  
POST  
C. W. M. & CO.

3  
Messrs Winton & Hage  
Minchin Lane  
Coventry  
London.

George J. Young

Bank

Feb 13 1852

Feb 11 1858

October 20<sup>th</sup> 1806

Sir

I am an unfortunate man under order of transportation  
and now on board the prudentia hulk Woolwich.  
Some time ago I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from my friend in the  
County of Cheshire containing a two pound Note  
on the Bank of England, which note it changed  
with a Mr Joy, the Chief Mate of the prudentia and  
he paid it away to a tradesman in London, that  
person wrote the <sup>Name</sup> of Joy upon the Note when he rec<sup>d</sup>  
it from Mr Joy, and when he tendered it in payment  
it was disputed, whereupon he referred it to your  
office where it was declared to be a counterfeit  
and detain'd as such, the tradesman received a certificate  
from your office which he transmitted to Mr Joy  
and Mr Joy after Questioning me about the party who  
rec<sup>d</sup> the Note from gave me that certificate which  
I forwarded by Post to my friend in the County, under  
cover of a letter describing what had occurred, and in  
answer to said letter I received the inclosed which  
I herewith send for your inspection and Consideration  
as I am most awkwardly situated respecting who is  
to be at the loss of the two Pounds.

Mr Joy



who is my Officer as I before observed, has consented to  
refer the Case to your consideration and to abide  
by your decision who is the party that ought or is  
according to legal decision, to be at the loss of  
the two pounds, now Sir you are in possession of  
all the party's names that the note can possibly  
be traced to and if you will condescend to forward  
your arbitration, and inclose the letter in it that  
I have now sent for your satisfaction and inspection  
you will much oblige your very respectfull  
and most Obedt Servt &c

James Edwards

{ On board the President  
Hulk. Woolwich  
Sept

Messrs Winter & Hay  
Inspectors Office  
Bank of England  
London

F25/1/159

2000  
Bank  
per Mr. [unclear]  
4000  
2000  
1000

an humble and sorrowful heart I write them

september the 26/807

Sir I beg your pardon for writen to you about  
the notes of bankes of England I was taken in  
scotland for them and sent to Jedburg and was  
examined before Mister Henderson Mister Clever  
the sherer of al Jedburg in scotland witch tha  
did make me pomes if I wad tell what way I got  
thos notes I shoud be set free of them thare ware a  
thing that I never had on before so understood any  
thing about ~~em~~ and I told them the time that I  
got them and the men whare I got them from and  
told them all that lade in my power about them and  
tha went of that patience to take them but I think  
tha did not want to take them tha wanted to make  
wage of yet or I am sure tha might ben got at that  
time then I was taken from thare to morpeth full  
northumberland and was try at Wexcable syes  
the 5 day of august 1806 and now if yet ples  
be ~~to~~ do any thing for me now  
will be very much oblige to you sir I have got  
a wife and seven children all that I want in  
this world is my helth and liberty to go home gane  
to work for my wife and family thare shal  
no body se me ever be scorned in any rich things  
gane I hope sir if you ples you will do som  
thing for me won if you ples won yer confinement  
is beter for a man then seven yerz is yet was the  
first time that I ever sed won of thes notes or thar  
shall never wan of them com in my hand gane  
if I had my liberty if not I want to be sent  
from her if you ples sir if you ~~to~~ ples  
to send me mrs Mathew Bell ~~prudent~~  
prudenthulke woodrich





To the  
Governor of the  
Bank of England  
London

26 Sep 1807  
Bank  
of  
England

pas 11/160



Mrs Nancy Manister  
Hempshaw Lane  
Stockport  
Cheshire

TWO PENCE  
POST  
WOODLAND



1851/1/6



July 31<sup>st</sup> - 1808  
Dear Wife and Children I Rec<sup>d</sup> your letter on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant  
With great joy to hear that God continues to Bless you with good  
Health to work for bread for your selves and our little  
Children that cannot help for them selves which I trust  
that hee will still keep you in the same for he has  
promised to be a father to the fatherless and to plead the  
Cause of the widow I have been taken with a very bad  
fever but through the timely assistance of medicine and the  
help of god I hope I shall get well in a little time I  
got blooded and took a pulke & other medicines which  
I trust put a stop to the Disorder I was very poorly  
when I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter but when I came to read that you  
was in such good hopes of my pardon I was struck with  
such an Ecstasy of joy that I had quite forgot my pain  
so I knelt down to return my god thanks and then  
Went to rest and had a pleasant sleep that night I am glad  
you have put my son James to working I hope you have done  
right in giving him hee promised mee the last time I saw  
him that hee would be a good lad and I have not the least  
doubt but hee will fulfil his promise in being good to  
his mother



you must Remember mee to Mr Lloyd and Mr  
Madely -- and let them know I shall be ever bound  
in Duty to pray for them as long as I live be sides Rewards  
and all other things that Ever falls in to my hands which  
will Ever be at there service and will if I get my  
liberty seek out that Villan of a money that brought  
mee into this trouble that all their rogey may be  
found out - there is men here get pardoned  
almost Every week there is 3 in the Gaol  
of last week and I have great faith in god that  
through the merits of his son Jesus Christ hee  
will restore <sup>me</sup> to my liberty that I may be come  
a useful member of <sup>Christian</sup> Society if it fails this time  
it must not be Done a way with But Draft  
for a while and then tried a gain people here  
have been Denied 3 times and got pardoned the 4  
time but hope the will Do it now and should it be  
my happy lot to be restored to my Dear wife and Children  
in whom I place all my worldly Delight I should be the  
happiest man in the world for I could Employ my leasure  
time in praising my god and teaching my Children

So to Do and Shewing them good Examples to go by Such as  
I have not Done before which I lament to my sorrow  
When I am in the greatest Grief I Can ease my self with  
the thought of my Children being united together in peace  
and love with their tender mother which I hope is a comfort  
to you all I find a Deal of Comfort in reading the following  
Solms the 86 and 139 the 142 and 149 and Dear John  
I Desire you to read these to your mother and Brothers and  
Sisters when you have leisure time and Do not neglect Church  
or Chapel - as many as Can go for that is the first thing to  
do as to money as I get better I shall want some kind of mends  
I ease my self with that will cherish me and what I had  
is nearly gone for I had 9/9 to lay out in a Gird and other thing  
that I was like to pay for and then you know I could not have  
much you may send me a small trifle if you Can spare  
any you know if it please god that my pardon Comes  
I shall want very little and I hope you will know be  
fore you need to write So I Conclude with my Dearest  
Love to you and to all my Dear Children and May  
god rest his Blessing upon you and keep you in Safety  
from all Evil Temptations unto your lives end  
your unfortunate W. Banister

If you think proper you may let Mr. Hillyer see Mr. Wardley instead of this



June 12 - 1808  
Dear Wife and Children this comes with my love  
to you all. Hoping it will find you still in good health  
I Recd your letter of the 6 instant with  
With a light heart to hear that you was all in  
good health and I trust in god this will find you  
the same as to my health it alters Every Day  
Some times better and some times worse But the  
sore will be done for I trust hee will help me  
in time I am sorry to hear of trade and other  
things being so bad for I Dought you will not  
Be able to get bread for my little children  
But I hope that god will be with you and assist  
you in all things I Desire you will not fail to  
See Mr Lloyd and Mr Badley and if the  
Can get my pardon I will do any thing  
that lies in my power for them and for the  
good of my Country and Shall Ever be in Duty  
Bound to pray for them unto my lives End  
for if I had all the world in gold I would give  
it all that I might be restored to my liberty  
and be united with my wife and children  
to work and indavoure to maintain my  
children and bring them up in the love and  
fear of god as I trust in god I Cant become  
a good member of Society

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you wished to know how I was situated  
I will just give you a sketch of it I am in  
a ship with a bout 400 men all as low as  
as Colver our Vitals is very bad in the  
morning we have some Barley and water  
Boils thin with out Salt and at noon some  
Bread & Beef the Beef is such as you never  
saw most of it is such as Dyes of it Self  
and Cows that are in a Decline and the Best  
we get is lean Bull our Bread is a kind  
of Bran and Barley ground to gether  
just the Colour of - ganash and at night we  
have some Barley Boils in the Broth that is  
made of the Beef but nobody will Eat that  
as it gives them the fluxes and kills men  
Directly Every other Day we have a small  
quantity of Cheese to Dinner in Stead of Beef  
But you can scarcely Cut it with a knife  
We get our Breakfast at Six in the morning  
and then we are taken a Shore in Boats and  
work till noon and then — goes a gain at  
one o'clock and work till Six our work is  
hardly fit for horses and there is men over  
us with Great Sticks and if we look off  
our work they lay on us with out mercy

our legs is cheard to gether Day and night  
and am a monght nothing but thieves and  
murderers and robbers there is nothing  
But Blasting and Swearing &c -

So you may be sure I cannot live  
Long here I have not much time to spare  
But what leasure time I have I Spend it  
in prayer and I Desire you do the same  
for if I was with <sup>you</sup> a gain we could live  
a happy life in this world and bring  
our children up in the love of god which  
I hope you will do your in Davao  
all at present from yours - Ever loving  
Husband W<sup>m</sup> Bonister

NB Please to write as soon as you know  
how things will be and let me know  
how all my Children

Excuse my pen as I am hardly able to  
write



*8/10/18*



*Mr Van der  
Kamp  
25 in fishmarket lane  
Stockport  
Cheshire*





Dear Sir Mr Lloyd

Oct 14 1788

I beg you will Excuse mee taking the  
Liberty of writing these few lines to you as it is with  
an humble and sorrowful heart I write them  
it is to humbly intreat your goodness that you will  
relieve the wants of England to relieve my Distress  
Condition and to show some mercy on mee for the  
Sake of my poor Distressed wife and Eight  
Children which are Deprived of their tender  
father and left to the mercy of the world  
perhaps the greatest part of them will never  
Remember having ~~seen~~ seen their father  
and what must be their bringing up I cannot  
tell but the rest of it will I Doubt be hard for them  
told about from place to place I cannot tell where  
and often told of their fathers misfortune while  
I may languish a few months more for them  
and then go in sorrow Down to the my grave  
I think in my own breast that it lies in your  
power to get my pardon and if I should meet  
your approbation that your goodness will get  
my liberty I shall Ever be in Duty Bound to pray  
for you and will reward you as far as lies in my  
power and will Ever Do what I Can for my King  
and Country to Do them good I Doubt be bound  
to be put to Death with out any more if I Do  
not find out mischief that Drowd mee in to this  
Innocent and could in a few months Discover the  
Whole gang of them that is paying some Hundred  
Every week but I will Do my in Davour to Do  
any thing that lies in my power to make them  
amend all I could wish in this life is to be  
restored to my wife and Children that I might  
live the rest of my Day in peace and Bring them  
up in the love and fear of god and Repent my  
Sincerely your Ever H<sup>ble</sup> Wm Banister



