2 Aug: 1816

Bank

Benj: Johnson

Mr Westwood

Sir

I should take
it a particular favour if you
would have the goodness to
call on me at the House of
Correction Cold Bath Square
as soon as possible.

I remain Sir
Your most obt Svt

2 Augt 1816 Benjn Johnson

Two Pence
Unpaid
Chancery Ln

Mr Westwood
at Messrs Preswell & Keys
Bank-buildings

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Sir/ I would be very much Obliged to you if you would be so good as to call here and see me as soon as you Possibly can, I have got something to say to you very Particular Indeed.

Thos Forstwaite

House of Correction

Friday Morning

Octr 13th

13 Oct 1815

Bank

Jno T. Partridge Wm. Westwood

5 New Bank Buildings

Solicitor to the Bank of England

Bank

Wm. Tooke
for

Mr Tool at the
Back of the Ball Court
alley Moorfields

on the parrel dont make
yourself unhappy about me
for thea cannot hurt me
So Remain
Yours

My Dear Friend

I am sorry to inform
you I am in the House of Correction
but I hope you and Celia is safe
and tell Mrs Pear to take great Care of
her self and tell her not to be afraid
of me for thea shall get nothing
out of me the Officers of Bow Street
ask me about her but I told them
I did not no such a person so if
she minds it will be all right
I am along with Mrs Slater and
Mrs Stott can come and see her
at any time but thea must
ask for Elizabeth Morris
transport let somebody come
as soon as possable for I long
to know how you all are I am not
to go to Bow Street to day if you
send me anything put my name

Dear freinds

I Am in the House of Correcktion and Will not have Any Heaveing Wesonday please to tell My Brothe Jeames to By Me a trunk and Wat Clothes I have Got about your House I Hope you Will take Care of ~~Wat~~ Be So Good As to Send Me Some tea an Sugar And a peace of Meet put My Name on it and Leve it at the Gate and I Shall have it Send My pocketts potates and Heavings

Margate Spears

Send them by Mrs Spink

Mr Grant
Shoemaker
George Street
Black Boyes Road

Thank
Jan. 1st. 1800

F25/4

hosmonger Lane prison

sir Mr griffes caled on me and told
me that you could not cum to see me
now sir i Be glad you cum to hear
for i have maded it my studey to tel you
all i noe i can tel you more than ever
you herd of Befour there more machers of
nots then one in Brummingham and i
can let you noe the coyners of tockens
and other silver yours Benj Brichard

sur i hope you conceider me i have got a very
Bad cold and i ham kuvered Both sids and
ware a duble trus and my torn maches it wors

for
Mr Westwood

Thos
Bailey: Enclos

1817 March 21st

Honar Sir

I hope you will pardon me with
they Liberty I have now taking, In writing But
As I am they man that you prosecuted, at December last
for they notes I hope and Beg and pray of you Sir, that
you will pleas to take it in to, Consideration to advance
Me a Little Money, so that I may Be able to get me a
Few Cloathes, & to take with me as shall Indeavour
If pleases god, to make my self as usefull as my employ
May requier of me, and if you don't have they goodness,
I have not a friend in they world to fly to, as to my
Poor Wife, with there small Childern, she must be
Obleige to go to a parrish, unless you Gentleman,
Would thought proper for her to went with me,
As its her wish, and mine as well, if you could But
Get that favour granted, I have wrote to my Sister
In lound and if you Will pleas to write to call
On Monday and Relieve me with what you think prope
As I have understood you allway was kinde and
To relieve them when they was not away, we exspecket
To go every day, and Hearthly Beg you will pleas to relie
We As shall Be for ever Bound to pray for your Charraty

Sam[l] Hale abord they Retribuation
Hulke Sherness

Mr Westwood
Solicitor to the
Bank of England
New Bank Building
London

To the Directors of Bank of England

Gent.n

We the undementioned unfortunate females having been prosecuted by the Bank, and now about to be Transported to New South Wales most humbly solicit for that relief generally given to unfortunate Convicts

We by leave Gent.n to remain your most obt. & Humble Serv.ts the under Signd.

On board the Lord Melville Transport Deptford

22 July 1816

Hannah Woods her + mark
Mary Duncan her + mark
Mary Wenshaw her + mark
Ann Evans her + mark
Ann Stiles her + mark
Mary Ann Allen + mark
Sarah Holiwell her + mark
Eliz Dunn her + mark
Esther Ashby her + mark
Esther Turner her + mark
~~Eliz~~ Wazelton her + mark

11 Convicts

Mary Nevitt

Mrs Blackstone

22 July 1806

Bonds

for Eleven Convicts

F25/4/7

July 10th 1816

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

This Petition humbly sheweth that the Petitioner is Mary Ann Blackston. Wife of William Blackston who lately pleaded Guilty at the Old Bailey to having Forged Bank Notes in his Possession knowing them to be so.

That your Petitioner has been making Application to the Secretary of State to permit her to go out and join her Husband at New South Wales

That Government has given her leave to go by the Transport Ship Lord Melville now lying at

Deptford.

That your Petitioner being in extreme Distress most humbly throws herself on your Honors well known Charity and hopes you will allow her something to purchase her a few necessaries for the Voyage.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound

Will ever Pray.

The mark of Mary Ann Blackston +

Bank) 8 Jul 1828

The humble Petition
of
Mary Ann Blackston

Sir

Being informed of your kind allowance to your prisoners, presumes me humbly to solicit the same, as I have no friends that is in their power to assist me, and having been in prison for this three months I have been obliged to part with a many of my cloathes to support myself but relying on your goodness I Remain

your most obed^t
Humb^l Servt
S. Cautney

Newgate
April 22

Bank

Mrs P. Courtenay

7 O'Clock
AP. 20

S. Courtney

Westwood Esqr
Bank Buildings

in great distress
pregnant

No 2

F25/4/9

Sept. 6th 1816.

Dr Shopmate,

You will much oblige me if you will send Ben and me both our Shirts as we are in great need of them, and if you can rise a few shillings amongst a few Shopmates you will for ever oblige your Loving Shopmates.—

David Reading
and
Benjamin Morris.

N. B. The House of Correction
Cold Bath Fields.

William Grasby
Shoemaker
at the Old Rum Puncheon
Rose & Crown Court
Moorfields

Bank
Copy for Reading Mercury
to Mr. Gurney

F25/4/10

Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in asking the favour of the money you are so kind as to allow your prisoners, as I have offended all my friends by my late conduct they have all forsaken me and I am in great distress having nothing but the epoch. allowance, your attention to this far lines will much oblige

your obed. Humble Servt

L. Harrison

Newgate
Apl 10 to

Westwood Esqr

Bank Building

No 2

Charles Wm Scharnow

Postage 8d

Newgate June 4th 1817.

Sir

There was a Man & his Wife discharged from this place of the name of Barrett last Septr. after suffering 1 Year Imprisonment for uttering base Money, he is a Shoemaker by Trade and I am informed he & his Wife are now in custody on a similar charge & they or he go by the name of Foster, at this time, he is well known here by Mr Samuel Davis one of the Principal Jurymen and has worked for him this Twelve Months at his Trade of Boot or Shoemaking. There is another a most notorious dealer in base coin, a tall Man, an Irishman of the name of Dillon, who was discharged from here the latter end of last Octr. for a charge of bad Money, after serving 1 Year. he I am informed is likewise now in custody for the same offence & passes by the name of Crafter or Crafton. I do not know what description of Money whether Tokens or Mint, they were here for or what it is now, but should it be Bank Tokens and the information is of any use to you Sir, I shall consider I have only done my duty,

If it is not of any use to you Sir may I take the liberty of saying it might be to Mr Rowdle the Solicitor of the Mint, but I do not know his address

I am Sir
most respectfully
Your devoted humble servant
Robt. Roberts

Mr Westwood

F25/4/2

Mr. Westwood

Mess.rs Kaye Freshfield & Co.

