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Sir

We have perused the two Letters from Hollins you did us the favor to send, we have several Letters from him proper to inform by which the fabricators of Bank Notes might be detected, but upon referring him to Sir John Carter we find he either cannot, or is not disposed to ~~give~~ ^{make} any material discovery ~~we rather~~ he probably expected to ~~amuse~~ amuse the Bank with a prospect of services he was unable to perform & induce them to interfere with the Duke of Portland on his behalf.

In answer to a former application made by Hollins we gave directions to inform him, if he had the means

Bank & Home 26th Nov 1801
Hollins
To Mr. Benbow Apr

F25/10/2

Portsmouth 28 Feb. 1801

Gentlemen

I recd your letter of the 9th with one from Hesters - I had not an immediate opportunity to see him - He has recd sent me the enclosed which you will consider if of any use - I am sorry to add many forged notes have been about this place as I am informed

I am

Gentlemen
Y^r most humble Servant
John Carter

Most Worshipful Sir

I should have writt you
sooner had I not been very much indispos'd
in Health -

You request me to point
out a Friend which I presume was to
bring forward the the make of their note
that require a person whom they know
otherwise one whom can give such
circumstances of himself that he knoweth
all their connection & mention their names
respondent &c - I have now some 10 or 12
persons whom we get 3 years to stay here
& is well acquainted with them all &
if you think proper we will produce
a Friend or two that will Chat with any
gentle in London or Burylaw - whom
will bring them all to justice in a proper
manner they shall produce the real makers

with the plates & Instruments they use to
make them - It would be desirable attempt
ing anything of the sort - could be conducted
in America the laws will have it over
I wish to conduct it in America we may
never be suspected - as any persons here
would always be in danger in any part
of the globe - a correct word is as nothing
or we could conceal the Business our
self the best with propriety that no one
can suspect us - If you like we will
give security for our conduct in the Business
to the amount of £2000 - There are the only
plans we can finally abolish them by
procuring your the parties in a proper
manner as also the Instruments - Either of
these we will proceed - on being inform-
ed from any Country - at the moment
any of the parties was in custody the news
would be sent to the place - There is a number

There is a great deal more to be made in London when we get out of the country

of notes at this place & a great many others
It may be that they are made here - but
believe me for they are not - for I will know
whom gets them all whom ever they are
the manner they come here

I can't proceed here more than
far from you - as you may find it
by any fair person to be really safe -
which will be better than you can see
as I'm afraid some suspicion might
arise among these abandoned wretches

I am Sir
Yours truly
Wm. Pitt Rivers
Fortnum & Hanks
Feb 27th 1801
you will see mention of an American War Receipt
right name Mr. Bannister & Louis & Co
with another - he went from this place in October
that man is now with another receipt
Whitney both in prison for notes

Sir John Carter 10^t
Portsmouth

F25/10/4

~~John Carter~~
~~10^t~~
~~Portsmouth~~

Portsmouth 1st May 1801

Gentlemen

The Bearer of this is John
Kellers who has a pardon - He will
be able to give you the information
relative to Bank notes - They get much
in circulation at this place & every
Year come thro' the Convicts -
I am

Gentlemen
Yr. most Obedt. Servant
John Keller

Mess^{rs} Winkler & Daye
Suthers Lane
London

From Mr
Winkler
Suthers Lane
London

F25/10/5

11
5 May 1801

John Collins

James Pitt
5 Great Charles Street }
Low }
5 Ways } Henshall }
 Dukes Row. }
Riddles - Piccol St }

Birmingham

~~Catterpode~~ - London
Cattapodi

5 May 1705
Bank of England
Muniments

F25/10/6

Dear Sir & please yr worship

I desire for the liberty I have taken since
 your Honor - no doubt but that Mr. de Hollins
 shall inform yr Honor concerning me - I have this to say -
 should yr Honor, after an investigation with a gentleness where
 your ^{Honor} shall be left to - after which should yr worship think me
 worthy of Government's notice - in bringing forward such things that
 will be in my power - in behalf of Government - & please your
 worship - should Government think me worthy - of being set at
 Liberty - after being confined upwards of four years - most part
 of which time in the most wretched place in earth - for a charge not
 guilty of - God is witness to the fact - & please your worship
 The cause of my being transported - I gain a law state of Mr.
 J. Dunsfield Kingston survey - please yr Honor - I had every
 the four years by my lawyer - or I should not have been
 transported - please your Honor - I lived at Kingston survey
 upwards of 13 yrs in business - during which time, had three law
 suits - very unsuccessfully on my behalf - I have turned a Shop
 of my friend my friend at Kingston - notwithstanding - should
 your Honor - will stand my friend - should I be set at liberty
 through your Honor interest - at the risk of my life - will
 bring such things to light - will gain yr Honor more
 than ever ~~was~~ was done by any man of my rank - was
 not bread attorney - I hope your Honor will take the trouble to
 write to - Mich^d Rivers Esq^r - This place bishop's father
 then a lafford's house - being yr Mr. R. interduced me in
 to his family as one of his own family - I set liberty with
 money - I could have Mr. Co. ^{by the purchase of the book} who is much wou'd - it can't be
 done unless I am at liberty - I please your worship - Gentlemen
 set - will risk my life for Government's good

I have not yet written of my abode here the one of the
Chichester & Chichester - John & Conchick - I don't think of
to the port - the other 2 not having been to read the

I Owe you Mr Whitch

of your Honour - I should think me worthy of either
the butchers man, and I have it to the Cook
I should be very glad to have it & I hope
if these proposals are not approved of

Let the boys of your Honour, not to let any of our Officers know it or
I shall lose my life - if I was at liberty - could be recommended to a
Dorset who, rides in his own horse gig - with a lady by his side - was at
last your fair - he is absent in his choice for notes & money - that
Dorset came in on the ground to give one of the Ladies to some notes
This not in there that day - that he was to go to all fair & now
If at liberty, I could soon find him - with others - of which way
I preferred I would at the risk of my life - I should think I was in
Debts to government, ^{as long as I live} admitting - I should receive, three most grateful
Honour - & please your Honour if you should think proper to write
with Queen's Exch. - I hope your Honour will excuse him - we note
knowing any of the business - if he should write to me - if I should
be so fortunate to give your Honour's Secretary, will be as honest by your
Obedt & very humbly devoted to command

July 6th 1801 *longer than before*
cancel

J. W. P. W. W. E.

1-5c

L/01/501

John Parker
Governor
Wm. Pitt
H. H. H. H. H.

PORTSMOUTH

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Mr J. G. & Co
In care of
London

From Mr. G. G. & Co
1807

Bank of England

1/20/07

Gentlemen

Many letters to this enclosed I have
recd from Mr. Lovick - which I did
not think worth attending to - This
man refers to proving a great deal
& to a Mr. Rivers - You will judge if
it can be of any benefit - I am

Gentlemen
Portsmouth
1 Sep. 1807
Yr. most hum. Servant
John Carter

P25/10/8

Sir

We have laid the L^{rs} inclosed in yours of the 1st.
instant before the Governor & Directors of the Bank,
who decline interfering upon the Authority of a bare
I bind a Key as it contains - We are much
obliged to you for the Communication, & are

Sir

Yours &c

Northin Lane 3rd Sept^r
1801

Sir John Carter Portsmouth.

3rd Sept. 1801.

Bank. Prom.

To
Messrs Sir John Lubbock

f25/10/9

Gent.

I beg leave to inform you that poor John Green who was convicted at Summer Great Session 1802 for uttering a forged Bank of England Note has behaved himself in a very exemplary manner during his Confinement; The Clerk of the Peace of this County who is resident in this Town has wrote to the Honble Mr. Yorke the Secretary of State respecting his Behaviour, inclosed with my Certificate as to good Order here; but not having yet an answer, he humbly solicits your Interference in his behalf for his Majesty to extend his mercy he having a wife with seven small Children if it possibly can be granted and he will ever pray with you

I am Gent.
Your most Obedt. Able Serv^t
Amphrey Jones Keeper of his
Majesty's Deput at Ruthin in
and for the County of Denbigh

Ruthin 23. Oct. 1803

Mr. J^r. Winter, Haye, Beckwith & Freshfield
Solicitors to the Bank
Swithins Lane
London

Bank of England
from Mr. Humphrey Jones

October 23. 1803

F25/10/10

Rutkin Wash, 4th Jan^y 1804.