Mrs Nand  
Banister  
Hempshaw Lane  
Stockport  
Cheshire



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Moolrich  
Sir

Ex v Samster

I take this opportunity of transmitting  
to you the forged Notes found by me &  
and my flock in the garden of this  
Prison, as pointed out by him to  
me after his Conviction - I have  
been much teased by his poor  
unfortunate widow to write to you  
on his behalf to point out the  
wretchedness of his situation - I inclose  
the Letters she has received from him,  
one addressed to me, which describes  
all that it would be necessary for

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me to represent - and I shall be greatly  
obliged if you will mention the  
receipt of them when you write that  
I may relieve the mind of the poor  
woman from some degree of anxiety  
lest I sh<sup>d</sup> be so unfeeling as to be  
silent - I am, Sir,

Your very obedient  
hble serv<sup>t</sup>

J. R. R.

Stockport 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1808

for. Kaye Esquire

2<sup>d</sup> Nov 1838  
Bank  
Care of Bannister  
from Messrs. Stockport  
with directions

Sir/

Rox v Bannister -

I take this opportunity of transmitting to you the forged notes found by me and my Clerk in the Garden of this Prisoner, as printed out by him to me after his Conviction - I have been much teased by his poor unfortunate Widow to write to you on his behalf to point out the wretchedness of his situation - I enclose the Letters she has received from him, and addressed to me, which describe all that it would be necessary for me to represent - And I shall be greatly obliged if you will mention the receipt of them when you write that I may relieve the mind of the poor Woman from some degree of anxiety lest I sh<sup>d</sup> be so unfeeling as to be silent.

I am Sir,

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> little serv<sup>t</sup>

Jos. Haye Esquire -

Lloyd.

Stockport 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1808.



Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir,

I trust the necessity of my present  
unfortunate situation will apologize for the liberty I now  
take in thus writing you.

If you'll recollect,  
I transmitted a petition to you the 18<sup>th</sup> of last month,  
addressed to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Governor & directors of the  
Bank of England, praying they would, in conse-  
quence of certain facts therein stated, be pleased to grant  
me a free pardon, <sup>a mitigation of sentence</sup> or allow me the privilege of  
transporting myself beyond seas. And also begged  
that an answer might be condescended on. I sent me when  
convenient,

To this petition you have never as yet been  
pleased to grant me any answer. I therefore hereby  
earnestly intreat of you to have the goodness to do  
so as soon as you can. This from your well  
known,

humanity & compassion to the distressed. I am led to  
entertain the most flattering hopes of a speedy de-  
liverance from this my most miserable situation,  
which, if this should be effected, I shall always look upon  
it as the greatest of blessings, and as the highest obli-  
gation conferred upon

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

Ship Retribution  
at Woolwich

18<sup>th</sup> March 1809

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup>

William Banister

TWO PENCE  
POST

3  
The Secretary of the  
Bank of England  
London

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Bank  
from Wm. B. Smith  
Thos. H. Trevelyan  
Woolwich



The Governors & Directors of the Bank having interposed  
so far in your favour as to relieve you from the Capital  
punishment to which your offence had subjected you, they  
decline interfering further—

I am

Yrs &c

JR

Sol<sup>r</sup> to the Bank

London 1 April 1809

W<sup>m</sup> Bannister  
a convict on Board  
The Retribution  
Woolwich

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1 April 1809

Bank

To Mr Bannister

a Convict Woolwich



Unto the Honourable The  
Governor & Directors of the  
Bank of England,  
The petition of William Bamister, present  
prisoner on board of the Retribution Hulk at  
Woolwich Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner had resided in the town  
of Southampton with his wife and children, during  
the greatest part of his life.

That he has always maintained a Good char-  
acter, as can be well attested by the most respect-  
able Gentlemen & principal inhabitants of that  
town and neighbourhood, which attestations  
can easily be produced.

That unfortunately he was very innocently  
led in by a base & designing man of the name of  
Archibald Murphy in the month of December  
Eighteen hundred & seven years, who in consequence  
of a Mercantile transaction delivered or gave to  
your petitioner a Two pound, and a One pound  
Note, both of the Bank of England, Which  
two notes happened to be forged ones, but entirely  
unknown to your petitioner untill after he had  
disposed of them. He was taken into custody on the  
above date. & was imprisoned untill the 11th of  
April



held at Chester the 20<sup>th</sup> of April last. When, by the advice of ignorant and designing persons, and imagining it to be altogether unnecessary to employ counsel in his behalf, not dreaming any harm could accrue to him, from conscious innocence. did, although against himself, confess and plead Guilty,

In consequence of which, sentence of transportation for fourteen years was immediately passed ag<sup>t</sup> him. Which sentence, your hon<sup>rs</sup> must be sensible, was by far too severe, and cruel, as he has a wife & a large family of eight small children, unable to assist one another, on account of their tender age,

That your petitioner is very sensible, that it was perfectly consistent with your honours duty and interest, in detecting & punishing offenders, who have the intention of defrauding the Bank. but it will appear manifest from your petitioners long and well attested good character that nothing could possibly be farther from his thoughts, that he never once conceived the least idea of doing so. That he taken the precaution of employing able counsell at the assizes as he ought to have done. it would have been fully shewn, that he was naturally of a disposition wholly against transactions of such a nature,

May

May it therefore please your  
honours, to take this petition into  
consideration, and grant a free  
pardon, or if this should ap-  
pear to the Governor & worthy di-  
rectors of the Bank of England  
to be too great an alleviation of his  
sentence, to grant him per-  
mission or liberty to banish & trans-  
port himself from His Majesty's  
dominions during such a  
number of years, as shall be seen  
proper. And in the mean  
time, that your honours will be so  
very condescending as to grant  
an answer to be returned to this peti-  
tion. And your petitioner  
shall ever pray &c.

William Bramster

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1809



Two-Penny  
POST  
London

The Secretary  
of the Bank of England  
London

1809 N<sup>o</sup> 1  
FEB 20  
1809

18 Aug 18  
Bank  
of the  
Bank of London  
1-1-1  
5-1-9



Retribution Hulk, Woolwich,  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1810.

Gentlemen

I most respectfully beg  
leave to submit the enclosed Petition for  
your approval; if it meets which I request  
that you will have the goodness to lay  
it before the Honorable Board to whom  
it is addressed, and if it is not troubling  
too far on your charitable goodness, I  
should be for ever grateful if you would  
favor me with a line by Post, intimating  
how far I may hope for the completion  
of my wishes therein contained,

I am, Gentlemen,  
with the highest respect  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

humble Servant,

John Bellairs.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Winter and Fay..

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Messrs. Winter and Day

Agents,

Lombard Street,

London.





47 Jan 1810  
Bank  
for John Willairs

W



Sir

Newgate Jan<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1810

The person of the name of Braham  
or Abraham whom I mentioned to you  
before was (as he states to me himself  
nearly apprehended at a Shop in  
Holborn in passing a 1<sup>l</sup> note & had  
at the time 32 in his possession. he  
made his escape on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Shop  
man not being able to get an  
Officer to take him into Custody.  
I am at this time in the greatest  
distress of mind as the Convicts are  
now going off & I not knowing -  
whether I am to be so happy as  
to go with my wife or not & Mr  
Souter not being at home makes  
me request of you to give me a  
line in order to restore tranquillity  
to the mind of your unhappy

Servant

J. S. S.

13 Jan 1810  
Bank  
for Mr. Lloyd  
M. Lloyd  
Solicitor  
Tokenhouse yard,  
Bank.



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To the Honorable the Governor and Directors of the Bank  
of England.

The humble Petition of Elizabeth Ward,  
under Sentence of Death in Newgate.

Most humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner in the year  
1800, separated from her husband, Thomas Ward, sundry Notes, purporting  
to be good and lawful Notes of the Bank of England, that under the  
influence and direction of her said husband, she had sent a few into  
Circulation; previous to her discovery of their being Counterfeits; that on  
such discovery your Petitioner, overwhelmed with the deepest affliction, under  
a just sense of the enormity of the Crime, remonstrated against the guilty  
deed, and but too truly predicted the fatal consequence which immediately  
followed — Her husband having fled from Justice, your Petitioner  
felt an innocent victim to the offended Law of her Country, and after  
pleading guilty to her indictment she received sentence of the Honour-  
able Court of Sessions to New South Wales, as appears from the words of the  
writ of Habeas Corpus, at which she was tried, and which was immediately carried into  
execution, leaving behind her two unprotected female infant Children, and  
a third, hanging at her breast, that shared the sufferings of its unhappy Mother.  
Considering her sentence to be for seven Years only, she embraced the only  
opportunity that might ever probably happen, to unfold in her longings some,  
her long lost Children, but having been delivered into the hands of Justice,  
the awful Sentence of the Law has been pronounced against her Life.

Your Petitioner filled with sorrow and  
contrition for the Crime, and oppressed with the weight of her sufferings,  
implores your forgiveness, and under a grateful sense of justice formerly  
subsequent to her first trial and conviction, with the deepest humility  
prays, gentlemen, that you will be pleased to take the circumstances  
attending her very singular case, into your serious consideration, and,  
on your superior wisdom, be pleased to address the sacred person of  
His Majesty, the Foundation of Mercy, endeavour to restore to society  
and the embraces of her dear friends her Children, a poor creature  
who



who has been nearly seven years drinking the bitterest drop, from the  
vials of human misery, for a Crime into which she became innocently  
involved

Your humble Petitioner begs leave to assure the  
Gentlemen of the Bank of England, that should Her Majesty be  
graciously pleased to grant the prayer of a Petition, signed by near fifty  
of his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, and respectable householders,  
that the Death of her late husband gives her an opportunity of embracing  
an offer of marriage much to her advantage, with a person of the purest  
morals, and very respectable connexions, who only waits for the sanction of  
your suffering petitioner, to make her happy in the management of  
an extensive trading house

Under the above circumstances  
your most humble petitioner prays you will be pleased to grant the  
prayer of her Petition, the most grateful sense of which, will ever be  
retained, and your Petitioner, with her Children, and probably Children's  
Children, will, as in Duty bound, ever pray for their benefactors &c. &c.