New Bank Buildings

4 June 1817

Bank

Jas. R. Evans

Mr Westwood

We Understand from you by Mr Humphreys our Attorney that you Granted us the favour of pleading Guilty for which we humbly Acknowledge your Goodness in so doing Where for, for the Goodness we have received from you we think it proper to acknowledge from Whom we Received them From, Which is Mr King at No 13 Duke Street Bloomsbury where he resides at Mr Westbrooks

Your Most humble & Obt Servts

Saml Newman

Benjn Brown

Monday Evenn

June 29. 1817 Newgate

29 June 1817

Bank

Jno S. Newman &

B. Brown

Mr. Westwood

At. Wray & Thrushwell

Bank Buildings

London

Newgate July 17th 1817.

Sir

We the under mentioned Petitioner, humbley implores your indulgence for the continuance in the above Prison untill their may be a Ship ready to convey we the unfortunate Petitioners to the Bay

We further humbley solicite your indulgence to continue in the above Prison assuring your Sir.— their hang a greater dread on our unhappy mind to be removed to the Hulk, then the whole of the suffering we have hitherto undergone.—

We further crave your indulgence assuring you we men having families in distress and having no means to supply their craving wants nor having no other support than Gaol allowance, under the above circumstances we humbley implore your humain assistance has far as may consistant.

We further most humbley solicite to be sent on board the first Ship that may be sent to the Bay.—

Wm Harrison
Jno Bamber
Sam Newman
BJ Brown
J: Gaigg

Remain Sir
with humble Submission
your unfortunate
Petitioners.

Mr Westwood

Bank Building

City

Bank

Allow Jno

Allowance Office

F25/4/4

North Side Newgate

Sir

Your goodness will excuse the liberty of this request understanding there is something allowed by the bank to Persons convicted — So am much distressed and my Cloths are all in Pledge if you will send me something it will be very exceptable as I expect to go away every Night an answer will greatly Oblige

Sir Your Most Obedient
and Humble Servant
Benjamine Brown
Samuell Newman

July 27th 1817

Mr Westwood

Bank Building

Bank

Inclosure W. Newman

To the Honorable Gentlemen

Directers of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition of George Robinson, now a Prisoner in his Majestys Goal in Newgate for Issueing of Notes in the name of the Government and Company of the Bank of England and with Notes Know to be forged . . . . . .

your Petitioner having a wife and Eight Children which have heretofore been Supported by him, and having been a man in Better Circumstances in Life, but through the Pressure of times and Losses in his business, have Reduced him and his family to very Low Circumstances —— and am Sorry to Say that My Abilitys have been So Weake as to Suffer Myself to Innocently Led into this Dreadful Situation in which I am Placed and that by a most Intimate Acquaintance not Considering my Danger . . . . . .

under these Circumstances your Petitioner most Humbly beg your Indulgence to be Permitted to Plead to the Lesser offence for which your Petitioner will Ever Pray

The mark of George Robinson X

Witness ——
John Banks, July 9 1817

Petition of George Robinson

To the Honble the Govr and Directors of the Bank of England.

F25/4/16

29 Sept. 1817

Bank
Wm Harvey

Messrs Hayes, Forshfield & Hayes,
Solicitors
Bank Buildings.

PS

I must inform you Gentlemen that I wish the subject of this Letter to be kept secret, for should it be known here, (to use the Language of the Newport inhabitants) that I had noised, tho for the most justifiable motives, my life would be sacrificed by the ~~[illegible]~~ wretches with whom I am compelled to associate.

have already asserted most solemnly by all my hopes of eternal happiness that I was not the person, and I again assert it — I therefore request that you will in consequence of the intelligence I have obtained, cause Mr. Elliot to be sent for, and that he may see Read alias Spence that if he should be satisfied that he was mistaken from a similarity of person, or in his zeal for his Masters interest (that is to recover the Money lost) and regardless to whom he affixed the guilt; in either case should it be satisfactorily made out that I am not the Man, that the note taken from me to repay Mr. Lackyer, may be returned, and the circumstance receive from you that consideration which I must presume it deserves

I am Gentlemen
your very respectful
& obedient humble servant
William Harvey

Newgate, 29th September 1817

Gentlemen

A circumstance has occurred which induces me once more to address you, not to beg for mercy but to request that you will do me that justice which in the ~~circumstance~~ occurrence I am about to relate I conceive myself to be entitled to — A person of the name of Read alias Spence I am informed was apprehended on Saturday last in Holborn uttering Counterfeited Notes of the Bank of England — I have also been told that this Read alias Spence is the person who uttered the Note on Saturday the 16th day of August to Mr. Elliot in Mr. Lockyers Shop, Tottenham Court Road, for a Box of Soda Powders, and gave his address "Roberts 31 Hoxland Street" — Elliot before the Magistrate swore that I was the person;

I

North Roe, Newgate,
22nd Sept. 1817

Gentlemen

I conceive it to be in justice due to myself and the information may not be unacceptable to you, (tho' perhaps you may think me not entitled to the credit of your belief) for me to detail the facts which has placed me in my present wretched situation; I shall therefore commence from the period of my liberation from White Cross Street Prison on the 29th of April last, at which time my circumstances and situation was very needy and necessitous, tho' previous to the conclusion of the War I lived in good repute as a Licenced Navy Agent at Portsea, but on the peace being ratified I was ruined by the parties (Petty Officers and Leamen) to whom I had advanced considerable sums of Money on their Prize Money, being paid off out of the Service and revoking my claims — When liberated from White Cross Street Prison my Wife was within 10 Weeks of her accouchement, we had a few valuable trinkets and a little plate which I disposed of for our support, and I tried every possible means to procure a situation as Clerk in order to obtain a Livelihood for my family, but without success — When my Wife was put to Bed on the 10th July I had not then in the House in Money or Goods 2 Guineas worth, nor did I know where or how to procure for her those Comforts her situation required

required — to the best of my recollection it must have been a fortnight or more after my Wife was put to Bed that a person whom I had known for some Months seeing my distressed situation, tempted me by offering me Counterfeited Bank of England Notes — Steeped as I was in poverty to the very lips, I closed with his offer — my situation was too desperate for reflection, and thus for momentary relief, I plunged myself and family into irremediable ruin — I declare to you Gentlemen that it was nearly the latter end of July when this occurrence took place, and not till then had I ever seen to my knowledge a Forged Bank Note — My detection then Gentlemen almost immediately followed the Commission of the Crime.

I cannot conclude Gentlemen without declaring to you most solemnly by all my hopes of pardon for my offences when I shall appear before that dread power who shall Judge you, me, and all the World in Righteousness, that I never was in the Shops of Mr. Prosser, or Mr. Lockyer in my Life, nor did I ever offer a Note to either of these Gentlemen or to their Shopmen, as sworn by them before the Magistrate at Worship Street. — As I am in great distress, I hope that you will be pleased to give to my Wife the two pound you have of mine, and I am also to beg that you will be pleased to intercede to get her a Passage to go with me to New South Wales,

for

for which purpose, and to receive the 2 pound detained from me, she will call on you Gentlemen on Wednesday morning.