Honored Gentlemen

With great submission I take the present liberty of presenting my needfull address to the humane consideration of your Hon^{rs} persons, which I hope you will remember in mercy; I have great reason to praise the Lord for his past mercys and also to return you my most humble thanks for the intersession that hath been made by your worthy persons, in the behalf of having my life spared when it was so near a point. I still trust in your Goodness that you will remember how I was led from my original path of virtue, to the punishment I now suffer by those that ought to have suffered in my stead; but the Lord is Gracious and mercifull; but he can bring the guilty to suffer. But now it remains on the contrary, that the innocent suffers and the guilty is set free; but the time will come when we shall all be judg'd a right; which gives me hopes that I shall have Happiness for all my sufferings which are very great at this present. I have this two months been great afflictions in one leg, that hath broke out with being so confined, which hath caused me to suffer much in such a dreadfull place; and being seperated from a tender Wife and seven small Children, that are brought to the brink of ruin by this fatal separation; which hath took place about this two years past; I being the offspring of a reputable Family in all Circumstances, which makes my fate still harder; may the Lord incline the hearts of your Hon^{rs} persons to interceed in the behalf of me receiving Pardon for my past offences; which thing I hope will be assaining to many; I most humbly beg you will except my thanks for what is past, and still trust in your Goodness and mercy for what is to come, for which your poor petitioner remains in Duty bound to pray Amen.



Messrs

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1821

Walter Rye, Beckwith, & Freshfield,
Solicitors,
of the Bank of England,
London.

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4.1821
from
Bank
of
England

Messrs. Winter, Frye, Beckwith & Freshfield

Bank Solicitors

15, Abchurch Lane

Swittham's Lane

London

Bank of Green
from Mr. Jones
18th Nov 1851

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F25/10/12

Gentl

I beg leave to trouble you, once more, on the Part and
Behalf of poor John Green (and to inform you that the Prosecutor
Clark has sent a Petition to Chief Justice Mansfield praying that he
may be liberated and restored to his wife and numerous Family -
(and which the Justice must have received a week ago - The many
Discoveries that he has made to you, with his Contrition and Sorrow
for his past misconduct he hopes might induce his Majesty to mitigate
his Sentence to let him return to his Family and be an useful member
of Society)

Therefore I can hereby Certify that John the above named
John Green, has during his Confinement here, behaved himself in
a most exemplary manner, by shewing every mark of sorrow
for his past folly, attending Divine Service, and constantly ^{given} going
to prayer - And if you should be in the way to see the Chief Justice -
that you will, so good as to represent his Case to him (and he will
ever pray with you). I am Gentl. your most Obedt. Serv^t

Ruthin 7th Nov: 1851

Thompson Jones
Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol at
Ruthin in & for the County of Denbigh

Mr Spurrer Att.ⁿ on Account of the Bank of England
 To John Sumner. Prison Keeper of Birmingham

1872	April 10	Apprehending Joseph Jarvis	10 - 6
	11	Apprehending Joseph Rowley	10 6
		Expences of Searching for John Millward	0. 18. 0
	24	Expence of Conveyance of Joseph Jarvis from Birmingham to Warwick Gaol	1. 1. 0
	May 20	Expence of Conveyance of John Millward from Birmingham to Warwick Gaol	1. 1. 0
		Time on the Above Journey	1 - 1 -
	June 26	Time on Applying to Apprehend John Cooper, John M ^r Keale and Mary Waterhouse	10 6
	28	Journey to Stafford in Search of Evidence with Mr Donald. 2 days	1 - 1 -
	July 9	Expence of Conveyance of John Cooper to Gaol	1. 1. 0
		Time	10 6
	15	Expence of Conveyance of John M ^r Keale & Mary Waterhouse	2. 2. 0
		Time	1 - 1 -
	29	Conveyance of Self to the Assize & Back	1. 11. 6
		Time	1 - 11 - 6
		A Journey with Mr Donald to Hookley to Search the Coaches for a parcel Directed to Jacob	10 6
			15 - 1 - 6

To the Governor & Company
of the Bank of England

London

Mr. P. Baskerville

Bank

St. Hill's Row

Mr. P. Baskerville

F25/10/14

Hon^r. Sirs

Stafford Prison April 18. 1808

Pardon me if I offend in writing to your Honours
as I was by order Sentence of Transportation for having in my possession
a quantity of Notes that was found upon your most Honourable
Bank for which I very much repent not only for myself but the
thoughts of many others I fear will come into the same situation
or worse by these base Villains the makers of such kind of base
Money which induces many to their ruin and the thoughts of the
large quantity of money it takes to prosecute those whom they notes
are found upon, thereby think it my duty to inform your Honours
that it is in my power was I at liberty to take up all the Makers
of their Proceedings in making false kinds of Base Money both
Notes Gold and Silver been so if your Honours ^{should take} the above into
consideration and lend me your assistance I will for your Honour
and the Country's good use every endeavour and bring them to
Justice even to the hazard of my life which I believe would be the
case as they are well bound at that time when they know they are
in danger they sign the Notes at a certain place and then takes
them to a House where their Customers meet as they must

be took betwixt the two Places when they have the Goods upon
them as they are mostly all together you would be surpris'd to see
the quantities they send of to all parts of England Ireland Scotland
and to all parts of Wales, I now am come to the knowledge of
the evil that attends it makes me very willing to have it all
destroy'd I can tell if I am in any Company if there is one amongst
them that trades in the above goods in a few minutes. So if your
Honours think proper to take me for the Business you may
depend upon my Sincerity and I would loose my life in the
Action before I would miss taking them as I am now convers'd
of the evil consequence of their Business my purposeing this
is in hopes of saving the lives of many besides the vast expence
attending - and I have another way as I can take them as I don't
wish to make publick if your Honours should take it into
Consideration it shall be my study to render all the Assistance
I can

I am Gentlemen

Your Most Humble Petitioner

John Buddlely

P. S. I would take up a great many utterers of the
aforesaid notes and Money and I have something
Particular to say if I could see you

Warwick Goal, April 16 1780

Mr Gray Sir) Please to Excuse me taking the Liberty
of writing to you as I have no friend in the world but you to
take my Distressing case in to consideration as since my
confinement here I have lost my Wife and Father and the last
of this month my mother and now I have no friend left but
my children which is not in their power to assist me in anything
and if Please God you will step forward in my behalf this time
I shall be in Duety bound to observe you in anything that
lies in my power to do for you and the bank and if Please God
that I should get my Liberty I would go with Mr. Anthony to
Ireland to have Mr Patrick as he would do anything for me
either in the notes or make a Plate for them or I would
Go to America Else to observe you or to have Mr Patrick first
as I would be bound in any amount to you to perform what
I have writ to you as I am well convinced that there is no
other Person in Birmingham which makes the Plates but him
and concerning the Dealers in them I informed Mr. Anthony
when I see him here last, for I only wish that I could
have been you at the House hold of Lathside you more than I
am able to write to you which should of bin to your satisfaction
for I hope you are convinced that thro' my Interest the People
that was found guilty at the House by Law was for my benefit
for I hope for God sake you will be my friend this time as I expect
the people to go soon from here to the Shulks and Champagne
uncosy about it as you must expect Guilty not to be friends
with mee thow in wife and likewise all the rest that is here
for I hope you will be my friend this time and if I should get my
Liberty I would either com up to you or would go with Mr
Anthony and I am sure that I could have Mr Patrick imploy
but Mr A will Inform you so to conclude with my Prays
to you to be my friend so I remain your most obedient and
Humble Servant Wm Phillips