Newgate, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1809

The mark  
Elizabeth X Ware  
of

To the honorable

The Governors and Directors

Of the Bank of England

23<sup>d</sup> Decr 1809

The humble Petition of  
Elizabeth Ware, under the  
awful Sentence of Death, in  
Newgate

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To the honorable the Governor  
and Directors of the Bank of  
England

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Cannot interfere

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4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1810  
Bank v Ware  
to Mrs Ware



Mr Ware's Petition has been submitted  
to the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Directors of the Bank  
who cannot interfere on her behalf

4 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1810

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To the Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England

Honble Sirs

Master Side magazine

With Due Respect I most humbly beg  
Leave to address you respecting my present Situation about  
fifteen months ago I was seized and convicted of having forged  
Bank notes in my Possession for which I was sentenced to fourteen  
years transportation since then I have bin confined in magazine with  
a wife and two Infant Children who are in the greatest Distress from  
my Long Confinement I am reduced to the utmost not receive  
my friends to render me any assistance and I have a very bad  
Kisture with Gentlemen I am without the means of securing  
redemption for that Complaint yesterday I was ordered to hold  
my self in Redemption to go off to Botany Bay by the first  
Ship which will be in a few Days I therefore therefore  
most fervently solicit that you will Condescend to Consider  
my Case and that you will humanely Contribute  
something towards my Relief so far as in your wisdom it may  
be deemed Prudent

I am Honble Sirs yours with Respect  
your most Olig Humble Servant

James Jackson

Messrs Wintle & Treg  
Solicitors of the Governor  
and Company of the Bank  
of England

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*you will be kind enough to forward*

To The Governor and Company of the  
Bank of England.

The Petition of Sarah Davis, a Convict  
in His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner was Indicted at the last Old  
Bailey Session for Uttering, as was alleged, in Company with  
another, a £5. Bank of England Note, to which Indictment  
She Pleaded Guilty, and was Sentenced to be Transported,  
for the term of Fourteen Years.

That your Petitioner in her dreadful and much  
distressed Situation has ventured, (but in the most humble  
manner) to Solicit that Charitable Aid, which You have ever  
been pleased to afford to such Unfortunates as Your unhappy  
Petitioner; And She is the more emboldened to throw herself  
upon Your Benevolence, not only from the knowledge you  
have of her truly pitiable Case, but from the circumstance  
also, of her being absolutely driven to the most extreme  
poverty, and importunate distress, and which alas would  
have been truly indescribable, if Your Petitioner had not been  
enabled in some measure to alleviate it, either by the Sale,  
or Pledging of what little Wearing Apparel She had left—

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly  
and ardently Implores your humane  
Consideration

of her distresses, by condescending to  
make her what allowance you may, in  
your wisdom deem meet —

Norwich 30. Sept.  
1841 —

And Your Petitioner as in  
Duty bound will ever pray



To  
The Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England.

The Petition of Sarah Dasis a  
Convict in His Majesty's Gaol  
of Newgate, under sentence of  
Transportation for the term of  
Fourteen Years. —

That she be paid her  
Wages Weekly. —

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Gentlemen

I humbly beg pardon for  
troubling you again, but hope and trust  
you will be kind enough to forward  
my Memorial, to the Secretary of State  
that I may take my Departure from  
within those Decaying Walls, by the next  
Ship for New South Wales, which I un-  
derstand there is one now a fitting out  
to receive Convicts on board, in August  
I trust you will do every thing that lays  
in your power for me, at the same time  
excuse the Liberty I have here taken  
by complying with the above request.

Newgate  
July: 18  
1820.

You will much oblige an  
unfortunate prisoner

Amelia Bellary



Mrs Wintle & Wye  
Solicitors to the Bank  
of England

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J. A. Smith  
Bank  
10 July 1710

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gentlemen  
of the Banks of England

th<sup>e</sup> Humble petition  
of Amelyas Ballairs humbly bow down to you  
hon<sup>ored</sup> Gentlemen praying your Goodness will  
pardon the Liberty I take in thus Addressing you  
having the ship is ready w<sup>ich</sup> is to convey me  
and a maney more of my salow suffers to a  
fave Distant Country w<sup>ich</sup> gives me grate unhappyness  
being very unprovided and my pore Child likewise  
for so long a vovage most humbly beg your feeling  
harts will relve me with a trifell to redem  
my Cloths w<sup>ich</sup> through my long Confinement  
I have bin obliged to part w<sup>ith</sup> and having  
no friends w<sup>ich</sup> cane vander me the smalest relff  
I thus take the Liberty of Addressing you for  
such Donattion as it may plase you to bestow  
will be thankfully Rec<sup>d</sup> and as in Duty Bound  
will ever pray the unperturbit  
Ameler Ballairs Transpoart Newgate

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Miss Winter  
& Hether  
Token House Yard

Amelia Hollands

Gentlemen      Janry 30 1771

I humbly beg permission to to state to you  
that the ship which is to convey me and the  
rest of my fellow suffers to a far distant  
Country is ready and am given to understand  
that all are to be on board in ten days most  
humbly hope that as nothing can be done  
to extricate me from this miserable dwelling  
that your feeling hearts will use your  
indignors to send me a way in this ship  
I have to subscribe my self  
most honored Gentlemen your  
very humble servant  
Amelia Baskins

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Worps Winter  
and Place  
Token Shows yared

Bank  
for Amelie Ballan

30 Jan 1811



To the Right, Honorable  
Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England

The humble petition of Amelia Bellas  
now under Sentence of Transportation  
in Newgate,

Most Humbly Sheweth that  
your petitioner most humbly craves  
your Aid and Assistance in her behalf  
in forwarding her to New South Wales  
by the first Ship, knowing at this  
time there is a Ship Laying at  
Wormouth, to take out Convicts which  
Induces, Your petitioner to crave your  
assistance that your petitioner may  
be sent out in this Ship, to New South  
Wales, to serve the Sentence of the  
Law for which she is convicted for

That your humble petitioner  
feels a contrition for her past Life and  
humbly hopes your goodness will extend  
in Interceding yourselves in my behalf  
that I may be sent out in this Ship

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and thereby to serve my sentence  
that I may become at the expiration  
of my sentence, a useful member  
of Society, which will be my whole  
study by honesty and industry to  
regain my Reputation,

That your humble petitioner  
likewise solicits your interest for  
getting a grant for my child a girl  
8 years of age to go with me, having  
no protector but myself, I trust you  
will be kind enough to use your  
interest in my favor, ~

By complying with the above  
Your humble Petitioner will  
be ever in duty bound to pray

Amelia Bellamy



Messrs Winter & Kaye

Solicitors to the Bank of England

Bank  
Petition for A. Ballance



remitt a bill to redeem them here and

Newgate 23<sup>d</sup> October 1840.

Gentlemen,

I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to you, not only for a former, but the present allowance of Seven Shillings per week, you are so kindly pleased to make me, and which I have found of such essential service to myself and Children, that I should think myself blamable, indeed, were I not most gratefully to acknowledge such generosity, in the best manner I am able.

From the distressed state myself and Children were in, previously to your granting me the above allowance, I was of necessity, even for the common necessities of life, obliged to pawn or part with nearly the whole of my wearing Apparel, which of myself, I shall never be able to redeem; I therefore have presumed (but reluctantly) to state to you, that in consequence of having received Orders to hold myself in readiness to be sent off to New South Wales by the next Ship, which is expected very shortly to sail, and having experienced your liberality on a former (but lamentable) occasion, emboldens me to ask permission to be allowed (and for the last time let my future fate be whatever it may) to again solicit, that you will with your usual humanity, be pleased to afford me such pecuniary assistance, as you have usually extended to such unfortunates as myself, on similar occasions.

I humbly beg leave to subscribe myself with a most grateful Heart,

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

To  
The Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England.

Elizabeth Ware

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To The Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England.

13 Oct 1846  
C. L. M. W.

Honoured Gentlemen

humbly beg permission to state to  
you that I am given to understand that  
it is but a few day before I shall take  
my departure from this dreary Dwelling  
and most humbly beg pardon for thus  
addressing you being in extreme distress  
for what few articles with my long  
Confinement have been obliged to purchase  
most humbly pray as Mr Shute told  
me that you had humanely offered to  
remitt a trifell to redeem them hope and  
trust what your feeling hearts will please  
to bestow that I do not offend in asking  
for it before I leave the prison as it will  
be impossible to get them when on board  
with out being defrauded of a part of  
the money and I will be ever carefull  
to lay it to the least advantage  
and for such Goodness will as in duty  
bound for ever pray

And beg leave to subscribe  
my self right honoured Gentlemen  
your most obedient & very  
humble servant Elizabeth  
Ware



Mrs. Winter & Kay  
Taken from Yard  
Back of the Bank

Bank  
Jm. Eley & Co.

Fas 11/180

Honoured Gentlemen

we unfortunet suffers Elizabeth Ware  
and Amelias Bellairs humbly bow down  
to you Craving Pardon in the Liberty  
we now take in troubling you but when  
We had the hapyness of seeing you  
yesterday we under stood that Mr suter  
was to give us the money your Goodness  
was pleas'd to Bestow we a Cord only  
waited upon Mr suter this morning  
in hopes from your Humanity that  
he woud have let us have the money  
to redeem our clothes which makes us  
both verry unhappy as Mr suter seem  
to doubt whether you woud not be displeas'd  
have your Goodness will not think we  
take too grute Liberty in saying you  
will be pleas'd to send to Mr suter  
immedietly that we may Redeem our little  
necessaries as with out them our Cases  
will be verry Distressing to be put on  
shore in a foreign Country naked and  
Distrust kind Gentlemen our time is  
verry short as Tuesday next is the day  
we expect to be put on board and hope  
and trust to have your unces by the hour  
which will much abivate the sorrows of  
the verry unhappy Elizabeth Ware and Amelie  
Bellairs

We have bin just told  
to mr Suter and by his desire  
we was to Rite to you emedly  
as thave is not a momant to  
loos at the same time we shaw  
mr suter our Duplicats



Moss Winter  
and Fly  
Taken hows Yard

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9th Feb. 1811  
Banks  
for Moss Wane  
& Enrich Bellare

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most Honoured Gentlemen  
I most humbly bow down to  
you bagen your human hearts will  
pardon the liberty I take in thus  
addressing you was desired by my  
father to apply to you as he had  
settled all accounts with you and  
that by <sup>your</sup> desire you would settle  
some one to pay me a trifell weekly  
wich I have had nothing about  
a fortnight is now relapsed and I  
have recd nothing from any one  
and being very friendly I have  
taken the liberty of bagen a trifell  
to support me whilst confined in  
this melancholy dwelling and for  
every extream kindness I have  
received may have to return my most  
gratfull thanks and most humbly  
bow down to you kind Gentlemen  
praying for a continuance of your  
kind benockence and ever well as  
in duty bound constantly pray  
and may have to subscribe my self  
Right Honoured Sir your  
very Obedt humble  
servant <sup>Edw</sup> <sup>W</sup>are  
Salons side cherygate  
march 25

25 March 1811

Bank

J<sup>th</sup> Eliz<sup>h</sup> Ware

Most Winded  
and Lega

Token Floor  
yard

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Wm. W. W.