Your Gentlemen,
with the greatest respect
Your most obedient
humble servant
William Hardy

Messrs. Kaye, Tomlinson & Kaye,
Solicitors to the Bank of England,
5 Bank Buildings

Bank Town

Chas.

Dear Sir

Margate Sept 26. 17

I take the Liberty of Sending these few Lines by the bearer who is my wife hoping you will put her in the way to follow me as she has no trade to get a honest Liveing by and as it not in the power of her friends to Support her and as it is her wish to go out of the country if Sir you would have the Goodness to put her in the way it will be the means of not doing that which brot me here or worse as I should not wish her to go out of the Country as a Convicted person if it could be avoided by Leaving the country Free

I am Sir Your Humble Servant

J James

30 Sept 1807

Bank

Tm J. James

Mr Westwood
Solicitor of Bank
of England.
Bank Buildings

F25/4/19

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Gentlemen

Allow me to request that you will be pleased to intercede for me with the Right Honorable Lord Sidmouth to send me to my Husband John James now on his way to Botany Bay on board the Lady Castlereagh from Spithead – I am here left destitute of Friends, or support, with no possible means of getting an honest livelihood – what then am I to do? I have only the alternative left of starving, or seeking a precarious subsistence by the same means which have led to the conviction and transportation of my Husband – If I were permitted to follow him I should hope that we might be the means of comforting each other and of obtaining an honest living, however humble it might be.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Servant
Ann James

Birmingham 14 February 1838

Messrs Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

Messrs Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

New Bank Buildings

London

Bank

Jun. 18th 1910.

Jun. Chas. Francis.

Sept 1817

Gentlemen, North Side of Newgate 22

Pardon the liberty of an Unfortunate Prisoner who has been tryed By the Laws of his Country and found Guilty & Sentenced to be Transported. Not Knowing how Soon it May be His Majestys Secretary of State please to order Me off I think it My duty to Inform you there is a Man here of the Name of Edwards who was tryed last Sessions for Forgery His Sentence Not Known yet, he has declared by way of great Secret that it would be Impossible there could be so Many Bank of England Forged Notes, Ware it Not for some Gentleman in Your Employment who Issues the Paper to them. And Says he Knows it to be the Fact. He has dell. Many Years in that trade he is a Birmingham Man. And Says he would Sooner Die than turn Informer. he is a Man that can give you the greatest Information if he pleases, A Man in My Unfortunate Situation can procure More Information Gentlemen than you can possibly be aware of. as the think any thing we here here is never to be devulged. There are Some More Forgers here, and when the think I am a Sleep the begin to tell each other Many things that would be too tedious for Me to Mention, I have No doubt but Edwards can give You the greatest Information,

I remain Honoured
Gentlemen
Your Humble Servant
Edward Egan

F25/4/21

Dublin
Paid
Post

To

The Honble Governors of the Bank
of
England

Private

Frank
Jn. Lenox Kyan

1817

Pardon me sir for intruding
on your goodness has i am in
great distress and most humbly
Begs to be Partaker of your
goodness the same as my fellow
Prisoners has i have parted with
What few things that i had and
i have not got any Friends to
help me in i have been 4 months
in Confinement and i am in
great distress and i shall be in
Duty Bound to Pray for your
goodness to me

Susanah Courtney

Sir/

Bank

Sup.a Courtney

Convict

£5.-

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Mr Westwood

Petition

Bank Building

No 2.

Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in riting but being in great Distry and near the time of my confinement and, having not a thing prepared I shall take it a favour If you will send me a small sum of money as it is ten weeks since I received the last, these few lines I humbley submit to your kind consideration

and Remain your
obed Humble Sert

Margret Spencer

Margate
March 24th

Westwood Esqr
Bank Buildings

No 2

Bank
Sun Broad Street

Sir

Pardon the freedom I am taking in writing but as I am in great distress and without a friend in the world and expect to be put to bed in a few days and have not a thing in the world provided and in debt in the great theos few lines I humbley submit to your kind consideration and

Remain yours

Margnet Spring

Margate
Apr 10th

Westwood Esqr
Bank Buildings

No 2

To Adam Esq
Bank
Fn Long Acre

Sir

I take the liberty of informing you I am delivered of two fine girls and hope you will extend your goodness to them, I was delivered the 6th of this month, and with the Children am likely to do well, relying on your former goodness I remain your obed.

Humble Servt.

Margaret Spines

Newgate
May 15th

5/ a Week is paid to her

Mary Shears

Bank.

Sir Mary Spiers

Westwood Esqr

Bank Building

No 2

Newgate June the 23

Honoured Sir

I hope you will Pardon the Liberty I presume in troubling your Honour, but in Consequence of me Lying in I want more Nourishment than usall and two Little Babes is Verry Expencive washing and Nursing them, Sir I hope your humane Goodness will bestow all little of your Benevolent Charity on your Humble Petioner and her two Dear Little Babes Sir

I Remain your Humble Petioner

Margrett Spiers

Mr Westwood &c
New Bank Buildings

Bank
1817 MAY 4
The Accountant

F25/4/26

Sir

I am sorry to trouble you so soon but as I have not recieved any thing since the 8th of last Month and having had one of my Children Even since and is now dead I hope you will Pardon my riting so soon, but as I have been att a great exspence with it I hope you will call as soon as Convenient till than I Remain your most obed

Humble Sent^t

M Spiner

Hengate
Sepr 5th

Westwood Esq

Bank Building

Cancelled

Bank

Sir Thomas's Office

Bank

F 25/4

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Sir

I hope you will excuse my being so troublesome but it is my great distress that compels me, as I have been att a great expence with my child that is dead as I was obliged to have a person with me night and day for some weeks before she dies and if you will call as soon as convenient it will much oblige your humble Servt

M. Spiers

Bank
Smith & Spies

Westwood Esq
Bank Buildings

No 2

F25/4/28

Honoured Sir

I humbely beg your pardon for the liberty I now take in righting to you but I ham in great distress for the want of a littell suport for in my situasion it is very hard to have nothing but the gale alounce and I have nothing nels for I have no one to send me a peney and it dos not lay in my husbands power to do any thing for me for whilst he was in confinment he lost half his work and all his tools and he his now in nement of hired honourable sir I hope you will take this our awfull situasion into your consideration as we are a unfortnat pair and inesent drove into this our awfull situasion and I hope the suspence for

but and I never knowd the
meaning of such a thing
nor did I know what
my sisters husband was
gon for till I heard you
say when I came in the
offis and till then she tould
me he was gon for smug
led goods and then I found
the honnour my sister
had brot me in and then
I well knew my awfull
situasion but I put
my trust in the lord
and I hope he will be
my gide and I hope
honoured Sir you will
not send me out of
my country but tis
is my sisters wish to
go and all her children
as tha are here with her
honoured Sir I hope you
will pardon me for
the liberty I now take
in troubling you but my
distress is great and my
husband is the bearer of
this to you I have your
humbl servant Sarah Howell