Joseph Kaye Esq

Bank
of
England

17th Nov 1751

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Mr Kay Esq) I hope you and Mr Spurrer will have

the goodness to take my distressing case in to consideration as
I have no friends in the world but you and Mr Spurrer as is
well known that is thro' your care that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~William~~ ^{William} Gulley and Baker
was taken as I always supplic'd Susanah Crisp with money to
do the Business with them and to by the notes of them to send
to Mr Kay at Woodbridge but could not tel which way the mother
sent them to him, with Thro' Howell living with Crisp they
have turn'd their backs upon mee with is well known to Mr
Spurrer that was Don't leave mee but if please God I should
wence more be recover'd to my Liberty you may depend that all
that I can do to leave the Bank or the mint I will do to the
Best that I can wish I much not the least Doubt but I could
Put a word to som of the business in having B Patrick at
work at a Bank Plate or if you would wish mee to go with
Mr Antony or any other Person to Ireland to have W Patrick
taken at work for hee will do unething for mee I would do,
as I well now were to send him in Debbling or any other
Persons Debt I now, but for I only wish I could see you and
Mr Spurrer hee I could satisfy you more than I am able
to write at this time as I would be bound in any sum of money
to you to perform what I have heare note as I have no friend
now left as since my Confinement hee I have lost my Wife
and my Father and last Satturday night my mother dyed so you
see that I have no friend left and 5 Children but if please God
I should be at Liberty wence more I am Positiv I could have
dy taken with the notes uppon him and King and W Hoater
but if you will please to ask Mr Antony hee will Inform
you what I told him on I could Debt them but hee I have this
time note to Mr Spurrer and if I should see him I will Inform
him my mind concerning of It so I hope you will be my
Friend this time and I shall be for ever bound to Pray for you
and to leave you in anything at any time, so to conclude
with my Prayers to you to be my Friend from your most

obedient Humble Servant

Wm Phillips

Warwick Goal

April 5th 1000

For Mr Hay

1816/10/25

5 shillings
Bank of England
London

Chas: Speed Goal

Mr I have taken

the liberty of writing to you to let you know that I can't see you
know of those papers that make bad bank of England bills and
of those that pass them saying the same to be good which I have
since then made them and the price that they sell them at
is five shillings a piece and they send them to all parts of the
kingdom and of those papers that make bad gold and silver coin and
pass them saying the same to be good and you'd be bound to take them
in making of them if I was out of Goal and could go with some
of the horse stables officers for I know that the knight of the shire will
not take them our keeper have need to know what comes of
it them in Goal for horse stealing with ours killed but he do not take
and my brother have got his horse again but I do not know what
they will clear me till they have taken all I do hope your honour
will take me out of Goal as I was taken in by a wrong bad
sort of paper

and the best time to take them is at Bristol fair with leave from the
lord of march and I would be bound to take among them 2000 of the best
making of them and pass on them as they come from Brighthelm and
their pleasure for the good of the fair I than any young man and am
willing to save the king and contrary in what manner you honour like
to feel and to cost I shall like to take them for as they brought
me to let them come too people I know that make the God little
Mr James Mrs 112 so here King and Mrs Harris house here and
so now transported for passing of them that that for them being
them to be God Henry Lottin Samuel Crill Thomas Richards
Simeon Crill and Thomas Brett 13 Colthamall 6 a p 20 and
all these people I will be bound to take in 100 days if neede at
Bristol and if your honour like to send word of your Clarke
down to Thomas Ford I will wait on him and hear him the
you'll a count of them all and the best way to take them
I hope your honour will give my wife and assure I than
your humble servant Thomas Crill Charles Ford God

Edwards

Bank

Mr. J. J. J. J.

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[Large stylized signature]

To the solicitor
of the Bank
of England
London

CRAYS

6/6
17/9

F25/10/17

Copy

Thomas Cribb now a Prisoner in Chelmsford
Gaol on a charge of Horse Stealing is
desirous of Communicating the following
Information of Persons who Forge &
Counterfeit Bank Notes.

- Mr Francis - who uses a Street in Bristol called Lewins
Mead at the House of Mrs Harris whose Husband is
now a convict at Portsmouth -
- Mrs Harris - as above -
- Mrs Tysor - whose Husband was executed at Bristol for the same
thinks she lives at Bath but he has seen her
at Harris's
- Mr Smith - of Birmingham

Cribb has seen the above persons
making One pound Notes, has seen the
Plates they make them by, and has
bought One pound Notes of Mrs Harris
at 5^s each which is her price, that her
House is the place of Rendezvous for the party
at Bristol Fair time

The following are the names of the Utters, known to Cribb

- Hannah Pratt - lives at Newchurch about 2 Miles from Bristol
employs herself in selling Vegetables at Bristol
- Samuel Cribb - a Coal Carrier at Newchurch, well known there
- Henry Locker - a Horse Dealer at Newchurch, his Brother
was executed at Dorchester last year for a similar
Offence.
- Thomas Watkins - a Coal & Chalk Carrier at Newchurch
his Brother was also executed at Dorchester for
same

Loas

Isaac Cribb - a Coal & Wooding Carrier lives on Common
Newchurch is well known at Bristol, was in Prison
at Bath & would have been convicted, but
Hannah Pratt his sister in Law got them from him
Hannah Pratt sells a better sort of notes at Papew
The common report is that the Bristol Officers
will not take the Officers, being in the habit of
receiving hush Money

Dear Sir

On the other half sheet I send you some
particulars related by Thomas Cribb now in my
Custody. whether it will turn out to any good Account
for the Public I know not, nor do I believe much is
to be placed on Cribbs veracity, but he has some
time been connected with a bad set, he sent a person
to give some Information the other day to the East
India Company as to depredations on the Thames, but
no notice seems to have been taken of it. If I can be
of any use herein you will command me & I shall

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Tho^s Archer
Gaol, Chelmsford
7 Feb^r. 1800

directed to "Mr Stafford Public Office Bow Street"

7 Feb 1800

Bank

W. Walker

F25/10/18

Francis Tracey at Mrs Batters Queens Head Covent Garden

Says that Thomas Crabb a Prisoner in
Chelmsford Gaol Com^c for Horse Stealing
& who has a brother transported from Dorchester
for Bank Notes - told him that Mrs
Hays who lives in Lewins Mead Bristol
sells forged Bank Notes & that Crabb's wife who
is now with his Father who the Hoy at Grays
in Essex came lately from Bristol & that
she had some Notes of Mrs Hays -
Mrs King or Tyso whose Husband was Executed
for Bank Notes also deals in them, she
lives at N^o 120 Horse Street Bath - John
Williams who lodges at a Public House
in Hungerford Market or Clare Market
sells forged Notes & has heard that Williams
makes them, Samuel Bailey a Coal
Heaver who is frequently at the White
Horse in Hungerford Market puts off
forged Notes - And a person who lives
at 126 High Street Birmingham whose
Name he does not know Sells them

Bank Notes

6/10/19

Most^{ly} the Directors of the Bank
of England

Gentlemen,

Permit your unjustiated Servants most
humbly to take the Liberty of intruding on your Attention
by a brief Statement of our unhappy Case and make an
Appeal to your Humanity for an Amelioration of the
Rigour of our Punishment

When on Board the *Hulk* we voluntarily in conjunction
with many of our fellow Sufferers volunteered our Services
to his Majesty in his Land Service abroad and underwent an
Instruction before Justice Gualton and the Colonel of the
African Corps were by these Gentlemen apprehended and
imprisoned, but were afterwards informed as we had been
guilty of Aggression towards You we could not be
acquitted and were in consequence ordered on Board
this Ship bound to N. Y. Water. We now in the most
humble and respectful Manner implore your
Compassion and that you would graciously condescend
to permit us to await our orders of his Majesty's

Money in common with our fellow Sufferers
who are not yet gone to join their Corps
or if this cannot be granted we most humbly
intreat you to take our unhappy Case into
your Consideration and grant us such
Amelioration of our Situation, as your Gentlemen
shall in your Humanity be disposed to grant
which Favour will ever be acknowledg'd
with the most heartfelt Gratitude, and for
Your Selfty Hon^{ble} Gentlemen will be duly
offer'd the Prayers of,

Your truly respectful, & unfortunate
Servants, & humble Petitioners,

Joseph Bridge
Michael Hughes

On Board H. M. Transport
Fortune Withoud Janth 5 1766

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Mr. Haigs and Winter 3/7

Bank Directors
Cornhill
London

PORTSMOUTH
JAN 6 1806

JAN 7 1806

Handwritten notes and signatures, including "Mr. Haigs and Winter" and "Bank Directors".

ms. 10. 10. 10.