I humbly hope your goodness will pardon the  
Liberty I take of writing as a month is now past since  
I had any relief hope your feeling hands have not mis-  
taken your kindness I would not take the liberty of writing but very  
anxious to part with those no longer which I have been  
wondering with and feared has been to return my most grateful  
thanks for those favors I have already recd and shall ever  
think my self in duty bound to do ever pray  
in the mean time has been to subscribe  
my self your most obedient very humble  
servant G. W. W.

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Major Winter  
and Hea

Toden Flows  
yard

Bank  
of E. Ware

Mr

I presume you are acquainted with  
the circumstances that have brought me up for Warwick  
consequently, I have no occasion to take up your  
time in the relation.

As I see all my way and run to  
bad Characters, I still possess and govern shall,  
the same principles I did at Warwick. And if  
you will condescend to call on me I will convince  
you of the same.

If I can be of any service to the  
Governors & Directors of the Bank / confidentially /  
I am very well acquainted with Robert and he  
will trust me with any or all his money matters  
& concerns.

When you call upon me don't let any  
person know what you want with me.

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1710 }  
Newgate - }

Yours &c. &c.

*Wm. Pitt*  
+ *Robert*





Mr Joseph Knight  
(Attorney at Law)  
Tobacco house yard

1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1810  
Bank  
J<sup>ms</sup> W. W. W. W.

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Sir I have perused your Affidavit  
the Letter accompanying it & I will lay  
them before the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Directors of the Bank

I cannot undertake to present your  
Petition - as the prosecution had no connection  
whatever with the Bank & concerns of the  
Bank it would be improper in me to  
interfere, I return the Petition inclosed

I H

17 Oct 1810

W<sup>m</sup> B Kitchen  
Preston

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17 Oct 1860

Bank

T. W. W. Hitchin.



At length my Father has returned my Petition signed  
by several very respectable persons and I do myself the honour  
to hand the same to you. Lile and Hulme are Majestates  
residing on the spot of my Birth (the former is Brother to the Rowland  
Lile) — Dumbear and Webster are very large Merchants at Freetown  
— Daniel is a large Potter, and Whitmore a large Timber Merchant  
— the other Gentlemen who live in Town I presume you have  
a knowledge of — From such respectable recommendations  
I hope you will be pleased to present it and procure either  
my Pardon, or a Mitigation of sentence; in which case  
you little know how truly grateful I shall be, and in duty  
bound to ever pray for you — but if nothing else can be  
done, I shall consider myself particularly obliged if you  
will obtain me leave to transport myself to America or some  
other place which may be agreed upon. As you are  
acquainted with my intention and determination I shall  
leave my fate to your will and pleasure, being satisfied  
of your generosity and Humanity towards an un-  
fortunate who has fallen a Victim to a set of designing  
Men. — I have sent you an Affidavit and a list  
of names, which I will any time you please confirm or  
omit. and you may depend that you shall find in me  
a Man of high Integrity and Honour in whatever I engage  
with you whether you render me any service or no.

Roberts

On reading the News Paper yesterday morning I went to  
R — he said what Taylor had said was perfectly right  
and that he might implicate Mr Fletcher the Attorney  
and the Clerk in the Prison.

Talkara (as I said before) assisted him in his  
escape — and was afterwards with him in the Country, in  
order to procure Money to assist him off — R. was  
at Oxford about 9 Days previous to his being taken  
into Custody this time. —

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I shall continue to give you every Information  
relative to R - although he may not state everything  
correctly, in consequence of his having been once deceived.  
— but if you want any particular question solved no  
doubt but I can get him to do it.

I am Sir your most obedient

Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

*Wm Pitt*

Margate  
Oct 13 - 1816

B. I shall consider myself particularly obliged  
if you will present the Petition immediately, as there is  
no certainty of the time when there will be a removal  
of Transports from hence. If necessary I will give  
Security for the fulfilment of any engagement I make with  
you — or if you think proper to inquire into my Private  
Character I will furnish you with persons of respectability to  
inquire of — My only fault is that of having been too  
credulous in my connection with bad Men —  
The Mr Kent my Prosecutor has said he will sign the Pet<sup>n</sup>  
but he is at present at Cheltenham.



Wm. H. H. H.

Joseph Kay's Esq.

(Ld. to the Bank of England)

Bank Building



William Hitchen formerly of Simers Town Merchant but  
now a Prisoner in His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate Maketh  
Oath and saith that the annexed is a true list of  
persons who are in the constant habit of Counterfeiting  
and circulating Notes of the Governor & Compt<sup>y</sup> of the  
Bank of England to a large amount. And this  
Deponent further saith he is heartily sorry and lamen-  
greatly for having been connected with such Infamous  
Characters and seeing the evil consequences which  
will attend a continued association with such  
diabolical Men, is fully determined, and resolved  
to absolve his ruinous connection with them. And  
this Deponent further saith he will in future strictly  
attend to the Interests of the Governors & Compt<sup>y</sup> of the  
Bank of England and use every effort in his power  
to detect and bring to Justice all and every such  
party, person, or persons as annexed wherever they  
may transgress to the injury of the Governors & Compt<sup>y</sup>  
of the Bank to his knowledge as aforesaid. —  
And this Deponent further saith from his great intimacy  
and high confidence with the annexed depredators  
he has no doubt of being enabled to discover and  
bring to Justice nearly the whole of them in a  
short period after his enlargement — but in case  
this Deponent should not be fortunate enough to  
obtain his liberty, and is secured from leaving the  
said Gaol of Newgate he this Deponent will then  
furnish Mr Joseph Kays the Solt<sup>y</sup> to the said  
Governors & Compt<sup>y</sup> of the Bank of England with  
the address of the whole of the annexed persons and  
as far as within his knowledge their plans and  
dealings from time to time. And this Deponent  
relying on the generosity of the Governors & Compt<sup>y</sup>

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pledges himself to act in all things according to the wish and advice of the said Mr Joseph Kays who shall direct how and in what manner this Deponent shall proceed so as the annexed persons may the more speedily be brought to Justice.

Sworn before me

*[Signature]*

A Correct List of Persons who are in the constant habit of Counterfeiting and Circulating Notes of the Governors and Compt<sup>y</sup> of the Bank of England as referred to in the annexed Affidavit.

The names	Surnames	Surnames
Ellis -	Lee -	Jackson -
Hill -	Rock -	Adams -
Hall -	Pryor -	Rolls -
Dawson -	White -	Clecker -
Manley -	Le Roman -	Langley -
Allen -	Nelson -	Barreara -
Gray stone -	George -	Brown -
Hough -	Watson -	Blacklin -
Schultz -	Scott -	Harle -
Bonvitz -	Dornor -	Collins -
Bullock -	Brigora -	Jennings -
Kornor -	Soloman -	Thompson -
Harris -	Barkley -	Padan -
Shaw -	Walker -	Spendon -
Kownek -	Sealey -	Truman -
Smith -	Arbee -	Dale -
Chamberlain	Papclwith -	Bryant -
Kayce -	Davey -	Powch -
Forbes -	Dean -	Sampson -
Taylor -	Whitehouse -	Mann -
Wells -	Booth -	Hell -
Hea -	Hite -	Low -
Oliver -	Phillips -	Hope -
Nash -	Patrick -	Geare -
Kayce -	Hadley -	Nightingale -
Conlin -	Honshaw -	
Quig -	Smith -	
Cheesman -	Bradbury -	



Affidavit of  
Jm. Fitcher



Muzat <sup>2d</sup> 3 October 1810

Sir

The enter of the money you  
were pleased to Give me is entirely  
Expended and am Disturbed as I have  
No friends in town not to Give me as much  
as One Shilling therefore hopes your Honor  
will please to Send me the Remaining part  
Which is Two pounds Nineteen Shillings -

Your Compliance will much Oblige your  
Most Obedt. & Very Humble Servant  
J. Davis

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30 Oct 1010  
Bank  
J<sup>m</sup> S. Davis

M<sup>r</sup> Hey Solicitor  
of the Bank of  
England



To the Honble Directors of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition of John Davis and John Dolons now  
Confin'd in Newgate for Six Months

Sheweth Your Petitioners were tried in September Sessions last past at the  
Sessions House in Clerkenwell Green Before William Mainwaring  
Esq: on a Charge of uttering one base Heller of the Similitude and Likeness  
of the Dollars Issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England  
Contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided and having  
Others of a similar Kind found on their persons was found Guilty  
Thereof and Sentenced as above

Your Petitioners bows down with Humble Submission to the Laws of their  
Country and his Majestys Crown and Dignity that petitioners most  
Humbly begs leave to observe that on their trial the Chairman William  
Mainwaring Esq: ordered all the property taken from Petitioners to be  
Returned to them that Petitioners would have asked Individually for  
Each part of said property in Court were it not for the Implicit Confidence  
then placed in the Solicitor for the prosecution who asented to the Order  
Given in Court to petitioners by nodding his Head Petitioners took it for  
Granted that Each and Every part of said property would be Returned  
By said Solicitor after said trial was over but said Solicitor called on  
Petitioners in Newgate and told them they must not Expect any more from him  
than what he Received from the Constable who Originally took them into Custody  
then said Solicitor paid your Petitioners six pounds ten Shillings deducting  
Ten Shillings for two Dollars said to be uttered by Petitioners in Barnet being the  
Nett said Solicitor Received leaving a Deficiency in some persons Wards of three  
Pounds Eighteen Shillings and six pence taken at first from Petitioners and  
A Pocket Book a silver pencil Case one Gauda Breastpin and one new Silk  
Handkerchief which Petitioners were prevented from asking for in Court in  
Consequence of the aforesaid asent of said Solicitor



Your Petitioners therefore most Humbly Implore your Honours to be pleased  
to take their Case into Consideration having no friends being reduced  
to the utmost Distress and Obliged to endeavour to sustain nature  
upon the prison allowance and Cause your Solicitor to force Said  
Constable to bring forward as per Order of Court all Said remaining  
Part of Said property Illegally detained from Petitioners or otherwise  
your Honours Commiserate Petitioners Case and Grant them Such  
Relief as in your Wisdom and Judgement Seems Meet and Petitioners  
In Duty Bound will Ever pray

Your Petitioners Solmnly Declare  
they raised in Victuals and Drunk  
from said officer who first took them  
into Custody but to the Value of  
Five Shilling —

Petition of Downe  
J Davis

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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Directors of the Bank of England

The humble Petition of John Davis and John Downes now  
Confin'd in Newgate for Six months

Sheweth your Petitioners were tried in September Sessions last past at the  
Sessions House in Clerkenwell Lane Before William Maitland Esq<sup>r</sup> on a Charge of uttering one Base Dollar of the Similitude  
and Likeness of the Dollars Issued by the Governor and Company  
of the Bank of England Contrary to the Statute in that Case made and  
Revised and having others of a similar Kind found on their Persons  
Was found Guilty thereof and Sentenced as above

Your Petitioners bow down with Humble Submission to the laws of their  
Country and his Majestys Crown and Dignity that this is the  
First offence Ever was laid to their Charge

That they now know the Magnitude of their offence and are Resolved  
The Remaining part of their lives never to offend again but that  
The Rectitude of their Conduct Should in some degree atone to  
Society and the Injured Laws of their Country

That your Petitioners Imprisonment has Reduced them to an Extreme of  
Distress that they have no friends in England and all their Resources  
are Spent

Therefore your petitioners most Humbly  
Implores your Honours to Commiserate  
Their Miserable Situation and Grant them  
Some Temporary Relief as in your Honours  
Wisdom and Judgment Seems meet and  
Petitioners in Duty Bound will Ever pray

John Davis  
John Downes



Bank

Petr. of John Davis  
& John Downes

Rejected

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The Rt Hon. the  
Governor of the  
Bank of  
England.