Mr Westwood

May 4

Bank

Jas S. Howell

F25/4/29

Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in writing again but it is necessity that compels me, as I have been delivered of a child three weeks and have had nothing but the gaol allowance to live on and through the unfortunate ~~[illegible]~~ ness my husband has deserted me and having been in your Prison four months I have been obliged to grant with my loaths to support my self these few lines I humbly submit to your kind consideration

and Remain your obed^t

Humble Servt

S. Howell

Westwood Esqr
Bank Buildings

No 2

Chas
The Grove Stoke

Sir

I hope you will please to excuse My liberty in troubling which I should Not do but I am lying in at present And am very much distrest as I Have not got a farthing of money To get any necessary thing that I want And should be very thankful to you If you will have the goodness to let me have A little money and sir your humble petitioner As in duty bound will Ever pray

Sarah Howell

Tuesdy June 24

Mr Westwood
Mint
B[illegible] Bucks

Fm Sarah Howell

Bank

July 3. 1817

Honoured

Sir Pray Pardon the liberty of my Addressing those few lines to you but Sir having been Put to bed this fortnight Past and totley without friends that Can do Any think for me I am totley distrest in duty Bound should Even Pray if your Honour Could make it Convent to let me have my Money should not think of being so Extreamely troublesome but being so Very Much distrest

Your Very Humble
Servant
Sarah Howell

8 o'Clock
JY·4
181 Nn

Mr Westwood
Bank Buildings

No

2

Bank
— fm Sarah Howell

F25/4/32

Bank of England Archive (F25/4)

Mr Westwood
Esq Bank
Gloucester

Bank
Gloucester

F25/4/33

I hope you will pardon me a
most miserable and unfortunat
wooman and look into this my
awfull situation and I will let
you see that the remainder part
of my days that your clemecy
is not bestoed on the undeserved
and if you think proper to
refer for my caracter you may
refer for hit that 1020 Mr Smiths
and I dont feear but Woodstock Street
hit will hair the streets
in westegaspor

Honered Sir plees to pardon
your Most obedient and unfortnat
and Humbel servant
Sarah Hovel
in distress

Septr the 8 1841

Honered Sir

I have very sorry to trouble you with this but believe me I have very much distressed indeed as my child has been very ill and so have I my self and it is for want of support as I have no one to give my child hanything but what I have Now honered sir believe me my distressment is more than I can discribe to you as it was the last of my thoughts ever to be in such a place as this and all my Mrs and Mr will tell you the same I allways felt to much hart to let them know where I was but I have had one of them here to see me and she was more surprised then I can mention but I should never of been here had it not of been for my unfortunat sister honered sir

Honored Sir

I have very sorry to be so troublesom but believe me I have very much distressed in deed for I have my child to support and no one to assist me and I have not received money thing from you since the 6 of august and I have in great distress pleas to pardon me as I have in great trubel as my child has been very ill and Mrs Spiers has lost one of hers

from your most obedient and humbel servant
Sarah Howel

Bank
Fm Sarah Howell

Mr
Westwood
Esq

Newgate May the 14 1814

Sir

I hope you will Pardon the Liberty I Presume in troubling you, but being Distressed through me Confinement and the Absence of my Husband Obliges me to Solicit for a little of your benevolent Charity, Sir the Ship Doctor have Impressed the Prisoners for the Purpose of going Abroad and Informs us that the Ship will Sail before the first of June I am Very Unhappy, Concerning some of me Cloaths I was Obliged to Pledge, which I shall be at a great loss for them, if I do not get a little of your benevolent Charity to Release them, I Remain your Humble Petioner

Grace Sclaker

Petition from
Grace Bleaker

Mr Westwood No 5
New Bank Buildings

17 August
Bank
Grace Bleaker

May 29 1817

Sir

I hope your Goodness will pardon the liberty I take in writing to you but we have had orders this morning for the Ship & we are going on saturday Morning and humbly Begs you will please to Consider My Present Distress as I have Contracted A few Triffling Debts in the Goal and I have A desire To pay what I owe as I dont wish to go away in debt To any person and By so doing you will very much oblige your most obedt humble servts

And humble petitioners — Grace Blaker

& Jane Brown

£5 has been ordered to be paid to Grace Blaker
5/ a Week has been paid to Jane Brown

Marie Ann York

Mr Westwood

Bank Buildings

No 5

Clerk

Inclosure Estate &

Commissioners

E.

29 Inverness

May 31st – 1824

Sir

I hope your goodness will please to Excuse my troubling you but there is a Mistake in our payment as we have not Recd any money for this 7 weeks and we Have found the 5s Pound we Recd little Enough to Redeem our Clothes out of pawn And pay our Debts in the prison and I hope Sir you will have the goodness to let us Have the Remainder as we want to get Necessarys to take on Board with us and Sir you will Greatly oblige your humble

Petitioners Grace Blake

and Jane Brown

Mr Westwood
Bank Buildings
No 5

Mr Cox
Bank
For Isaac Bleden
Jane Bonne

To The Governor and Company
of The Bank of England

The humble Petition of Sarah Holmes
and Martha Fletcher

Most humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioners are now in Newgate waiting to take their Trials at the Old Bailey this present Session for Forging and uttering Notes purporting to be the Genuine Notes of the Bank of England

That your Petitioners fully sensible of the dreadfull and Ignominious Punishment awaiting such Offences, do jointly bow down with humility imploring your humane Clemency to Spare The Lives of Two unhappy Women, and allow them to plead Guilty to the lesser Charge, subjecting them to Transportation for a Term of Years in which they may amend their Pursuits

Sarah Holmes
Martha Fletcher

That your Petitioners most Fervently Pray, Their Cases may be taken into your humane and Serious Consideration. And the remainder of their Days shall be unremittingly passed in atonement for their past Offence

To

The Governor

and Company of

The Bank of England

The humble Petition

of

Sarah Holmes

&

Martha Fletcher

Newgate May the 26

Sir

I hope you will Excuse me soliciting you
Sir I understand their is an allowance for
all me Children and you Only gave me
for One and I have three Children if you
Dispute me word you may Refer to governer
I have no person to give them a shilling only
for your Benevolent Charity I do not know
What would become of me and them
Sir I hope will take me family into consida
ration and bestow a little more of your benevo
Charity on them by so doing your Humble
Petioner is in Duty Bound to Pray for
you

Martha Tatcher

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Mary Ann Tow

Mr Westwood No 3
New Bank Buildings

Bank
In Hoskie Kettle

Newgate May the 30

Sir I hope you will pardon the Liberty I take in troubling you but I am Ordered to get Ready to go to the Ship and the Other women have Received their £ Pounds, and I am Distressed with three Children and have the best part of me Cloaths in Pledge, Sir I hope you will Consider me Distressed situation and me Large family and beg a little of your benevolent Charity to Enable me and me family to get me Cloaths, by So doing your Humble Petitioner is in Duty Bound to Pray

Martha Tatcher

Mr Westwood & Co
New Bank Buildings
to pay the £6 -

Frank
The Honble Charles
Manners
30 Mayson
Martha Hatcher

Sir

Having wrote and received no answer I take the liberty of once more writing as I am in great distress as my husband is out of employ and as been for this six months and as it is not in his power to help me and as it is now ten weeks since you gave me the last money I am in debt in the prison and have no prospect of paying it without your assistance

Thus fear remarks I humbly submit to your consideration

and Remain your obedt

Humble Servt

S. Gamlener

Westmacott Esqr
Bank Buildings

No 2

10 June 1817
Bank
Mr Fraser

Honoured Sir

the Humble Peetition of Mary Dawce
who was tride at the County Gaol Notingham
and was Last for Death But now Going to Leave my
Country Leaveing 9 Children and quite Destitute
therefore hopes you will Be so Kind as to take into
Concideration my pitifull Case Likewise
Mary Lenney who was tride at the Winchester
Last March and was Sentence to 14 years and
as Left 6 Children fatherless and Destitute
Likewise Margrate Sellers who was tride at
Carlile Last August widow sentence for Life
Likewise Barbery Oliver who was tride in the
City of Durham Sentence for Lifty years
Transportation the Smallest Donation will
Be Gratefuly Received By your
Humbly Peetitioners Being all quite
Destitute