Honour'd Sir,

On Board the Fortuna, Yacht
~~the 21st of Decr~~ 1745

I humbly take the liberty of addressing You to request
Your acceptance of my most sincere and thankful Acknowledgments for the
Favours you have so generously conferred upon me. Permit me to assure
You I shall ever retain the most grateful Sense of them.
I could also wish, to express, if possible, on an exalted Mind like Yours the
Conviction, that the doom'd to Banishment by the Law I am in effect
utterly innocent of the Crime for which I suffer. believe my solemn protesting
Assurance that it is so, notwithstanding which, I patiently submit to
the Dispensations of Providence, and Security of my duty, nor will
the endeavours of those I have behind, be at any Time deficient if
by them they can be fortunate enough to render any Service to the Bank.
In addition to the Favours already receiv'd. Permit me for one more
for the last Time to make an appeal to your Goodness, by giving Account
in the Country where I am going, Letters of Recommendation from the
most signally serviceable had Time to present to the Governour on my Arri-
val it might prove the means of my being taken off the Streets and by
working at my Trade, might insure a Competency and avoid that
laborious Toil, so irksome at my Time of Life, can I then derive this
Benefit from your Generosity, if therefore You will be pleas'd to grant
me this request, if sent to me by Post under Cover, directed to me on ^{the} 23rd

The Fortune B. Bay Ship. Captain Stone. Instead of its where
Be assured for I shall never prove ungrateful for your Goodness
but will pray for your enjoyment of every Felicity under Heaven
whilst Life animates.

Your ~~most~~ highly obliged. and truly respectful.

humble Servant;
J^o Pimes

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Messrs Thos & Winter

Bank Directors

Cornhill

London

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John Thos

Bank of England

F25/10/21

Bank

per account

Mr. Alderman Newland
Governor of the Bank of England
London

F25/10/22

and as I have no money left and my bread is
is lost on this sad business after I have done
what I have promised I should be thankful to
serve his majesty on board one of his ships
in the best manner I can
I hope your ^{honour} will feel for my poor children
and I shall be in duty bound to pray
from your humble Subscriber Rich^d Westcott

September 15th 1809 High Goal Exeter

Devon

Honoured Sir

I hope your honour will not be offended with
me for troubling you as I have since
and transported for 14 years and my wife likewise
I am a Baker by trade and have been very
unfortunate with the business that I have
not had it in my power to provide for
my poor children: and those which are forged
notes: found in a Saxon belong to me I
do Declaim to God I never intended one
forged note in my life to the best of my
knowledge therefore I hope your honours goodness
with your intercession will get my sentence
to some imprisonment or any other punishment
your honours goodness could impose on me so that
in some little time I may be enabled to support
my children and it will be my duty to ^{me} prefer
your honour of all the makers of those bad
notes and the utterers of them and should I
be so fortunate as to get my Liberty and
should be put in power I will take every one
of them and bring them to justice this I hope
will be kept as a secret on the business cannot
be done and I should be obliged till by the first
of the printers

who find to a Restitution - this of course

Sir

According to your Request I write to you, the judge as you
 most graciously pleased to Reprove me, therefore I have
 fully Determined to Make Every Restitution that is
 in my power for the Crime which I have been
 guilty of and I have well Convinc'd that, I can
 Make a full Discovery of the Real Agents and
 Manufacturers of forged Notes and by that put a
 Stop to Every further Circulation of them, but that
 is not the Only things which they are guilty of
 for they have the power that Makes the Base
 half Guineys and Seven Shillings pieces and Toler
 of which they Make great Numbers and the last
 time I was ^{at Birmingham they were} going to Make a plate for Postoffice Bank
 and likewise upon One of the Hull Banks and I believe
 there is one made upon Leeds Bank which will
 all come from the same Place in Birmingham
 and there is upwards of Twenty of those people
 in the Concourse which I could Discover if I could
 have Liberty to go to Birmingham with you
 or any other person proper to Represent them
 I ~~think~~ have seen some I could Discover them
 at work at the said Notes &c but if I might
 be allowed I would Advise you not to Make any
 Search after them at present so as they may
 get to know for you may be sure they will

that as there is somany of these Acquaintances
in trouble at present ^{they will} be very much upon their
guard at present for fear of any one Discovering
them and their ^{proceedings} and bringing them to Justice
Charles Taylor is the persons name that Ingraves
the Plate he lives in Birmingham but I do not
know his place of abode but him and Miller
Baker Willsons Emshaw anderson in the name
of Kirkman with us Distrusted a large quantity
of Notes in Manchester and Rand about it and
he is a great Acquaintance of Kershaws and Bethels
likewise of Thomey Mileses and Busters that
as long been in the practice of Circulating
forged Notes in Lancashire and if it be possible
that I can have the Liberty to go to Birmingham
I am Determined to Make Recompense for the
Liberty I have ad Shewn to me and the
Injury I have Don to the Country, therefore if
you will say this my Resolution before the
Magistrats of Manchester and they will endeavour
to get me that ^{Liberty} which is necessary to enable
me to Discover the Real Agents of the above
Evils I will be bound to cause them
to be put on Intire Stop to those proceedings which
will be best don in the Course of a Month or six
weeks then they will all be at ~~that~~ ~~be~~
Birmingham again following the same practices

his station - this of course

the above named I could easily unless it did
to be ascertained with your assistance unless it is
Henshaw for I ^{never} heard of his being there but
James Bethel frequently goes to Birmingham
amongst the makers of the notes ^{get them} for other
people and I think has done for some time
therefore if you think proper I will endeavour
to get some further information from a person
that is in house with me that will be of
service in regard to ascertaining the above
people and if you will be so kind as to
answer this letter I will get ~~the~~ every informa-
tion I can but as I ^{have} ~~not~~ a care sister I
have a faint you will not be able to
understand it, I have nothing more at
present from your



Lancaster Castle
March 30th 1807

Humble and faithful
Obedient
Geo Jenkins

~~Handwritten scribbles and crossed-out text at the bottom left of the page.~~

M^r Joseph Scadon

Police Office

Manchester



LANCASTER

per Geo Walker

Bank

30 March 1837

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in the names of any one living. From a

Quar.

I send you two letters which I have rec^d from John Hutton a Prisoner at Lancaster Castle, whom Mr. Freshfield will recollect to have prosecuted last year. He was likewise to have been prosecuted by me - He had written to his friends whom I find to be reputable persons in this town to get me to prepare him a petition - This of course I refused & told them there was no chance for him as

In answer concerning the a persons
will gratify I hope yours. &c.

he had deceived me & others in a way he would recollect - I suppose they wrote to him to that effect they brought me his answer, ^{of} which he desired me to write to him as to what I wished him to do - ^{I wrote but} for bearing to mention what I conceived to be impossible, any further favor being shown - It seems he wished me to hold out some appearance & to write to you in his favor - His friends have been frequently with me - I have finally told them that it was my opinion he would be sent off & they had better not flatter themselves with any hopes -

Your most obed. t. servt.

J. Lloyd
Stockport 27 Nov 1840

of. On the rec^d of your's desiring me to draw for 51-0-6 I did so at 9 mo. dated 16th inst. in favor of Mr. Rich^d Booth I now sincerely thank you for

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Mrs. Lloyd
Newport

LANCASTER

Sir

I should have answered yours before
 this Post ad sent to Manchester. To say I could
 get any more Security than I was in Possession
 of, in regard to what I have to say respecting the
 Interest of the Bank of England, is that I can
 Inform them of the Person that I ad them from
 who ad the Plaint for five Lane Bonds likewise
 several Persons that lies in the debt of Paying their
 two of them that was with the man that sets the
 notes the same time I got them in in Prison at
 this time one here and the other at Manchester
 giving Information that I can give that will
 to the Interest of the Bank will faithfully
 give it that it will stand to gaining my Liberty
 this being the only Species of Fraudulent I have
 ever been concerned in affecting the Interest of the
 Bank. I hope in your representing it to the
 Governours it will excite in there Breasts motives
 of Humanity to Do away the Severity of the
 Punishment

I am Sir
 your Obedient
 Servant
 W. Callan

Lancaster Castle
 Oct. 17- 1746

2500
 Note to my Counselor Robert Baker &c

M
Messrs Winter Kaye Beckwith & Co
(Sols to the Bank of Eng^d)

STOCK
London



17th Nov 1876
Messrs
Winter Kaye
& Co

Ms 10 24

Sir

Yours of the 25 came safe to hand —
return you my sincere thanks for all
favours but cannot think of giving
up the claims of any one unless I have a
Promise before me, they will faithfully
give every information that lies in
my Power if you cannot do any thing in
this shall employ in a better manner
My self your favour to this will

Oblige yours

Lancaster Castle

J. Hutton

Oct 24 - 1800

P.S. it will be seen satisfaction for me
proceeding I should fear others to be insured
and to be still in Bondage. My self yours.