15 May  
1841  
J. W. Walker

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Ap<sup>o</sup>g Fleet Market  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 1811.

Sir,  
Yesterday sent a £1 Bank note, which  
was very much mutilated, to exchange at the  
Bank for another of the same value: but  
upon the return of the messenger he informed  
me, it was a forgery, that the Bank would  
not pay it, & produced a paper of which the  
following is a copy. (viz.)

Investigators Office.

No. 3441 - dated 3 May 1811

Brought into the Bank the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1811

\* \* \* Please to call between 9 and 3 o'clock

I confess I am very much surprised at this  
proceeding of the Bank towards those who, by  
their good faith of Bank Paper, should take the  
great quantities of notes of different denominations,  
which are issued from time to time; and, the  
more so, at taking this note from an unfor-  
tunate Debtor & stamping it as a forgery,  
thereby depriving me of the only means of  
recovering

H. Payne Printer,  
New Hill London.



recovering the amount from the person who  
paid it to me, who might not take the  
number of the note, but were it put again  
into his hands, might by some mark or  
conspicuity, recognise it, & enable him to  
know to whom he should return it, and by  
the same means it might be retraced from  
one to another, & in time, if forged, the  
delinquent might be discovered: for to  
suppose that every Farmer, Merchant,  
Tradesman &c. should take the number of  
what small notes pass thro' his hands, is as  
inconsistent, as that the Bank should assign  
to itself a right to deprive me, of the  
possession of the only document, by which  
I am justified in making my claim on the  
person who paid me the note. Besides,  
the circumstance of your taking my note, and  
I must call it mine after having paid  
value for it, and placing your mark  
upon it, transfers the property to yourself,  
and for which I ought to be remunerated.  
So, I cannot conceive by what authority,  
right, or principle, any publick body of  
Men, have to seize upon the property  
of an individual, and retain that property  
without

without giving him an equivalent in  
return. Should ~~this~~ this plan be  
persisted in, it will prove, eventually,  
a dangerous instrument in the hands  
of those who, by their good faith, have  
served to raise the Bank to that high  
credit it at present enjoys. However, I am  
so far from submitting to a tame surrender  
of my property, that unless I receive the  
note in question, or another note of  
the value of £1. I shall think myself  
justified in giving directions to my  
Solicitor to proceed against you in  
Trove for the same, and shall make  
this circumstance as publick as I can  
to prevent a similar occurrence  
happening again.

I am, with great respect

Yrs  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Jos. Palethorpe

The Rt Hon. the  
Governor of the  
Bank of England.

Sir,

I am authorized by the Gov.<sup>rs</sup> & Directors of the Bank to acknowledge the rec<sup>t</sup>. of your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, & to acquaint you that it is their duty to retain the Possession of all forged Bank Notes, <sup>that come to the Bank in order</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~that means to put~~ <sup>to put</sup> a stop to the <sup>further</sup> circulation of them. - If you require the production of the Note you refer to, for the purpose of enabling you to enforce Payment of the Amount from the Person you mention, it may, upon application to the Bank afterk will be directed to attend with it, but it cannot be delivered up to you. - Upon reflection it must occur to you that ~~within~~



you ~~cannot~~ <sup>cannot</sup> ~~on any other person~~ can have a property in a  
forged Instrument, & if you should ~~think~~ <sup>for the purpose</sup>  
fit to bring an action against the Bank ~~as you~~  
~~state, it will be resisted~~, & consequently cannot  
be entitled to call for the debt of <sup>the forged note</sup> ~~it~~ from the Bank.  
~~whose obligation~~ I am, Sir,

Yr. mt. obseant.

New Bank Buildings  
17 May 1871

W. Joseph Lubbock,  
No. 9 Fleet Street



17 May 1811  
Bank  
To Mr. Jos. Paley

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# INVESTIGATORS OFFICE.

£1 N<sup>o</sup> 3441 dated 3 May 1800

BROUGHT into the BANK the 14 Day of May 181

••• Please to call between 9 and 3 o'Clock.

Fleet Prison June 15<sup>th</sup> 11

Sir,

On the 11<sup>th</sup> ulto. I sent a £1 note, to the Bank, in a mutilated state, and, I received for answer, by the messenger, that the same was a forgery, and, of course that the Bank would not pay it. I waited for some time in expectation of an answer to a letter which I had written to the Rt. Hon.<sup>ble</sup> the Governor on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the said month, but, not hearing from him, I wrote twice to the Clerk of the Investigators' office, who sent me a verbal answer that I must write to the person who paid me the note in question, and, he must trace it to the person who paid him &c. to the intent, that should the bill be a forgery, the person who made it might be discovered. The Bank however thought fit to detain the note I sent (no 3441) and my friend says he has no recollection of the note so far as relates to the knowledge of the person of whom he took it; and desired me to return the said note to him that he may by some means recognise the note to be the identical one sent him; & as by the above reason of the Bank I am not permitted to do so, I have to inform you that if the  
note



note be not given up by the Bank ~~or~~ a £1 note paid me  
in lieu thereof I shall upon receipt of your answer  
take out a summons against the Rt. Honble the Governor<sup>#</sup>  
to cause the restitution of my property to be made.

It is extremely hard that an unfortunate debtor should  
be taken advantage of - I took the note in question  
on the good faith of the Bank not on the good faith of  
the man who paid it to me; for, had that <sup>later</sup> been the  
case I might as well at once have taken a piece of  
brown paper. I am extremely sorry, Sir, to trespass  
upon your time, and, praying your speedy res<sup>n</sup>.  
I beg to assure you that I am, with great respect

Sir,

Your most obedient

Joseph Palethorpe

(\* to bring him before the Lord Mayor.)

To - Wm. W. W. W.  
Sol. to the Bank



— Winter Exp<sup>ts</sup>  
 Sol<sup>d</sup> to the Bank  
 of England St. Swithin's Lane,  
 London.

*Mr. Barclay*

*Bank*  
*15 June 1811*

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Sir,

If you or some other Gentleman  
in whom you can place confidence  
will call on me, I can be of service  
and make some Discoveries Beneficial  
to the Bank &c. with respect to passing  
Notes &c. I should have called personally  
but have been disappointed of settling my  
Affairs, I am Sir with due respect

Your Obedt<sup>t</sup>  
Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
L. Cooper

Marshalsea Prison  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1810

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Mr. Freshfield, Solr  
~~Mr. Freshfield, Solr~~  
Taken home yard



Bank  
J. G. Cooper

15 Oct 1810

16 Oct 1910

A man with a red face who goes by the name of Walker often goes to John Darr and purchases notes of him.

Wm Halliday <sup>young</sup> ~~in~~ at Steeple, the Green & Church Lane  
Public House at the bottom of High Green Alley, Moorfield  
called on Sunday. Called this day week and offered to sell him  
a little more for his stay at any time when he should obtain his discharge  
from his present confinement -

Mary Glover lives with a person called Blind George in one of the Houses leading to the May penny Latch on the right hand side. Paper forged notes, cannot be taken when she procures them from a Blind George carries the notes about him in general.

If Cooper was liberated he could purchase forged notes



if any of the above ment<sup>d</sup> persons, they all having  
at different times press'd him to purchase of them,  
and become one of their Trade.



Woct 1860

Bank

Inform: of Charles  
Cooper

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Retribution Hallk. 7 Decr 1809

Dear Sir

It is a painful Subject which I have made bold to trouble you with a few Lines upon, trusting you will have the Kindness to excuse the Liberty I have taken. The Circumstances of my Misfortune you are already acquainted with, therefore it needs no Comment here, allow me now to supplicate your Kind interference on my behalf, to enable me to procure the privilege to banish myself with my Family for life to America, where I have Friends who will be happy to receive me and them, until I shall be able to provide for them, by my own Industry which shall not be shared

Not doubting you will recollect having assured me and my wife that you would not overlook my desperate Situation, I have made bold this time means to remind you the Length of Time I have now been in



Confinement, experiencing the most severe  
hardships, and bereft of all the necessaries  
of life - I earnestly hope you will use  
your Interest with the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the Bank of  
England, to induce them to grant me this  
indulgence, the completion of which will  
restore me to the greatest benefit, at the  
same time fulfill the Sentence of the Law

Upwards of two years Confinement will  
surely operate on their generosity and soft-  
en their Sentiments towards my Misfortunes

To receive a Line from you acknowledg-  
ing the Receipt of these few Lines will  
confer on me a serious Obligation, and  
which I remain Confident you will not  
withhold, assure me Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

W<sup>th</sup> believe myself

Yours M<sup>o</sup> Hum<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho<sup>s</sup> Swarbrick

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Worthy Sir

Mr Lloyd March 19-1810

I trust my unfortunate Situation will asplendize  
for my Wretchedness in Writing you knowing that it  
lies in your power to help me in my unfortunate  
Condition I trust in god that you of your goodness  
Will Speake to Mr Prescott in my behalf to Disgrace  
him to Give me a petishon for liberty to transport  
my Self out of the Country for the Space of my Sentence  
as I have a friend in America where I could live happy  
the rest of my life that god permits me to live  
Sir my Situation here is bad but it is not my  
Punishment here that makes mee Repine it is  
the Loss of my poor wife and Children that I mourn for  
look on my Distress with an Eye of pity I Beg for  
Christ sake and Suffer me not to remain in this  
Where I am in Danger of loosing Soul and Body  
I am a monghty Scoundrel of the worst of men and heave  
nothing but Blasphemy of Gods good name when I am  
offering up my prayers to god for my sins there is  
nothing but Cursing and Swearing all a round me  
and if I could get out of the Country I could in time  
Get my wife & Children to mee a gain and strive to  
Bring them up in the love and fear of the Lord  
that we might save our Souls a live  
my Wife will wait on you with this letter  
and the Lord grant I may find favour in your  
goodness and shall be in Duty Ever Bound  
to pray for you &c your humble St  
Wm Manister

*Misses*

*Nancy Manister*

*Hempshaw Lane*  
*Stockport*

*Cheshire*



625/1198

Dear Sir

London 26 May  
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I enclose you have the letters  
I spoke to you about when in  
Westminster Hall and am

Yours very ob. servt.