Bank

Petitions from

Mary Davis

Mary Lenny

Margaret Solars

Barbara Oliver

Petitions from
Mary Davis - £10.
Mary Lenny - 10.
Marg.t Solars - 5.
Barbara Oliver 5.
Convicts

Sir

The Humble petition of Mary Davise
Who was tried at Nottingham County Goal
and Was Cast for Death one Bank of England
Note and is now Going to Leave her Country Leaving
9 Children and quite Destitute therefor humbly
Begs you Will take into Consideration her Distress
Situation and the Smallest Donation will be
Gratefully Received May your humble servant
if you will Be pleased to favour me with
your Answer I Shall think my Self in Duty
Bound to pray for you as long as Pleases god
Now on Board the Friendship Bound to
Botany Bay Lying at Deptford

Likewise the humble Petition of Mary Lenny
Who is Going to Leave Six Small Children
Fatherless and quite Destitute without any thing to
Purchase the Necessarys for her Voyage Sir
you will pardon the Liberty we now take But
Nothing But real Distress is the Cause your
Humble petitioners will Ever Gratefully remember
By your Humble Servants

Mary Davise & M Lenny

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[illegible] humble servant

F25/4/3

Mr Wesson
No 2 New Bank
Buildings
London

Unpaid
Dorford

7 o'Clock
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1817 NT

Bank
In Monetary L
Accountants

May 15 1817

Sir

Emboldened by the Lenity you was pleas to shew
Me at my Trial I hope you will Be so Kind
As to Grant Me my Humble Request that
Is that I may not Be sent out of this Country
From my poor Children I have Six and four
Of them intirely unprovided for having no Relation
and very young the Two last is only one at
four and the other Two years Old I was left a
Widow with five and young with Child of the
Six a Mr Bear to whom my husband was
Servent for near a Eleven years Was so Kind as
to raise a Subscription for me wich enabled me
to take a Lodging House and Day School By wich means
I thought to Be able to support my self and family
But I was unfortunate Not Being able to let
any Part of the House it Was very high rented and
By that Means I Became very much in Debt wich
I as sure you Sir was the reason of my Attaining of the
Notes for wich I am Now in the County Gaol Winchester
Under the Sentence of Transportation for fourteen
Years and therefore humble Beg that you will be
Pleased to Let my Sentence Be Altered to imprisonment
I assure you Sir that I have Never ceased to lament
My Misconduct wich as made my Health very Bad
therefore the thought of Death cannot Be more painfull
then that of Being sent abroad from my Poor Children
Who have No Refuge But the Workhouse
I hope you will Be pleased to take pity on me and
Grant my request that I may Be imprisoned and
Not sent abroad and me and my poor family
Will Be in Duty Bound to pray for you as long as
we all Live your Greatefull Humble Servent

Mary Lenny

F25/4/44

To The Solicitor
Of the Bank
Of England
London

Bank
Threadneedle Street

Mary Young

Considered at the
assistant Underwriters
in adjusting &c.
Bank Notes of £2
each & £10 and
upwards stamp-
ed a Duplicate with
a Letter
to Elizabeth
Messrs Coutts & Co
Bankers to Mr Young
to be transmitted

Newgate 3 May 1817

Hon^d Sir

Permit me most humbly to address you with a few lines in which I beg to solicit your humane intercession with the Rt Honble Lord Sidmouth to divert my present stay in the Gaol, or to bestow upon me the happy Priviledge of being sent to the House of Penitentiary. My motive principally for thus intruding upon your Goodness is, should I be allowed time, I entertain a Confidant hope, I shall be able most satisfactorily to prove to you, my perfect innocence upon the late unfortunate event which has reduced me to the most Poignant sense of feeling and Distress. I am also induced Sir to pursue this line of application from the experienced kindness and attention you have been accustomed to show to every unfortunate person who has had occasion to address you on such maloncolly subject

And am Hon^d Sir
your unfortunate Humble Servt
Mary Ann York

Mr Westwood

Bank

In Long Ann Street

Newport

Newgate May the 30

Sir

I hope you will Excuse me soliciting you, but I am Ordered to go to the petenchy tomorrow Morning and I have contracted a little Debt here, to go away in any Persons Debt, it would hurt me feelings Verry Much, I would not Contract the Debt only Relying on your benevolent Charity, Sir I do not mean the 5 Pounds I only Mean the weekly allowance, Sir if I should be gone before you send you will be Pleased to give it to the Governer and he will Pay the Nurse Voice it to Sir its Six weeks since I Received any Sir by your taking me into Considaration I am bound Ever to Pray for you

Mary Hopkins

Mr Westwood &c
New Bank Buildings

Bank
Jn Henry Atkins

To the Honorable The Governor and Company of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition of Thomas Simpson a Prisoner under Sentence of death in Horsemonger Gaol in the County of Surry for the Crime of Forgery.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner being now under the age of 20 years having been out of employ for upwards of four months and having fallen into bad and dissolute Company was unfortunately induced to commit a breach of the Laws of his Country for which he has suffered Imprisonment ever since the 25th day of January last and has been Tried and Convicted of the above Crime at the last Kingston Assizes on the Prosecution of your Honors.

That your Petitioner has a wife who at present remains without any support but what her Industry in working at the Bonnet making Business can produce when she can find employment which is very precarious and uncertain but he has not any other Relation except an aunt who is in very poor circumstances your Petitioners Mother having died about twelve months ago.

That your Petitioner is truly contrite and penitent and with utter abhorrence detests his former evil ways feeling the Justice of his Sentence. Yet hoping for mercy

Humbly Prays your Honors to take his melancholy case into your humane consideration and render unto your Petitioner whatever your Honors may incline or think meet to extend to him.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray &c.

This Young Man was in our Office nearly Two Years and conducted himself very well until the Duration in which we parted with him in Septr last — On the Ground of his Youth and former good Behaviour We beg to recommend him to Mercy

Tho: Street — John Rich: Woodgate } Solicitors Chilport Lane 16th April 1817

Petition of Mr. Thompson

Rejected

Justitia Hulk Woolwich Kent

June 25th 1817

Most Hon.d Sir

The solemn reflections on my past lamented conduct, whereby I am reduced to my present unhappy situation and my Wife and infant children to the most severe distress, causes me to feel a diffidence in addressing you, but imboldened by a sense of your characteristic humanity and christianlike Philanthropy, I am induced to hope your pardon for so doing and for intreating a compliance to my humble request.

Having been tryed last Lent assize at Nottingham County Jail, for uttering and passing Forged Notes of the Bank of England, and received the sentence of fourteen years Transportation Beyond Seas, and am now on board this Ship waiting to be conveyed to New South Wales, which I expect to sail for in the course of a very few days. In consequence of having been previously informed, you have made some provision for all the Females on board his Majesty's Ship Friendship, now Lying at Deptford, that was prosecuted by you for the same offence, I therefore most humbly & sincerely trust, you will have the condescending goodness to take my case into your most serious and humane consideration, & the

to you any

distressed circumstances in which I am placed, and have your usual humanity and benevolence prevailed upon, to be pleased to grant me some assistance, as it will at this time greatly alleviate Me, and My family from the direful effects of extreme Misery and distress, which we are now labouring under.