JH

To the Honorable the Directors of the
Bank of England.

We the undersigned Justices of the Peace for the Counties
of Lancaster and Chester have had it represented
to us that a young Man of the name of
John Hatton
who has very respectable Relatives and Connexions
in the neighbourhood of Stockport was convicted
at the Lancaster Assizes held in the Autumn of
1806 of having forged Bank of England Notes
in his possession, and sentenced to be
transported; and has ever since remained
under confinement in the Lancaster Castle,
where we understand he has conducted
himself well, and has been and still is
desirous and willing to make all the
atoneement in his power to Government
and the Public - By the contrition he is said
to have shown he promises, should he
return to his afflicted Friends, to become
a better member of Society - We therefore
recommend him to your humane
consideration and request that you will,
if you conceive it would be regular
to do so, intercede on behalf of the said
John Hatton to obtain for him His -

Majesty's most gracious Pardon on
condition of Imprisonment for any term
His Majesty in his Clemency may approve
and direct.

Witness our hands the fourteenth
day of May 1807.

Charles Prescott.

Holland Watson

14 May 1807.—
application from Mr.
Prescott & Holland Watson
Esq: on behalf of Jas.
Hutton, Convicted at
Lancashire Assizes.

Rejected.

Bank
of
England
in
favor
of
Hutton

F25/10/25

Spithead 9 November 1790

Gentlemen

Excuse me for taking the liberty of writing to
gentlemen I should have wrote to you before to
return you many thanks for all the favour &
have received from you and likewise for the Speer
& service from Mr. Shooter best Gentlemen I have
been every ill ever since I have been on board
which has been the occasion of my not writing
to you before and Gentlemen it and in great distress
I should have been had it not been for your
Goodness

Do no more pain

unfortunate Mary Bloor

Messrs Winter & Kaye
No. 11. Swithins Lane
Lombard St.
London.

Bank of England
18th Dec 1826

F25/10/26

Gentlemen

Pardon the Liberty of my Writing
 to you Gentlemen I return you my
 Humble thanks for the Favours I have
 Received from you had it not have been
 for your Bountifull favours I must
 have starved in this Unhappy Place
 Gentlemen as I am going on Board of Ship
 and have a Shilling to help to help my
 self with and am greatly necessitated for
 a few things too take with me Gentlemen
 Permit me to ask you this one favour
 to assist me with a trifle to get me a
 few things what I greatly stand in
 need of as I have not a friend in
 the world but you Gentlemen with
 thankfulness of heart I remain Gentlemen
 your obedient humble servant

Mary Burn

County Jail Surrey
 Nov 4

over

ALBION
LONDON
1806

Nov. 1806
Bank

Mr. James Smith
Messrs. Winter & Co
Solicitors to the Bank
Swethen Lane
Lumber Street

2/10/1806

Sir

As I am now in prison under sentence of the Law for having
in my possession Bank of England forged notes, and for fear
others may fall into the same snare by the arts and Designs
of such evil disposed persons, the Authors of my present
Misfortunes which by their unjust practices I now labour
under and that such artful and unjust persons should not
lead others to become a prey to their Machinations and
too unfortunately have been ensnared and I in order
by Contrition to put a stop to their progress am willing
to give up the names and places of about who are the
Head of such diabolical practices in order to stop
further sacrifices that may be brought in like as so by
the violation of our just laws as to bring disgrace as this
I have done ^{on} being sentenced to fourteen years banishment
to prevent the execution of which as I have a wife
and find small children who entirely depends on your
disposed Court for support, provided I may be given
my full liberty to my family, I will impeach the
said persons as by that means it will not only relieve
my disposed family but stop the progress of further
degradation and will be of great benefit to the Kingdom
at large as well as to all Banking concerns, and humbly
hoping in further to prove his Majesty most dutiful and
loyal Subject
Wm Peters alias Walker
Gloucester City Prison March 24
1722

Mr. Haig & Co.
John Russ Yard
Near the Bank
London.

24 Mar 1899
Bank
Dunedin
From Mr. Haig & Co.
Glasgow

F25/10/28

Sir,

As Solicitor to the Bank of England I received a Letter a few days ago from Edw^d. Curran a Convict on board the Portland, in which he proposes to give Information of Persons engaged in the Fabrication & Circulation of forged Bank Notes. Although I have no expectation that in his Situation he can give any Information that can benefit either the Bank or the Public, yet I consider it proper under the Circumstances to receive what ever information he may be disposed to communicate, which shall be laid before the Gov^t. Directors of the Bank; but you will be pleased to inform them that I cannot receive his Information subject to any terms or Conditions, nor under any promise or engagement of any kind.

I hope you will excuse the trouble I am giving you, as Curran in his Letter desires me to address myself to you.

I have the honour to

Capt. Blackman R.A.

M.M.S. Portland

J. H.

Langston Harbour, Jokinhouse Yard, London
Portsmouth 20 March 1810

20 March 1810

Bank
resp^d. Edw Curran
to Capt^m Blackmore

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H. M. Ship Portland Langston Harbor
March 12th 1810

Gentlemen

Oppressed under the Heavy misfortune
I now labour under, and from a perfect Conviction of
the propriety of my taking the only Step that now
Remains, of making some Discovery of a Nature which
will convince you of the Services I can render to the
Honble the Bank Directors of bringing to light no
less than Seven of the most finished Manufacturers
of Bank of England Notes now Residing at Birmingham
the principle of which is a Mr. Thos. Bowles, with his
party, I am induced thus to make a complete discovery
in justice to my own feeling, and in perfect Conviction
that I am rendering to my Country a signal Service
I beg leave to say that altho I am unfortunately a
Convict on Board the Portland, and was convicted
of quite a Different Offence, that if you are pleased
to notice this, by your addressing a line to Capt. Blackman
Commanding H. M. Ship Portland a above, that I am
perfectly ready and willing to come forward and establish
these facts entirely to your Satisfaction

And am

Gentlemen
your Obedt. Servant
Edw. Curran

No 10



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Messrs Wintoo & Key
Solicitors to the Bank of
England. London



12th March 1810
The Bank
of England
London

F25/10/30

Joseph Nadin
King Street

Manchester

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Longston Harbour October the first 1808

Sir Joseph Aspin I take the liberty of writing
A few lines to you to inform you that If you will
be so kind as to Make friends with Thomas
Boardman to get all my pardon and restore me
Home a gain to my Family I will in ^{your} favour of A
Man in Birmingham that Is a maker of forged
Bank Notes and sells them up and Down
The countrey as here is a man here that us tradid
With him for several years and he has sent
him Currey Down here for to get his libertie
With out this man us gave me is name and the
Tomber of his Doore and what bisnes he follows
and what publick house he goes to and ^{quar}ter
perickler about him and if you will get
all my libertie I will give you information
of him and go with you to the house if you
will fetch me a way or meet me in Birmingham
or London or any other place you will please

And like Miss F will in form Thomas Boardman
of all my share when I return home but if
you will be my friend at this I will make
you a mender for it so its more at present
from your humble servant James Hickson
late servant to Thomas Boardman on Board the
Maggie Ship the portland langston he clear
from Jonesmouth