John

8 Norfolk St. Strand





J. W. Freshfield Esq.  
Kaye & Freshfield  
Solicitors to the Bank of Eng<sup>d</sup>  
Tokenhouse Yard

Recd  
26 May 1810

26 May 1810  
Bank  
from Mr Kaye

Retribution Hulk, Woolwich  
23<sup>d</sup> March 1810

Sir/

The general Character which you bear for Humanity and benevolence encourages me to hope that you will not only pardon my giving you this trouble, but also comply with the request I am about respectfully to make. Having as you will be pleased to recollect been sentenced to the House of Transportation for having forged Bank Notes in my possession, I have been since that period (last July) confined on board this Ship, where my sufferings are very great, both of Body and Mind. As the nature of my offence, for which I feel the utmost contrition, admits not the least hope of any mitigation of my afflicting sentence, and as I feel I cannot possibly long survive the miserable spectacle to this horrid receptacle of the Guilty and the unfortunate, my only wish is that I may be speedily sent abroad, pursuant to the tenor of my sentence, hoping that I may in that distant clime by a Life of Rectitude and Industry obliterate the stigma I have unhappily incurred, and in time retrieve that

fair

fair Character I once possessed in Society - I have heard  
it rumoured that a Ship is actually taken up for the  
purpose of conveying Prisoners to New South Wales, in  
the course of the ensuing Summer - Should that be the  
Fact, I most humbly entreat that you will in pity  
to my present sufferings, be pleased to use your  
Interest in the proper Channel, that it may be included  
in the Number - Knowing the confidential nature of  
your situation, as to the Concerns of the Bank of  
England, and having no Friend to whom I can with  
propriety apply, I have presumed to address you, and  
earnestly hope that you will condescend to comply with  
my prayer - As my anxiety on this head will continue  
to increase commensurate with my protracted sufferings,  
I have further to solicit the favour of a line in answer  
to this Letter, addressed as above, intimating whether  
I may hope for a compliance with my wishes, &c

I beg leave to remain  
with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most humble  
but unhappy servant

John Bellairs..





23 March 1810

Bank  
from Mr John Bellamy

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London  
Bank of England  
Held to the  
order of

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Retribution Hulk, Woolwich  
9<sup>th</sup> May 1810.

Sir I beg leave to express my heartfelt gratitude for your kind attention to my application, and for the hopes & you give me of ultimate success in your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> March - After the assurance therein contained, I should fear you would think me presumptuous in again requesting your interference in my behalf, did I not trust that the anxiety of mind so natural to one in my unhappy situation, would plead my excuse - As the time of the Ship's sailing for New South Wales, according to every report, is fast approaching, and knowing the multiplicity of similar applications which will no doubt be made at the Secretary of State's Office, I am fearful that mine may be overlooked, and therefore most respectfully beg that you will be so kind to take the necessary steps in order that my name may be included in the List which I am informed will be very shortly transmitted to the Captain of this Ship -

I have also, Sir, to intimate your indulgence on another point, in which without your kind assistance, I feel myself incompetent to proceed - I have been given to understand that in certain Cases bearing a similarity to mine, the Directors of the Bank have, with their characteristic humanity, generously bestowed on those persons, Convinced at their Instance, a small sum of money towards alleviating the miseries of their banishment, and to enable them to provide for their necessities on arriving at their place

Y<sup>rs</sup>

of destination - I therefore with the greatest deference and submission, request that you will if such a practice is not unprovided, plead with the Honorable Company, that this their Bounty may be extended to me - as I labor under great privations, and am unprovided with the smallest matter for my future comfort - I beg leave to repeat my apology for this trouble, and am, Sir, with the greatest respect

Your most obedient  
and obliged humble servant  
John Bellairs &c

J. B. Westwood Esq





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J. B. Westwood Esq.

Solicitor to the  
Bank of England  
London



9 May 1800  
Bank  
John Bellamy

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On Board the Indian - Gravesend June 10<sup>th</sup> 1810

Gentlemen

In presuming the liberty of addressing you I can only appeal to your kindness trusting you will be pleased to pardon the same

The purport of which is to acquaint you that I am on board this Ship bound for New South Wales in consequence of my conviction for uttering forged Bank of England Bills. I do not presume to offer any thing in vindication of my offence but with heartfelt sorrow and contrition bow down to the offended Laws of my Country, at the same time acknowledge the justice of my sentence, and humbly hope that if there is any acknowledgment made in consequence of my leaving the Country for the same, that you will have the goodness to remit the same to me or to Capt. Boulay of this Ship and address the letter on receipt of this to Portsmouth or elsewhere — I remain

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt.

and very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

John Bellairs

Monclay Co. S.

10 June 1870



GRAVESEND  
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Messrs W & L  
Messrs The General Post Office  
Lombard St  
London

18 June 1810

10 June 1810  
Bank  
Messrs W & L

pas 11/202

Indian, Transport - Spithead

Sir / 13<sup>th</sup> July 1810

I rely on your humanity and goodness for pardoning my once more troubling you, to crave your kind interference in my behalf - Being now on the point of leaving my Native Country, probably never to return, and being destitute of Money, Clothes and every other necessary for my present or future Comfort, I have no hope but from your known goodness of heart of which I have had such repeated proofs - About 4 Weeks ago Sir, I took the Liberty of addressing you from on board the Retribution, respectfully entreating you to submit to the Directors of the Bank, my humble request that they would be graciously pleased (as I understood had been done in former instances to persons convicted at their trial) to extend some little pecuniary relief to me, on my approaching departure, as the means whereby I might, with prudence and Industry make some provision for my future wants on arriving at my place of Destination - Not having been favoured with an answer, I conceive it probable my Letter might not have come to hand - I now most humbly beg leave to solicit your Interest in my favor on that head, and hope it will not be thought a presumptuous or unprecedented request. I now Sir have to intreat your Charitable aid on another subject of the utmost importance to me in my unfortunate situation - At the time of my Conviction I was possessed of a tolerable Stock of Clothes, which were consigned to the care of a Mr. Nash,

Nash, to George Yard, Whitechapel. - On my removal  
to this ship and subsequently I have repeatedly written  
to him, requesting that he would convey them to me  
without delay. - A few days ago I received a decisive  
answer from Mr. N. informing me, to my utter astonish-  
ment "that my clothes were pledged, and if I wished  
to have them, I might send the money for their  
redemption." Dearest Sir, I have no friend to whom  
I can apply to obtain my redress, therefore as I am  
confident you are an enemy to oppression and injustice  
of every kind, and that to your liberal mind, the  
pleasure of doing a good action in favor of a dis-  
tressed object like myself will be its own reward,  
I most humbly implore that you will be pleased  
to take such steps as your superior judgment  
may dictate, to enforce the restoration of my  
clothes which are of such important consequence  
to me. - We expect to sail in the course of 10 or  
12 days, I therefore take the liberty of hoping  
that you will with all convenient speed, do me  
the above essential favor, for which as well as all  
favors now received at your hands, I shall  
ever feel the most grateful sentiments,

and am, Sir,  
with the highest respect  
Your most obedient  
and very humble Servant

J. B. Westwood Esq<sup>r</sup>

John Bellars.



27 JUL 1811



J. B. Westwood Esq.  
Solicitor to the  
Bank of England  
London.

10 July 1811  
Bank  
J. B. Westwood



Bank

10 July 1811

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Retribution. Halk Woorwich Oct 3

Sir in consequence of me writing to you this is to inform you  
that I should much <sup>right</sup> to see you to have a little talk concerning  
some questions that was asked me by Mr Christmas an  
and some other friends in Bedford and as there is a ship  
as I am informed to sail to see South Wales to take away  
prisoners from England I thus inform that by coming  
or sending any person you think well to speak to me  
as a friend <sup>soon</sup> very it shall be for the good of many at  
large I am your most Obedient humble St

Robert George



30 Oct 1810

Robt. George

12 o'clock  
NO. 5.  
1510 NII

To Mr Henry Glasse

Bank of England

London

No  
Notice or  
Minutes

F25/1/204



W. Colver - Nov 8 1810

Sir I again take the opportunity to inform you that in  
Consequence of the late War I indebted to you as I am  
to have seen some of your people belonging to your  
Conventions respecting my Confinement. Considering my  
heavy sentence passed on me at Bideford the last of  
last August for uttering or tendering to you a note as  
knowing it to be a forged one the note it in payment  
being in fact a forged one the note it in payment  
on Friday the sixteenth of February at the House and  
the sentence passed on me according to law for the  
term of fourteen years its in your power to  
make on consideration respecting of that business  
I am that I have done very little mischief that you  
think I am Deserving of what I have suffered on me  
I will bear it with the greatest patience that man  
can do now Sir if you think well to endeavour to  
me this favour I will open your eyes more than you  
by any means can imagine I am Thoroughly convinced that  
that uncharitable Conventions ought not to be continued  
and by what I have to say to you that if you will  
kind bind your selves in a bond to liberate me from  
the sentence passed on me I will satisfy you in every  
respect to the best of my knowledge as will much  
surprise every reader I am your most Obedient  
humble St Robert George

8 Nov 1810

Bank  
for Rob. George



For  
Mr Henry Hare

Bank of England

London

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Ways esq. Secretary  
of the Bank of  
England Corner of  
Princes Street  
LONDON

fas 11/206



Newgate Sept<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1812

How Sir I humbly hope you will  
not be offended with <sup>this</sup> your unhappy  
petitioner, for it is a unfortunate  
female who was convicted on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
of July 1811 on a charge of uttering a false  
sworn affidavit. Note my husband was  
convicted with the same time for a  
similar offence and sentenced to  
seven years transportation and had been sent  
away some months ago myself I was put  
for the term of my Natural life and  
a bad state of health prevents me from  
being sent also but was left within  
these walls with out a friend to assist  
me or communicate my unhappy  
case with the same time with  
Labouring under interminal Complaints  
Dear Sir

unwinnable by the poverty under those  
circumstances together with extreme  
dejection hope you will consider me <sup>an object</sup>  
of compassion and be humbly pleased  
to extend that generosity to free as you  
have formerly done to importunate in my  
situation in what manner or as small  
as shall meet your approbation will  
be thankfully and gratefully received  
by your <sup>very</sup> humble servant  
Elizabeth Leach

Having a wish to aid it is not in  
my power to inform you where those  
Fictitious Notes come from nor if I  
could I would readily do it for the  
abolition of such infamous practices  
but my husband Nedra would tell  
me where he had them from or  
who made them

21 Sept. 1842  
Bank

from Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leach



To The Governor and Company of the  
Bank of England.