I give you all the information concerning the person of Joach Warwood of Lincoln, and my friends is now doing the same if possible to get him detected as he was the person who gave me the Forged Notes, previous to my being taken into Custody, and to whom I can ascribe all my present misery and Misfortunes by, The extreme Poverty my Wife and family was in at the time I committed the fatal act, is beyond all discription, and indeed the Misery they are in at present, is beyond all Conception, My Wife and five infant Children now living, at Bingham in Nottinghamshire, where they belong, and all the support they now have, is from the Parish, which is seven shillings & sixpence per week, And me in this unfortunate situation, wanting to be removed to a distant country, without Money to aid or assist me or My poor family, The thoughts of which overwhelms my heart with the utmost sensations of grief and sorrow.

It is therefore on that account, I have to implore your benevolent and charitable assistance, that is if you will be pleased, to make some provision towards my support before I leave this Country, and likewise I most humbly hope, you will have the goodness to use your influence and exertions, towards getting My Wife and Children sent to New South Wales after me, as it is their Most earnest wish, and as I intend when I arrive at my destination, to remain in the Country and live hereafter a life, of the utmost decency honesty & industry and endeavour to retrieve the good Character in another Country I once injoyed in this.

I sincerely trust you will have the condescention to favour Me with an answer at your earliest convenience, In the Meantime, permit Me to subscribe Myself Sir with the utmost sentiments of Respect

Most Hond Sir.

Your Most Obt

Humble Svt

John Smith

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Lay Esq.
Solicitor
Bank of England

Lewis
for John Smith

Honoured Sir

having learnt from my solicitor at the time of my trial at Glouster that it would be to my advantage to give up those persons who received those Notes from which I received the sentence of 14 years Transportation for. I beg to assure Your Honourable Company of the Bank of England that I can prove of the greatest service to them and the Country at large & that at a very Cheape rate I would therefore thank you to acquaint me with Your disposition thereon and point out what you think would be granted me under those circumstances, and the answer to the same shall contain every particular

in the mean time I remain
Sir your most obedient and
very humble Serv.t
John Dunn

please to direct
to the Care of Captain
Smith on Board of the
Justitia Hulk Woolwich
for John Dunn Esq.r

May 26. 1817


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Mr. Pl
Collector
of the Bank
of England
London
Bank
Mr. Pl
Bank of England Archive (F25/4)

London 28th May 1817.

John Dunn,

I have received your Letter of the 26th Inst and in answer I can only inform you that if you make any communication of the nature mentioned in your Letter I will submit it to the Gov.r and Directors of the Bank, but I cannot hold out to you any promise or assurance of a mitigation of your Sentence. — Whether any information you can give may be deserving of the favorable Consideration of the Governors and Directors, must be left entirely to their determination when it is submitted to them.

Yours &c.
J. V.

John Dunn
To the Care of Capt.n Smith
Justitia Hulk
Woolwich

Bank

To John Dunn

F25/4/50

Gloster County Gaol April 15

Sir/

I was very sorry I could not comply with the promise I made to you, Mr H could give me no promise at the he came to my trial but he told my Attorney he would have a lead before the Proprietors, and that was the occassion of my giving him no information, but now I am Determined to come froward for the Salvation of my own soul and the good of the Kingdom at large, to fulfill your Promises that you have made for me to the Solicitors, as I can have twelve or fourteen as I can give information to have them apprehended with the things in their possesion, as it is no use to have them apprehended without the Property being found where I allow'd an almanack in Prison I could by that give information where to meet with them with the Property on them, one of these

People have been the cause of all the unfortunate people that have been convicted for fourteen years past in the North part of England. there is another in Glasgow that have been the occassion of a great many more, one in Ireland and five in Wales two in Birmingham and one in London, that holds correspondence in France, but my acquaintence with him is but slight, things could be done much better now I am convicted then it could before, I would pay all expences of having two apprehended, which then I would go with 2 Bow Street Officers into Scotland, and by conversing with him I could know what Compliment he purchased when he was at Birmingham Last and by the Person giving that token, it be the means of getting any Compliment he wanted, I would expect a Promise from the Solicitor

that none of their Lives should be taken,
by me being obliged to plead Guilty. Mr Y.
might think I was Guilty, but I could declare
to Almighty God that I took them for Twenty
Shillings each from one of these People
I do not say but I have been unfortunate
enough to have conection with People of this
Discription for six Months past, but I can
have a Caracter from Merchants that I have
dealt with for six years, and would bail me to
any amount, I would also wish to know on
what terms, they would grant me Pardon
but let not this seduce them to grant me
Pardon, unless they think this discovery is
deserving it, I would expect a promise from
the Solicitors never to bring me forward to
Prosecute, as it must be kept as a great
secret, Sir I beg you will excuse the liberty
I take of addressing you, your Obt Hum Servant
John Dunn

Mr Shaw

at Mr R B M'Kenna

No. 3 Crooked Lane

Cannon Street

London

Sir

I am sorry to be so troublesome but my distress'd situation must plead my Excuse I recev'd 5 pounds but I never had any thing all the 4 Months that I were in Confinement and I were so distress'd that I have not had one farring to help myself I had borrow'd so much Money in the prison and I hope if there is any More Comeing to me that you will have the Goodness to send it to me and you will Greatly Oblige your Humble

petitioner Susanah Courtney

Deptford June 4th 1814

F25/4/53

For:

Westwood
Bank Buildings
London

Bank
The Examiner Cashing

White Cross St.
Dalton Priory 3 Oct.
1816.

Gentlm.

I was highly pleased, & am left grateful for your letter of the 30th May, which informs me that the Govr. & Directors of the Bank of England do not intend to take any part in the differences between my late partner & me.

Since the receipt thereof I had found a substantial bail for the suit sued by Rivett & Vernon to the Bank, but true to their plan of persecution, the opposite party immediately lodged detainers against me to such an amount as to prevent my bailing them.

I should be much obliged to one of your respected firm to call on me, any day between the hours of 3 & 6 o'clock, a desire to see me in the Chapter as I do not only wish to ask, if the Bank will grant under my bond on the 29th Inst. at Guildhall at 12 o'clock, agreeably to a general order from the Lord Chancellor, but I should also wish to ask

Messrs. Kaye & Ashfield & Kaye
New Bank Buildings.

a few other questions —

My present situation will apologise for the favour I solicit —

I remain respectfully

Gentlemen

Your obedt. humble Servt.

H. F. Hoveman.

Mess.rs Kaye Freckfield & Kaye

New Bank Buildings

3 Oct 1826

Louis

Inclosures

Sir/

We do not feel that we should be justified in attending you to answer questions as to the intentions of the Directors of the Bank of England, but if you will put your questions in writing we will submit them to the Directors —

We are &c
K & Co
N B B
A. & N. Wilks

Mr. H F Horneman
Debtors Prison
White Cross Street

4 Oct 1810

Bank

Mr Horneman

F25/4/55

Mess. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Bank Buildings

White Cross St. Debtors Prison
10th April 1816.

Gentlm

I have received your favour 4th Inst. and am greatly obliged to you in promising to lay before the Directors of the Bank the respectful inquiries, I wish to m[illegible]

My Assignees not having complied with my request to appoint an accountant in order to make up my books, and having only some few times previous to my last meeting appointed for the 24th 1816. the same was adjourned to the 29th Inst. Since that period one of my Assignees has attended me pretty regularly for about 3 hours every day, and my books are at this moment very nearly closed.