Gentlemen

The generous disposition you have ever evinced towards the unfortunate in my situation induces me to hope you will have the Goodness to lay my case before the Hon^{ble} Directors of the Bank not doubting that they in their benificence will make some distinction between the hackneyed and the Unhappily Offender

I am one of the three Unfortunate persons convicted in Feb^r Sessions 1807 of having uttered a two pound note purporting to be a bank of England one upon the evidence of a man named Tho^s Kaye who at the time of giving such evidence before the Magistrate did me the Justice to own he had given

Me but two of them which was almost
a month before I was apprehended —
I do declare most solemnly Gentlemen
I never in my life to my knowledge
saw a forged Note untill the Aforesaid
Thos Range persuaded me to take those two
aforementioned and after the unfortunate
transaction of having passed the one for
which I now suffer I felt all the horrors
of a Man troubled in mind, followed
my business, which is that of a Taylor
working at Mr Hunnys, in Thayer Street
Manchester Square untill the Saturday
night when Thos Range with the Officers
from Bow St took me in custody —
I am a Man going on fifty years of
age of a weakly constitution and have
had an Incurable fistula these ten
years —

Gentlemenⁿ

I most humbly implore your
Kind Mediation with the Hon^{ble} the
Directors of the Bank to procure some
Mitigation of my Sentence that I may
not have so long and tedious, a Voyage
to Make which I am almost sure my
poor weak frame would never be able
to Accomplish

Captivity
23rd Jan Postmouth Feb^r Jonathan Forbes
1809



Mess^{rs} Wintles and Cory
 Solicitors to the Bank
 Swithing Lane
 London

From Jeremiah Fildes
 Cornet of Portsmouth Harbour
 Bank
 23 Long

F25/10/32

Captivity Portsmouth Octob^r 2. 1700

Mr Sir

Pardon me for trespassing on your time but I conceive my Present Situation calls aloud for Relief & also that of my Poor forsaken family, I have six helpless babes the oldest not more then 12 years & the Youngest, not 2 years, which my Unfortunate wife as with her, surely this must Excite Pity when you Consider the Distress of a family in this awfull Situation they having no friend on Earth to render them the Smallest Relief & I their Father & friend doom'd to suffer for what I am not the least guilty of — Summers & Fuller certainly swore falsely against me — I Can Appeal to Many Persons of Respectability for an Evidence, Even Mr Spurrier who as been the occasion of this Prosecution against me well knows I am Innocent of the Charge — I had not the Smallest Concern Ever in Bills or Bad Money in the whole Course of my Life or any Connection with those Men that suffered — Muedith & Francis) Many Respectable Gentlemen sign'd a letter sent to the Judge on my Account saying and Declaring my Innocence in Matters of this kind — Nor was there Ever any thing of the kind Brought against me I Can Positively Declare Before God, Sir if you recollect Mr Summers swore I had Francis Horse to fetch the Bills & when I came to the Dog Publick House on Horse Back Francis Horse was in the Stable of Course must be a great Falshity — Muedith solemnly Declared in his Dying Moments that he fetch'd the Bills himself & that I had no Part in the Matter with them or knew any

thing of their Transaction no way, I am certain Sir Mr. Murrin Can
fully Explain the whole Business to you if he likes & trust he
will make you sensible this is the truth of the whole Matter
Sir) as this is my Unfortunate Case I hope you^l Investigate the
Business Thoroughly & I am certain you will regret I am now
Suffering without the Least Offence - I hope you will take
my Case Into your humane Consideration & Also that of my
Distress'd Children Left Fatherless & Motherless who are now
Lamenting & Suffering on my Account of my Misfortune I
Could be glad if I might have the Opportunity of Enjoying them
Again - But if you cannot be truly Convinced of the Truth of
what I have Before Observed - I should be Exceeding thankful
you will be so kind as to get me Instructed Among the Number
of those Call'd Upon to Leave this Kingdom for W^{ales} the
Next Vessel that goes - as my Present Situation is so Afflicting
to be in this Country & have a Distress'd Family Lamenting
in Vain the Loss of an affectionate Father & Mother -

I should be thankful Sir if you will send to Inform
me if there is any probability of Being Released - as I am Now
Conscious it all rests with you & I should be glad to know if
you will do me the favour Above Mentioned - to see that
I am Among the Number for New South Wales as we are
Inform'd a ship is Preparing & for that Destiny I hope
in God it may be so if I cannot have what I so earnestly
Entreat for which is Liberty to Alleviate a Disconsolate Family
Captivity Portsmouth
Hoblow

Subscribe Myself in
Your Unfortunate Serv^t
Tho: Gully

1824

Mr. Ray
Director to the
Bank of England
London

1824

20 Oct. 1824
Wm. Pitt Rivers

F25/10/33

Thos Gully -

I have received your letter of the 20th inst
and will apply to the Secretary of State to have you included in
the next Draft of Male Convicts that are sent out to New
South Wales - This is all I can do toward complying with
Your wishes -

James

JL

May 4th 1788

Thos Gully on board the
Captivity
Batavia

4 Oct. 1818

to Geo. Gully

F25/10/34

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Sir
I Rec^d your Letter dated 4th of Octob^r - pray to
find that no Intercaption Could be Made for me, have Another
favour to Request of you which I trust you will Comply with
as I have Now Been Confin^d two Years & four Months I
am by this Means Depriv^d of Every Shilling of Money
I was Poss^s of as the trial Proving so Expensive having
Cost us 60 Pounds - I find that Phillips is Liberat^d from
Warwick Goal & he Can Inform you of my Innocence
in the Business for which I am Convict^d for, as he is
well Acquainted of Every Circumstance & as to signing the
Notes I assure you I Never did such a thing in my whole
Life - & as to my Wifes Connection I am Unable to speak
to it - However I conceive it a Preconceit^d Plan to
Draw her into the Trouble - I Humb^lly Hope Si you
will ~~appear~~ have the goodness to Appear as a friend
in this Distressing Time of Need & Remitt me a little
Money to Provide me a few Articles for a long &
Dreadfull Voyage, which I hope & trust will not be Long
first as you Promised me in your last I should be
sent in the first ship that sails with Male Convicts

And should also be thankfull if you could make
Interest at the same time as far, to take one or two
of the Unfortunate W^{ch}ans I have Left Behind may
be Permitted to go with me, as they are Poor things
Left Destitute of any friend in this Country but the
Parish, I should be Ever thankfull if you will Condescend
to Apply for me - as I am Perswad^d it may be granted
Over

through your Interest I shall with Thankfulness and
Gratitude Ever Esteem it a favour

Remain Sir Your
Unfortunate Servant
The Gallies

Captivity Portsmouth Harbour
March 29. 1709

ms/
for your Answer will be
Thankfully Received

POST OFFICE
LONDON
JAN 10 1804

Joseph Hay Esq^r
Shenhouse Yard
London

POST OFFICE
LONDON
JAN 10 1804

Bank
From Thomas Gully
Forkmouth Harbour

The Governors & Directors of the Bank decline complying
with your application for Money. with respect to taking any
of your Children with you upon that subject I must refer
you to Mr. Graham one of the Magistrates attending the
Public Office at Bow Street -

I am yrs^{ve}

JH

London 1 April 1809

Thos. Gullett
Vaconsiet on Board
The Captivity
Portsmouth

1st April 1809

Bank

To T. Gulley - a Convict
Portsmouth

f25/10/36

Sir
The Philanthropic Character you bear induces
Me to hope you will not be Offended at the Liberty
I take in requesting you to Lay the Situation of
Myself & Fellow-Sufferers before the Hon^{ble} Company
of the Bank of England.