The Petition of Elizabeth Leach, a  
Convict in His Majesty's Gaol of  
<sup>under Sentence of Transportation</sup>  
Newgate for the term of her  
Natural Life.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner, driven to the greatest  
misery and absolute want, her Husband and Sister from  
whom she derived some little support Barished, added  
to a Twelve Months Imprisonment, and a very long  
and continued illness, with neither Friends or Relations  
to render her the smallest assistance, again ventures  
to humbly Implore Your generous pity and Commiseration  
of Your Petitioner's truly deplorable Situation, that you  
will be graciously pleased to grant her such temporary, or  
other Relief, as to Your humane Minds may seem  
most Just—

And Your humble Petitioner as  
in Duty bound will ever pray  
Elizabeth Leach

Newgate  
21 July 1812

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To The Governor and  
Company of the Bank  
of England—

The Petition of Elizabeth  
Leach a Convict in His  
Majesty's Goal of Newgate  
under Sentence of Transportation  
for the term of her Natural  
Life

11<sup>th</sup> petition rejected  
21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1811.



10 April 1812

Gentlemen

Having been unfortunately led astray  
by bad Company & having been convicted of a Crime  
for which I sincerely repent & wishing to atone for my  
past misconduct I am desirous of making a discovery  
relative to the vendors of Forged Notes but in making  
that discovery I do hope may I expect that you Gen-  
tlemen will interest yourselves in getting my sentence  
mitigated <sup>procure</sup> or my enlargement on my making myself a  
voluntary Exile and by industry to endeavour to return  
to a virtuous life and by so doing retrieve my lost  
Character I may become once more a usefull member  
in Society — I am Gentlemen with much Respect —

Horsemonger Lane — Your Obedient and very Humble  
Servant —  
To the Directors of the Bank of England W<sup>m</sup> Nicks —



10 ap<sup>l</sup> 1812

fm Wm. Wicks  
to The Bank

F25/1/208

Bank

Retribution Woolwich 13 Septem<sup>r</sup> 1812

Sir's

I hope your goodness will forgive the liberty I now take in addressing you — I am an unfortunate man fallen a victim to the laws of my country — and cannot but acknowledge the justice of my Conviction — My sincere and unfeigned Contrition is the only atonement I can make, but I fear my crime is of such a magnitude that it cannot be pardoned, and as I have a poor distressed wife, and three Children, whom must in the event of my Banishment become a Burthen on my parish, I humbly beg to solicit your aid and attention to my case

I hope Gentlemen it may not be inconsistent for me to intreat you will interfere for me that my wife and three healthy Children may be sent to New South Wales in the first Ship with me — it would not only render me happy, but relieve the parish of a very heavy expence, and they would become useful to Government

You will I hope sympathize with me in this trying and unhappy case, and render me the necessary Assistance that may be in your power, to obtain the desired Object — And if you would be kind enough

Yours Humble Servant

to extend your charitable hands towards me, bearing me  
a little pecuniary help, I should be ever bound to pray  
for you — I am inform'd that a ship is now lying  
at Blackwall nearly ready to sail for that Colony, as such  
I hope your wise gentlemen allow me to crave your  
early attention to this my humble Letter, which would  
ever be in my remembrance, and acknowledged with  
gratitude — I should gentlemen be extremely glad  
and my mind easy if you would condescend to favor me  
with a reply — and remain respectfully

M<sup>rs</sup> Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

Highly obliged Servant  
John Smith



Mess<sup>rs</sup> *Lay & Co*  
(Solicitors)

Bank

London

F25/1/209

for  
the month  
of  
Jan  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1872

Relatibetown Woolwich Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>  
1812

Messrs Messrs Kay & Co

Gentlemen

I take the liberty of  
writing to you on the subject of my deplorable condition  
which I hope you will be kind enough to excuse

I am Sir's fallen into this sink of  
iniquity, yet the punishment I cannot but acknowledge to  
be just, but the heart rending pains for the welfare of my  
poor dear family is a burthen my nature can scarcely  
support

I have a wife and three small children  
without any means of support - my property is consumed  
and nothing but poverty and distress stare them in the face

Believe me Sir this is a painful task, nor should I  
assume the liberty, had you not extended your kindness already  
towards me and your philanthropy so universally known

I feel Gentlemen my crime to be of  
such a magnitude, that it is not likely any thing should be done  
for me in this country, (notwithstanding I pledge this to be my  
only error) and as I am inform'd there is a draft shortly  
expected to be sent to New South Wales, I humbly intreat  
your influence to send me in the first ship, so that I



may by my Industry be enabled to send my Dear wife and  
children a little Support, but while I am confined here  
it is impossible, nor can I but feel a continual decay of  
health and strength. This I hope may induce you to comply  
with my humble Solicitation, and if you would be pleased  
to let your charity reach me, so that I may be enabled  
to purchase a few necessaries for this Voyage, and the immediate  
wants of my poor suffering family be relieved, I should be  
bound in all the ties of love and gratitude to pray for  
you to the latest moment of my life.

I'll not trespass longer but to beg you  
will condescend to favor me with an answer to this my  
humble Letter, which I shall ever hold gratefully in  
remembrance.

I am Gentlemen

very respectfully

Your most humble  
and highly obliged Servant

Wm. Middleton





Messrs. Lay & Co

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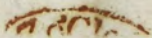
Solicitors



Bank

London

Fas 11/210



for



in

2. 11. 1812  
Bank

Newgate Decr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1812

Honoured Sir

I hope you will excuse the Liberty  
I have taken if you will be so kind to inform the  
worthy Gentlemen of my Distressed situation having my  
Husband taken from me and he left me without any  
assistance with Two small Children and in the family  
way now and have not one Friend in the World to give  
me any Assistance hope your Goodness will Consider  
my Distress as I am under the Sentence of Transportation  
and expect to go away very shortly and owing to my  
Misfortune we have made away with the whole of  
our Cloathes I hope the Worthy Gentlemen will  
take in Consideration the Distress of the Unfortunate  
Wife of Thomas Slater who was found Guilty in Novemb  
for uttering at one Penned Forged Note and having  
one in his Possession that was also Forged the smallest  
assistance the Gentlemen will Render I shall be for  
ever Bound to pray for them as I never expect to see  
my Husband any more.

your Humble Servant

Elizabeth Mossie

Dec. 5. 1812

Bank

for Eliz<sup>h</sup> Morris

To the Honourable the  
Directors of the Bank  
of England

F25/1/211



*The Subject of my last petition*  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Freshfield and Kay

the humble petition of Cathrine Watson now in newgate  
Under Sentence of Transportation for the term of 14 years

Sheweth that your petitioner returns her most gratefull thanks  
to the Gentlemen of the Bank for the Leniency shewed her  
in admitting her to plead guilty to the minor offence of having  
Forged Notes in her possession in October Sessions last past  
At the Sessions House in the Old Bailey

That your petitioner has two Imate Helpless Infant Children  
Whom hitherto Since her conviction, She endeavoured  
to Support without crasing any other assistance than  
Her own Means, but that now all her own resources were  
cut She most Humbly Implores that the Gentlemen of the  
Bank will take her distressed case Into consideration  
And grant her such pecuniary aid as in their wisdom  
And judgement seems meet And petitioner in duty bound  
Will ever Pray &c

Yours  
Cathrine X Watson  
Mark.

Saml<sup>e</sup> Watson

Miss<sup>rs</sup> Freshfield and Kay  
Bank Solicitors  
Bank Buildings  
Leithway

to be allowed  
7/6 per Week  
during her stay  
in Newgate.



Exhibition, Woolwich Road  
11<sup>th</sup> February 1813.

Gentlemen,

I now assume the liberty of  
addressing you, with this Letter on  
the Subject of my wretched and  
most melancholy condition, which  
liberty I trust the goodness of your  
hearts will forgive;

It is now upwards of six  
Months, since I most unfortunately  
offended the Laws of my Country,  
and was justly sentenced to fourteen  
Years Transportation for the same;

The variety of miseries surround-  
ing and pressing upon me, are more  
than I can describe, my pen is un-  
equal to the task of representing  
the true Character of this horrible  
place;

Messrs Kay & Co  
Solrs  
Bank

I am



In short my Life is truly wretched  
and would be insupportable, but that  
a gleam of hope from your benevolent  
interference bears me up;

When I consider the goodness  
and generosity of your hearts (susceptible  
of the feelings of humanity) I cannot  
but hope you will forgive this intrusion,  
and interfere for me in any way your  
wisdom may deem meet, Should you  
condescend, and make application on  
my behalf with the Governor, and the  
Court of Directors of the Bank of England  
towards relieving my poor distressed  
Wife and Three Children, who are at  
this time, labouring under the most  
poignant feelings <sup>of poverty</sup> and distress, being  
without protection, without support,  
wounds me to the heart, but my  
sorrow can avail none;

You Gentlemen are aware of  
the unfortunate circumstance that has  
brought me here, therefore I need not trouble  
you with a detail of the event,

That I now presume to do is, to lay my  
sufferings before you, humbly supplicating  
your kind Aid and Assistance towards re-  
lieving my distress, Should you further  
interests for me, and procure me a little  
Money from the Bank, towards assisting  
my poor distressed Wife and Children,  
whom I am afraid I shall never see more,  
when drafted for New South Wales, which  
I daily expect, I most humbly beg leave to  
say that I shall bear the same in my  
memory to the latest moment of my Life,  
and ever acknowledge the same with  
utmost gratitude; --

I therefore humbly hope you will  
condescend and give me a Line,

And have the honor to be

Gentlemen -

Your most Obedt. Servt.

John Smith

References -

Mrs. Glover  
Bank.

whom I have no doubt  
will satisfy you respecting me;





Wm. H. Kay, Treasurer & Co.  
Solicitors

Barrister

Two Py Post.  
Unpaid  
Cheisea CO.

fas 11/213

*Wm. H. Kay*  
*Regent*





Retribution Woolwich 10. Feb 1813

Gentlemen

I trouble you with another letter, and doubt not but you will allow my very wretched and distressed case to be sufficient apology more especially when I inform you that my poor unhappy wife is hourly expecting to be put to Bed — her case as well as mine I assure you to be the most miserable, it is not in the power of my pen to describe it, nor can the heart of man conceive it, — those dire circumstances have given me the assurance of writing to you, humbly supplicating your sympathy.