The inquiries I wish to make are

1st

1st Will the Bank of England allow their claims on Robert Newman under my private Estate at the next meeting at Guildhall, as I am informed by the of my Assignees that all the partnership Creditors, in order to receive their dividends on Robert Newman's Estate, will have to prove under my private Estate?

2d Will the Bank allow the retainer against me, if not intitled to prove under my Estate; and when I may expect it?

How innocently and cruelly I am persecuted begins by this time to be universally understood. I shall indulge in no unfounded, I expect not, nor ask for any favour, but that which every honest and honourable man feels himself intitled to, when unjustly assailed. My accounts are now in a state of

forward notes, and in a few days will be ready for the inspection of the world. I not only challenge, but dare my persecutors to the most minute examination of them, and, on the result of that examination only will I claim the uniform and generous protection of the Bank of England to a man, who feels he is suffering the most unjust persecution, and who also feels a conscious pride in asserting, that, tho' unfortunate, he is able to defy his enemies to say, he has in any one instance of his life acted dishonourably.

Impressed with these feelings I most respectfully solicit your attendance at my final examination, on the part of the Bank of England, confidently

hoping, that when you are perfectly satisfied of the correctness of this statement, I may be by them restored to my large and unprotected family, and, above all, to the character of an honest, tho' unfortunate, man.

I have the honour to be

Gent.n

Your very obed.t & humble Serv.t

H.F. P. Hermman

His Danish Majesty's Consul General in Great Britain.

10 Oct 1816

Bank

for Mr. Horneman

F25/4/59

Sir,

The Bank of England having proceeded against Mr. Rooke and yourself they cannot prove under your Commissioner without withdrawing the Action, which it is not at present their intention to do.—

We have before stated that the Directors of the Bank do not interfere in the differences between yourself and your Partner and therefore it cannot be expected that they should offer any opinion upon the statements which either party may think proper to transmit to them, but if the investigation of your Accounts satisfactorily evinces the rectitude of your conduct, we presume your friends will not hesitate to give Bail on your behalf —

We are &c

N. F. H.

N. B. B.

23 Oct. 1816

Mr. H. F. Horneman
Debtors Prison
White Cross Street

23 Oct 1810

Bank

Wm Horneman

F25/4/56

Case

The Corporation of London has applied to the Bank of England for a Loan of £30,000 upon the Bond of the Corporation under their Corporate Seal & the note of their Chamberlain: – The Draft of the proposed Bond is left herewith for Your perusal. –

The Corporation of London are Proprs of large Estates & supposing their Bond under their Corporate Seal, or a judgmt. obtd. upon it, ~~subject their Estates~~ to the Payment of the proposed ~~Loan upon a judgmt.~~ ~~it~~ in case of default, the Security would be unquestionably adequate. – But you will please to consider whether the Corporation is entitled to borrow Money in this proposed way, or to do any act which may charge their Corporate Estates with the Payment of it. If they can by Bond charge their Corporate Estates is there any objection to

their execution a Mortgage upon a competent part of their Corporate Estates?—

We submit that the Corporation must be considered as Trustees of all their Corporate Estates, & are not entitled to borrow Money thereon except for ~~the~~ corporate purposes or purposes to which the revenue of ~~upon which they hold the~~ these Estates are applicable.
~~Estates~~ Estates. You will please to consider whether some years hence when the payment shd be called for of the proposed Loan, the then Members of the Corporation may not resist it on the ground that their Predecessors had ~~been~~ exceeded their powers & contracted a Debt wch their Successors were not legally bound to pay.

We understand the occasion of the application for this Loan is, that the Corporation have exceeded the sum limited by Parliament for the purchase of Ground & erecting a new Prison ~~for the~~ Debtors within the City — and have also incurred a considerable Debt in repairing & altering the Gaol

of Newgate, ~~to~~ with they have no Parliamentary or Corporate funds to answer. — It may perhaps be said that in the first case the Corpor.n were not warr.d in exceeding the Sum limited by Parliam.t for the purpose entrusted to them, & that they ought to have gone to Parliam.t for an extend.n of Powers & add.l funds, ~~but not be warranted in charging~~ are not entitled to charge their Corporate Estates with Debts so incurred. — In the latter Case it may be s.d that the Corpor.n sho.d not have incurred ~~a~~ a heavy Debt in alter.g & repairing the Gaol of Newgate without having funds specifically applicable to discharge it. —

Supposing you sho.d be of Opin.n that the Corpor.n are entitled to borrow, & that the Bank may safely lend the proposed Sum, you will please to consider wh.r the Corpor.n ~~are~~ sho.d not ~~entitled to~~ exercise a Mortge.r a competent part of their Corporate Estate to secure the same. — And ~~if they are~~ wh.r the Bank ought not in such a Case to require a Security of that nature? —

In case you sho. advise the Bank to lend the proposed
Sum upon the Bond of the Corporation & the Promissory
Note of the Chamberlain as proposed, you
will please to consider & advise whether the
form of Bond proposed is satisfactory, or
wh. it would not be more advisable to take
a Bond payable at a Day certain without
any reference to the Chamberlain's note,
as the renewal of that note every two Months
with the private concurrence of the Corpor.n may
be attended with great inconvenience if
not found impracticable. –

F25/4/59

Bank
as to proposed Loan to the
City of London

Case

For the Opinion of Sir
A. Piggott & to confer
with ~~the~~ the Recorder of London
5 Gs

~~To be~~ Copied in the proper
hand way — 6 July 1816

2 Sheets
JJJ

W.O.K

I think that the Bank cannot with perfect security make the large advance in question upon the occasion and in the manner in which it is applied for. The Chancellor was strongly of opinion, in a case that occurred before him, that, though securities by bond and mortgage were given in all corporate forms, it was competent to a Corporation afterwards to investigate the transaction, and if it could then shew that, to the knowledge of the Creditor, the securities had been used and were taken by him for purposes to which the estates or funds of the Corporation were not devoted, the Corporation were to be considered as Trustees for the purposes to which these estates and funds were applicable, and the securities would fail and not be available to the Creditor. And though that bill filed by a Corporation was finally dismissed, the dismission proceeded upon other grounds, & not upon any change of opinion in the Chancellor as to the principle alluded to; the ground on which the bill was dismissed being that, after the question in controversy had occurred, it had been voluntarily submitted by both parties to the arbitration of 3 Barristers at Law, who had awarded against the Corporation, and that Award had been submitted to, & new securities executed, and partial payments made under it; and the Chancellor thought that, under those circumstances, the Corporation came too late into Equity for equitable relief ag.t their last and renewed legal securities.

In the present instances, besides any objection that

might be hereafter raised on account of the misapplication, or doubtful application of the funds of a Corporation, I think another forcible objection occurs, in which I do not think it would become the Bank of England to implicate themselves. It is stated that the Corporation of the City has obtained legislative authority to raise and apply a limited sum for the purchase of ground and the erection of a new prison for Debtors: and I think it is not competent to the Corporation of the City, acting under legislative authority, to exceed that limited sum, and provide for the excess by what may be called a private Loan independent of legislative authority. If the legislature has sanctioned the purpose and limited the sum to be raised and applied, I think it belongs only to the legislature to give authority to supply the deficiency, and I do not think that the Bank ought to concur in such a transaction which might be thought improper in itself, and derogatory from the authority of the Legislature and evasive of its acknowledged powers. I cannot but think that the Corporation of the City ought to make an application to Parliament for authority to raise money. The other object would also involve a question, though not exactly of the same nature, still of considerable difficulty and importance: for, if the Corporation of the City have in fact incurred a considerable debt in repairing and altering the Goal of Newgate, which they have no parliamentary or Corporate funds to pay, they can only properly be relieved from the difficulty in which they have involved themselves by a successful application to Parliament, and not by contracting a debt to which they have no funds applicable.