Being truly sensible of the Goodness & Humanity of the
Hon^{ble} Company of the Bank of England. And whose Names
are Accounts Assign^d. have taken upon us to address You
Hoping you will take our Cases into your Humane
Consideration & grant us a small Comittance to Procure us
Some Necessaries which we shall stand in need of on our
Long & Tediuous Passage to New South Wales. The Length
of time we have been confin^d. has Occasion^d. us to be without
Money so much so that without the Assistance of the Hon^{ble}
Company I am Fearful we shall feel much Distress
We therefore humbly implore your Benevolence in such
Distressing Circumstances. Being Led to believe The Hon^{ble}
Company has been good to many Prisoners of the same
Description we trust therefore we may have a share of
Their Benevolence. as it will greatly alleviate our
Troubles & we shall ever Consider it our Duty to Pray
For your Everlasting Prosperity. & Subscribe
Ourselves their Obedt^t & Humble Serv^{ts}

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We are all desirous of being removed to our District
by the First Convoys - Therefore should be thankful you
will have the goodness to notify the same to the Honourable
Company -

Simon Prattle. Convicted at Maidstone. On the 23^d of March 1807 -

Thomas Gully. Convicted at Warwick - July 1807 -

Jonathan Forbes Convicted Feb^r Sessions - 1807 R^d Bayley

Rich^d Lewis convicted at Warwick April 2^d 1808 -

Benjⁿ Maddocks Convicted March 25th 1807 Stafford

Sam^l Hulbert convicted, at Wornmouth March 8th 1807 -

John Badley convicted at Stafford April 1st 1808 -

Rich^d Westcott convicted at Exeter 27th of August 1807 -

John Davis convicted at Dorchester. 22^d July - 1807 -

John DASHWOOD Convicted at Lancaster March the 16th 1808

John Johnson convicted at Stafford 4th of April 1808 -

John Townsend. convicted at Stafford July 24th - 1808 -

Captivity Hulk Portsmouth Harbour
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John Whitmore Esq^r
Bank of England
London

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Attention & Interest as to the above

October 4th
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Sir

Pardon me for addressing you
 but I am desirous of obtaining an
 opportunity should the goodness of
 the Hon^{ble} Company of the Bank of
 England be so gracious as to Permit
 which is. That I may have the favour
 of going on board One of his Majesty's
 Ships of war. as Teacher or Pastry Cook
 which employ. I have followed my whole
 life - & I should now willingly extend
 my Services. if agreeable to them -
 I have a wife & daughter. which are
 disconsolate. & unprovided for at this
 time should be thankful to have
 the prospect of supporting them
 the Remainder of Life -

Z Oliver.

I have Intreated that my case &
Situation may be laid before our
belov'd Sovereign. Hoping that I
may be Favoured with a Share of
His Royal Clemency & Mercy.
& I trust my future Conduct will
be such as will gain esteem among
all Paper-courts. of all Descriptions -
I hereby Solicit your Kindness &
Benevolence in this Respect - & I
shall ever have Reason to subscribe
myself yr. Obedt^h & Gratef^l
Serv^t. R. Westcott
On board His Majesty's Ship Captivity
Portsmouth Harbour
Hampshire

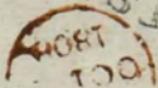
4th Oct 1808

From

Mr. D. Westbrook

Messrs Messrs
& Henry Solicitors to the
Bank of England
Aldersgate Lane
London

925/10/38



POST OFFICE
LONDON
OCT 10 1808

Sir

Pardon us that we have intruded on
y^r time by adoupsing you - but our
situation induced us to do it hoping you
will have the good ness to take care that

Our Names are among the Number of
those Destined to New South Wales as we are
led to believe a Ship will be Prepared
for Male Convicts for that Colony in a
short time & we having a great Desire
to be sent to our Destiny rather than to
remain here - by Obduging us in this
Respect which we trust you will do -
we shall ever consider you our friend. &
Thankfully mine a few times in ans^r
to the above. we are Sir y^r Most Obed^t
& Humble Serv^t Simon Boutwell

{ Open

was left the indisposition at this place from the
admiral Gamble's ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~time~~ -

Richd Wistont.

Benjⁿ Madocks

Richd Jones -

Sam^r Hulbert

W^m Radford -

John Johnson -

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} all for Bank of
} England notes -
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S. Boutelle left as above

5th Nov. 1808
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John Rustwood

5th Nov. 1818.

Bank

Messrs Winter & Neave
Solicitors to the Bank
of England Smiths
Lane London

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Bath Nov: 3rd 1800

Gentlemen

I have taken the liberty to write to you requesting. you will have the goodness to pay into the hands of Mr. Atkins of Bow Street the sum of Twenty Six guineas. for Board washing & Lodging of Mary Redford. Late of Birmingham. who I had in my care to give evidence. against Joseph Inver & George Inver. for uttering forged Bank of England Notes knowing them to be so - the above bills have been delivered to Mr. Redpath Sol^r. of Bath. twelve month past and I have made repeated applications for my Money but I am sorry to say without effect - therefore I have made bold to apply here. from

Gentlemen you most O^b.t. Wumble Serv
Bath Gaol George Griffin

Mr. Wm. Wintle & Co
Sol^{rs} to the Honourable Governor & Company
of the Bank of England London

3 Nov 1801
Bank
from Mr. Wintle

F25/10/40

Sir) I received your letter this Day and to in form you
that if Please god I should get my liberty Mr Tatnall
and mee will com up to London the same Day and then
wee can fix up on the business wish I am quite sure I
can have the under merchant people apprehended with the
Notes upon them that is Wm Hooster from Bath as hee takes
a large Quanty of them besides base Silver and Jacob Drey
hee lives in yorke shire but I cannot tel the place as I told
you when I see you but hee always come to birmingham for
them and Robert King lives at the same place, and Charles
Mc Quinn hee lives in scotland a verrey large Dealer in silver
as well as notes but hee som wal goe in to yorke shire with his
Goods and there is Wm Bradbery hee lives in birmingham
hee goe to all the fairs round this part of the Country with
his goods and a mainy more Deple wich Dealers in them as
well as silver and concerning of the Henshaws and Hall I
think they would be verrey shi up on mee but I could find
a man or two as never was in anny prison wich would
do the business with them but I now that they would not with
out being paid well for it wich I would soon settle that
business with them and bring the men up to London to you and
I would have B Patrick making a plate and I would go to
Ireland with you to W Patrick as I am quite sure that
he would do anything for mee but possible I could have B
Patrick at work with sombody else as hee makes a manny
and sell them to the people that I have merchant above and
to perform what I have heare rote if that I did not cause
them to be taken up with the notes on them ~~as~~ as well as
Base Silver, I would be bound in anny sum of mornny
and I will sign a bound for five thousand Pounds

to you w^{ch} ane body Elce if you will send a bond Down
to mee I will sign to that amount to Do all and every
thing w^{ch} lies in my Power to ~~let~~ have them all
apprehended for notes as well as silver and Haffey Jacobs
in middle sea street white chappell London w^{ch} I can
have him any time I am quite sure in 6 month I could
have nearly 20 peple and they would not now hear
Did the business for them if things was to be Don quite
snug and the way that I should Pleas the business and
I would make affoy David new to Do anything more
w^{ch} is unlaful but if Plase god I should Inform
you more Particulars and Go with you to Mr. Hay and
then we could sell the business but must not be Don in
quite such a hurry must be time for it Sir I hope
you will give your self the trouble to speek to Mr. Hay
for mee and at same time I return you many thanks
for the trouble you have taken for mee and I make no doubt
but I shall be in able to show som of my Goodness
to wards the Bank and the mint to all thair Satisfaction
for what I have Don time Past w^{ch} I am sure that
I can in 12 month Put a stop to the business
Sir your unew to this as soon as convenient will for
Ever oblige your most obedient ^{and} Humble Servant
Wm Phillips
Warwick Goal

To Mr Antony June 5th 1000

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Wm. G. ...

WARRICK
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Mr Anthony Publick
Office Bow Street
London

Wm. G. ...