I have Gentlemen in my former letter acknowledged with sorrow the enormity of my crime, which I shall repent to the last hour of my life — I have followed that imprudent step but only in the event for which I am suffering, and what little I had saved from my honest industry is now brought to nothing. In this very wretched state I almost daily expect to be removed to a ship bound for New South Wales, and leave my Dear wife without the necessaries of life, not even the smallest comfort or support, in her present dangerous state.

May I therefore Gentlemen beseech you to lend your merciful ear to my prayer

and extend to me and my Dear Wife a little relief  
which Heaven certainly will repay you

It is unnecessary for me to  
hesitate longer on you, therefore I beg leave to  
subscribe myself with all possible Submission and  
respect (Holding most gratefully in remembrance  
your kind Condescension in the particular)

Gentlemen

Your most humble  
and devoted Servant

Wm Middleton

P.S. My poor wife is now  
a Burthen on the Parish of  
Limehouse & also are my three  
Dear Children —



Miss. Lay

Solicitors

Bank

London.

1700

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10 Feb 1818  
Wm. M. D. D. D.  
Regent



Retribution Woolwich St. Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1813.

Sir

When I consider how universal your goodness and Philanthropy is known, I cannot but hope you will forgive the liberty I have presumed to take.

My case Sir I trust have not been aggravated by any thing perverse in me, I was conscious of my guilt, and not willing to put you to the expence and trouble of a prosecution, but pleaded guilty, and trust that you will thereby shew me a little lenity and mercy — I have prepared a petition addressed to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Viscount Sidmouth setting forth my case, praying Clemency may be extended me, which Petition I humbly beg to send you herewith for the favor of your Signature and Support — In the event of my being sent to New South Wales — I shall leave an only Child 12 years of age without a friend — the very idea of which has induced me to become thus troublesome, trusting no other apology is necessary — You Sir, as an Husband — Parent — and friend, can have some idea of the state of my unhappy mind, therefore I hope you will not withhold your kindness from me but in mercy to my Dear Child condescend to promote the prayer of my petition to the utmost of your power, which I should ever hold gratefully in remembrance and acknowledge with thanks —

I am with every sentiment of respect and obedience

Sir,

Your most humble

& highly obliged Servant  
John George Hearson

P.S. I had forgotten to refer  
you Sir to John Lee's Esq<sup>r</sup>  
one of the investigators at the  
Bank — that Gentleman has  
known me and my Conduct some  
time and I have no doubt his  
testimony will be what you wish  
to hear.

William Manning Esq<sup>r</sup>



William. Manning Esq<sup>r</sup>

rejected

10 June 1771  
Bank  
of Wm. Manning Esq<sup>r</sup>  
King's Bench Prison

cas 11/215



To the Right Honourable Lord  
Viscount Sidmouth Secretary of  
State for the home department &c &c

The humble Petition of John  
George Hearson and Hannah Hearson his Wife  
under sentence of Transportation.

Sheweth,

That your Lordships petitioners were  
indicted at the last October Sessions held at the Old Bailey for  
having in their possession, Forged Bank Notes, purporting to be  
the property of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England  
— To which indictment they pleaded guilty and were sentenced to  
be transported during fourteen years, by Sir John Sylvester  
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That your Lordships petitioners  
are most unfortunately fallen into the most miserable and  
wretched of all conditions, whom with great humility beg  
leave to bring the particulars of their case to your Lordships view  
— That they were indicted, and arraigned for having in their  
possession the said fabricated Notes — That no other Bill  
could be found — And that they were induced to plead guilty to  
avoid the trouble and expence of a prosecution, trusting in  
your Lordships humanity and goodness for mitigation of  
punishment — Those things they pray may come under  
your Lordships consideration, and render your petitioners worthy  
your Lordships sympathy

Further your Lordships  
petitioners beg leave to observe, that should their case be  
thought improper to be relieved by an extension of the Royal  
Mercy towards them, they pray your Lordship to send them  
together in the first Ship for New South Wales, and that  
their Daughter, 12 years of Age, their only surviving  
offspring may be allowed to go with them, whom from  
your petitioners Conviction is without every means of  
maintenance — Support — and Protection — A  
Child, an Orphan without a parent, a friend — property

and Education must be wholly dependant on the bounty  
of a generous public — What reflections for a parent  
doom'd to perpetual Banishment? Horror not to be  
described, nor scarcely endured, when considered how  
very narrow is the thorny path of Virtue and morality,  
It would be too presuming in your petitioners to expatiate  
on this most unhappy business, therefore they with all  
possible Reverence — Loyalty and obedience prostrate  
themselves at your Lordships feet, praying most humbly  
Your Lordship to commiserate their case.


May it therefore please your Lordships  
to take this their humble Petition into your  
humane consideration, and in your goodness  
and mercy grant them such relief as in  
your Lordships wisdom may be deem'd meet  
and your Lordships Petitioners will most  
humbly as in duty bound ever pray &c &c &c.

John George Hearson  
Hannah Hearson

Petitioners Woolwich  
16<sup>th</sup> January 1813.



To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord  
Viscount Sidmouth Secretary  
of State for the home  
Department &c &c

  
The humble Petition of  
John George Hearson  
and  
Hannah Hearson  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 1813.

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To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Directors of the Bank of England  
the humble petition of Hannah Pearson

Sheweth, your petitioners were Indicted in Feb<sup>r</sup> Sessions last past  
for Having some forged notes, in her possession, purporting  
to be those of the Governor and Company of the Bank of  
England, to which Indictment your petitioners being truly  
Contritious and sensible of the truth of the Said Charge pleaded  
Guilty and was Sentenced 14 years transportation,

Yours Petitioner most humbly begs leave to observe  
that she fully admits her guilt and the justness of her  
Sentence, that the length of time she has been confined has  
reduced her to Distress, what Money she had being  
exhausted in the maintenance of her and her Daughters  
In consequence of the usual goodness and Humanity of  
the Gentlemen of the Bank to relieve the Distressed

Yours

Petitioner Implores that they might take her  
Case into Consideration and grant her such  
temporary relief as in their wisdom and  
Judgement seems meet and petitioners in duty  
bound will ever Pray

for  
Hannah Pearson  
Mark

24<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1813

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W. Pitt

Mr. Freshfield, and May  
5 Bank Solicitors  
Bank Buildings  
Leithway



John A. Mason



Rehibition Huth Woolwich Nov<sup>r</sup> 21  
1812

Cont<sup>to</sup>.

It is with all deference I entreat on you  
the following statement.

I have enclosed a Letter to  
Ind Sedmouth a Letter, developing the  
Making forged Bank of England Notes  
a custom, carried on as common as any  
Trade - in the most humble and obscure  
place in Birmingham -

I have also comminated  
that the said notes, are bought, and pass  
as are bad Shillings - at the following  
different Piers - The best cost 12 S the poor  
note - 8 S - the pound and 6 S &c -

Cox who keeps the Coal Street Coffee  
House in the Strand - has for years been  
in the habit of passing them to 2 or 3 L  
amount every day -

If he was attended by  
a person unknown to him in a decent  
appearance - two or three Visits to London  
and changing Notes each time would  
lead to his detection, and when so done  
a search Warrant no doubt would prove



his Hoards - I have this intelligence from  
a person who has been connected with  
him in the trade for years -

You will therefore Gentlemen  
take such methods as may seem most  
expedient to put a stop to the system  
further particulars of this transaction  
will be sent hereafter

Yours Gentl<sup>y</sup>

Yrs very obt<sup>d</sup>

Most Humbl<sup>y</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Richard Andrews

You must be aware, the utmost caution  
is necessary in respect to this information  
and in respect to the party who gives  
it, as the betraying it might cost him  
his life.

4 Nov 1812

Bank

from  
Richard Andrews



To the Governor of the  
Bank of England  
London

pas 11/218



Sir  
I beg you'd deliver the enclosed  
to one of the Governors of the Bank  
as soon as possible

I am Sir  
Y<sup>r</sup> most Obedt  
Hble Servt  
R<sup>d</sup> Andrews

Rehibition  
Woolwich Kent  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1812



126 Clock  
NO. 5

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Robert Best Esq -  
Secretary to the Bank  
of England London -

4 Nov 1812  
Bank  
J. P. D. D. D.

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1812/11/25

Sept. 7. the 12<sup>th</sup>

Sir

if the Gentlemen of the Bank think  
that they <sup>can</sup> make any use of the information I can  
give them of the House of call for Paper that paper  
is sold for Six pence and Dollars &c with the name of the  
Person who sells them also his house of attendance  
at the said House I can also mention another  
Person who I believe to be of Richmond Party  
I know the street he lives but not the House or  
Number Sir I hope if the Gentlemen of the Bank  
think the aforesaid will be of service that they  
will offer some Considerations of Pardon to me

I should not wish any Power to be sent to me  
as there is a doubt that I have informed already  
therefore my life would be in danger I should  
wish to Write in Preference I am Sir

with Humble Respects

Very Humble<sup>d</sup> -<sup>d</sup> -<sup>d</sup>

W. S. Wynnham



Westwood Esq<sup>r</sup> &c

Bank of England  
Hemington

For 11/200.



who is a ...

Sa

I have received your Letter I shall be  
ready to receive any communication you  
may give on the subject but no promise  
can be made to you as the inducement  
for you to give the information

I am to

New York  
12 Feb 9/10/12

Mr. Hainington  
Fulton Lane  
New York

12 Feb. 1810

Bank

To Mr. Henningham

1251/221

Wednesday 19 Feb 1812.

Wednesday 19 Feb 1812.

Michael Lamb a Prisoner in New Prison Clueken  
well says that he rec<sup>d</sup> the Fleet Notes  
from his wife's brother in law, Isaac  
Machan No 26 Charlotte St Curtain Road  
who is a large dealer in Bank of England  
Notes &c

Mrs Rogers lodges at a Green Grocers in Old St  
a dealer.

James Wheeler uses the brown & Bear & Ragged  
Staff White & St. always goes armed.

Lamb states that if he was at liberty  
he could deal with all the Party.



Bank  
Information of  
Mr Lamb  
Feb 7: 19<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday 19 Feb 1812.

Geo<sup>r</sup> Payce a Smith 39 Saffron Hill now a  
Prisoner in Cold Bath Fields.

States that Buzgin Lingerhead baker  
Old H. is a dealer in Bank Notes &c.

A man who lives in Bridgewater Gardens  
I think his sig is a dealer. dont know  
his name. And that several other Persons  
he could deal with if he were at liberty.

Bank  
Information of  
Geo<sup>e</sup> Payce -

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