I think it the more incumbent upon the Bank of England not to embark or implicate themselves in a transaction the propriety of which (to say the least of it) is so very

questionable, that there appears to be a strong disposition in Parliament to investigate the expenditure & application of all Corporate funds, of almost all of which the Corporations, in possession of them are Trustees, and in many of which charity is blended, a word of very extensive latitude and very large construction, and which at present attracts great attention to it.

A Piggott

Lincolns Inn, 8th July 1816.

Copy Opinion of Sir
A. Piggott on the application
of the City of London
for a Loan of £30,000

F25/4/61

Know all Men by these Presents That We The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London ——————————————— are held and firmly bound to The Governor and Company of the Bank of England in £60,000 — of good and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland current in Great Britain To be paid to the said Governor and Company their Successors or Assigns ——————— For which payment to be well and faithfully made We bind ourselves and our Successors firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Common Seal dated this day of in the 56th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and in the Year ~~of our Lord 1816.~~ — ~~of our Lord 1816~~ Whereas the above named Governor & Company at the instance and request of the above bounden Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens have on the day of the date of the above written Bond or Obligation advanced and lent unto them the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens the sum of £30,000 — of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Current in Great Britain by payment of the same to Richard Clark Esquire Chamberlain of the City of London to & for the use of the said Mayor & Commonalty and Citizens the receipt whereof in manner aforesaid the said Mayor & Commonalty and Citizens do hereby acknowledge And Whereas the said Richard Clark at the instance of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and under their order and direction and on their behalf hath by a certain promissory Note or memorandum in Writing subscribed with his hand as Chamberlain

of the said City bearing even date with the above written Bond or Obligation promised or agreed two months after the date thereof to pay to or to the order or to the use of the said Governor & Company the said sum of £30,000 with lawful Interest for the same — Now the Condition of the above written obligation is such That if the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens or their Successors or the said Richard Clark or his Successors Chamberlain of the said City do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Governor and Company or his or their order or to their use the said sum of £30,000 — of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland current in Great Britain with lawful Interest for the same when and as soon as the said Note shall become due and payable and be presented for that purpose according to the tenor and effect thereof And also that in case the said Governor & Company or their Successors shall at any time or times enlarge the term or period for payment of the said sum of £30,000 — and Interest or shall deliver up or cancel the said promissory note and accept from the said Richard Clark or his Successors Chamberlains of the S. City on the like instance of the said Mayor & Commonalty and Citizens or their Successors or of the Committee for the time being for letting the City's Lands and under their order and on their behalf of the said Mayor & Commonalty & Citizens any further or other note or notes for the same principal sum of £30,000 or any part thereof with all or any part of the Interest which shall have accrued due on such principal sum and to be made payable at any future time or times to be expressed in such Note or Notes and

so from time to time as often as any such Note or Notes for the whole or any part of the said principal Sum and Interest shall be renewed Then if the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens or their Successors or the said Richard Clark or his Successors Chamberlain of the said City do and shall pay or cause to be paid such last mentioned Sum of Money and every part thereof with Interest thereon as aforesaid as and when such last mentioned Note or Notes as aforesaid shall become due and payable from time to time as aforesaid according to the tenor and effect thereof respectively Then the above written Obligation to be void and of no effect otherwise to be and remain in full force & virtue.—

The Mayor &c of London to The Governor & Company of the Bank of England — Dr.t Bond

Winter & Kaye

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Smuggler's Ward
Newgate 7 September 1816.

Hond Sir,

We most humbly hope you will excuse the liberty we are ~~now~~ taking in thus troubling you, but when we were apprehended at Hammersmith last August, the Constable Mr Gammon of Chiswick took from our Persons the Sum of £16 and some odd Money since which we have received from him at different times and at our different Examinations Four Pounds only so that there now remains a balance of £12, some odd Cash, in his hands. We therefore most humbly beg and entreat you will give him directions immediately to return our Property in question, as we are much distressed having no other means of subsistence than the Gaol allowance. Trusting you will grant this favor we earnestly solicit by

Your most obedient
humble Servants
John Brooks
Isaac Greenlade

— Westbrook Esq.
Ch — d — d

—— Westwood Esqr.
Messrs. Ray & Co.
near the Bank

Gentlemen!

I beg leave to represent to You, that the Process against me at the suit of the Gov.r & Comp.y of the Bank of England was so issued under a Notion that I have alone carried on the firm of J. C. Dittmann & Co. The Fact however is, that from the time I entered into Business in England Mr. Wm. Spurden has been in partnership with me, altho his Name was not mentioned in the Concern.

Mr Spurden has since my Arrest on the 1st of May had the management of the joint Property & I pledge myself to the proof of his being a partner. Under these Circumstances I have to request Your Authority for my discharge & if a second Action is brought against Mr Spurden & me jointly, that you will allow me to be at large on Common Bail. my Consular Business having already sustained much injury from my confinement.

Mr Spurdens Connections are respectable. His residence is No. 8. Northampton Square.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen your obedient humble servant
John Chr. Dittmann

Kings Bench Prison
22 August 1816

To the Governors & Directors of
the Bank of England

Chas. Schmerzing
for Schmerzing

22 Aug: 1816

Ward No 3 New Prison
White Cross Street. May 30th 16
Middlesex Side

Sir

Alexander Man a Prisoner who was Brought to this place on the 10th of Apl last and the said Alexander Man was from the Nature of this Prison but to Sleep in a Bed ward with Eleven other persons - the said Alexander Man having declared between the 14th & 16th of said Month some person or persons belonging to that ward did by means of false Keys open his Portmanteau and take therefrom a Bank of England Note Value 20 £ the property of the said Alexander Man and on the 17th of said Month he did cause hand Bills to be circulated to that Effect the Law of such an accusation appears to lay on same person or persons unknown from the Many Reports now in circulation all - circulated by this Man the various persons have been and now in Custody of having had in their Possession the said Note No 7330 I appeal to you on behalf of myself and fellow Wardmates if any person or persons are actually been in Custody and the result of their examinations this Letter I beg leave to trouble you with in Order that our Minds may be more Judge

Notes Recd

on such an unpleasant affair and which is involving all parties who was then in the said Bed Ward

your Answer will truly oblige

Sir your most obdt

and very Hble Sr

for Self and Wardmates

Wm. Chapman

Messrs Kay & Freshfield
Solicitors to the
Bank

Bank
Inter. Chambers

New Prison Whitecross
St Ward No 8 May 31

Sir

having wrote you yesterday relative to the 20 £ Note from this place (as is said) and the Answer by the Messenger Received this Morning state continues to leave us in the same state - as prior to writing you - on the part of myself and Wardmates - request your kind Indulgence in rectifying any Mistaken if any persons - are as has been in Custody - on the Subject

I am Gentleman
your Most Obt
Hble Servt for
self and Wardmates
Wm Chapman

Mr. Fry Solicitor
Threadneedle St
London

Rec'd
31 May 1826
Fryer Chapman