Bank

18. June 1808

F25/10/41

Sir

Warwick Gaol July 15th 1800

Excuse the freedom I take by writing but have no other Friend to apply to in my unfortunate Situation to restore a penitent Father to five poor Motherless Children, believe mee Sir if I should have the pleasure of being restored to my Liberty, I will as in duty bound do every essential service for you and the good of my Country as lies in my Power. will be wholly Guided by your command to lay open every concern I know in the manufacturing of Bad Bills and Bad Money and do all in my Power to have the parties apprehended and brought to Justice by taking my Case into your consideration you confer the greatest of favours and Gratitude in the highest sence of the word will be ever acknowledged by Sir

your Most Obedient
and Humble Servant

William Phillips

To Mr Hay

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Messrs Winter and Key
St. Martin Lane
London



15th Dec
Bank
Messrs Winter and Key

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Pardon mee taking the liberty of writing to you
as I have no other Gentleman to do anything for
mee but you in my unfortunate situation being
left with with five Children and no friend to do
anything for them, for since my long confinement I
have lost my Wife and my Father and my Mother
and if Please God that I should never more be restored
to my Poore Children you may depend this will be
a warning to mee never to do anything Seasonat
any more but I will do all that Lyes in my
Power to Leave you and the Bank and the Mint
and I would sign a bond for five thousand Pounds
to have Benjamin Patrick taken Cather with forged
Notes on him or making a Plate for them in three
months after my Liberty and I would sign a bond
of five thousand Pounds if I did not Cause the under
mentioned Persons to be taken with Forged Notes on
them as well as Base silver on them that is
Wm Foster from Bath Charles Mc Leann from
Scotland and James Dry from Pontefract in yorkehive
and Robert King from yorkehive as I could have them
in Six months after my Liberty as these are the
Head Pople that Deales With Patrick and Hinsham
But there is a nother Conswr in Birmingham
wich is of more Consequence than any of the
others that is John Low and Mling as thaws is
of a better sort than Patrickes or Hinshams

as I am quite sure that Low as his Paper from
Ireland and I should not wonder if Washington Patrick
Does not Get the Paper for Low as John Low is Kinsman
to the Patrickes and Tho' Faraday fills them up for
Low as well as Prints them for them, as hee Lives out
of Birmingham and Keeps a small Farm near Dudley
but I could have severall more taken but is not of so
much Consequence as them on the other side as in twelve
months I am quite sure I could cause a Dozen Peple to
be taken with Notes and silver upon them and I would go
with any Person you would wish to Ireland as I could
have Mr Patrick soon as hee would Do any thing for mee
and if I should be as fortunate to have my Liberty I
would com up to London immediatly to you and would Put
my self intirely under you to serve you and my Country
So I hope you will have the Goodness to Do something for
mee in my unfortunate situation and I shall be in
Duty Bound to serve you from your

Most obedient and Humble

Servant William Phillips

Warwick Goal

July 25th 1700.

To Mr Hay



Messrs Winter and Key
St Swithun Lane
London

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25 July 1828
Bank
from Mrs Phillips
Warwick Road

Sir

Pardon mee taking the Liberty of writing to you as I have
no other Gentleman but you to do anything for mee in my
unfortunate Situation for to restore a Penitent Father
to five Motherless Children and if Please God I should some
more, ^{be} restored to my Liberty I will do all that is Possibly
to be don to bring to Justice all that is Concerned in Notes
or in Base Silver and Sir the tow Peple Howell and Wright
wich ded the Peple for Notes at the Last Asses at that
Iue taken up at work Last weeke but hee is Discharged
at the Present Asses all thow found in the very Act of
making Base Silver his Name is Abram Abrams, Sir
I hope you will have the Goodness to do something for mee
in my Present unfortunate Situation and I shall be for
Ever in Duty Bound to serve you and the Most

Sir I remain your most obedient
and Humble Servant

William Phillips

Warwick Goal

August 19th 1700

Mr. Hay



WARWICK
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[Handwritten flourish]

Messrs Winter and Grey
St Swithins Lane
London

[Handwritten signature]

Bank

10 August 1800

PA5/10/44

Dear Sir

I have the satisfaction of assuring
you that my Receipts came down last night & that
I am persuaded I am not a little indebted to the Managers
Heart Yourself Will you do me the Honor to
believe me truly Grateful

The particulars of a large
Forgery upon the Bank which was discovered some time ago
but ^{the parties} not detected here within these few days in an
extraordinary way come to my knowledge - The parties
are still going on with their desperate pursuit - What shall
I do? To discover the matter my Conscience tells me
is right & is my duty; but in my situation I think
there are many reasons why I should not - I appeal to
you whose decision is with me always final but I have
from ^{or rather see you} your eyes only as you can I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obedt^l
W. Pitt

19 May 1808

MS Being I am persuaded your eyes keep out right to be

F25/10/45

19 May 1809
Bank

Bullock private
Esq of ~~London~~
St Wandurcom Esq
Cush Lane

original in handwriting to be kept of immutability for

assistance in extricating me from my present wretched condition

Mr

This morning I have received intimation to hold myself in readiness to be shipped off immediately for Botany Bay. The hour of my departure I do not know. The information was most unexpected & than sudden after what His Majesty had been pleased to do in my behalf. You cannot wonder I am sure that under these circumstances I shall be unable to compose my mind sufficiently to put on paper the particulars you requested me to do tomorrow. I trust however you will be able sufficiently to recollect what I told you to make its conduct to the end in view if it does it will be some consolation to me under my hard fate.

I am Respectfully,

22 May 1798

For your most Obedt^h Servant
M. Pitt

22^d May 1800

Bank

Des for Southey

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Key Esq

Stuttons Lane

Lombard Street

me to be pass on your
Mr. Ridpath

Portsmouth July 15th 1811

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

As you are not unacquainted with the nature of my unhappy circumstance I need not state the particulars of the case but humbly beg you will be pleased to take my case into your humane consideration at the same time requesting your kind assistance in extricating me from my present wretched condition

I have already given you every information in my power and that the most disinterested, and sure I am you must perfectly see how innocently and inadvertently I have been drawn into my present unhappy and miserable situation, not knowing the danger and risk I run emboldens me to hope for success and 'tis to you Sir that I can only look up too with assurance in hopes of being attended by the desired effect

I am inform'd application must be made to the Right Hon. Richard Ryder His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department to whom all Petitions are address'd and sure I am if you Sir would humanely take my unhappy case in to your benevolent consideration I am firmly persuaded a mitigation if not a total release from my present degraded state would be the result, as my former Character as ever been unimpeachable and since the

unhappy affair for which I am confined, I may look forward
with certain hopes of being restored to my family and friends and
to Society, and enable me to remember you with gratitude to the
latest moment of my life

Resting entirely on your candour and in hopes of your
benevolent interfearence towards the accomplishment of a termination
of my sufferings in this miserable wretched and unfortunate situation
and in hopes of being favor'd with an answer when convenient

remain Sir with profound respect

Yours &c.

Jn^o. Biggs

Captivity

Portsmouth Harbour

me to help pass on your condemnation of

Gentl.

On the other side I send you a copy of
a Letter received in my absence from Jno Duggs, &

and

Gentl

Your very Obedt

H. P. Rieppel

Dath 24 July 11.



Jno Duggs



H. H.
24th
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Miss Kaye & Trishfield,
New Bank Buildings
London.

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15 July 1811
Dear
Mr. Quaker with City
has been in charge

Portsmouth Oct 1 1811

Genl

The many generous Acts of your benevolence towards the unfortunate induce me to trespass on your condescension of interference in my behalf which I hope you will Pardon - I am fully persuaded that you possess those feelings and pleasure in becoming an intercessor for those who have generally conducted themselves in a moral and sentimental manner

That I was innocently and unguardedly drawn into the error for which my sentence was denounced against me I do most solemnly declare The Note that convicted me I took in the regular course of Trade not knowing it to be a base one and I did all in my power to have the person who paid it to me brought to justice the truth of which assertion Mr Wapath of Bath can testify to whom I have address'd a Letter in Answer

to which he recommended me to apply
to your Gent^{ms} who act as Sol^{rs} for the Bank
of England

My only motive for Trou-
bling on your goodness is to request
your kind consideration in signing a
petition in my favor to be presented to
the Secretary of State in hopes of procuring
me a pardon or such other mitigation
of my sentence as may be deemed proper
which is a very severe one to one who
as conducted himself as a fair Member
of Society for 30 Years in the Parish of
Stipson regularly attending the Bath &
Bristol Markets as a Pork Butcher
and supported an infirm wife and 7
Children most of them reduced to the
utmost poverty and want by my misfor-
tune and who join in solicitations to you
Gentlemen hoping you will be pleased

to render their unfortunate Father your
assistance & interperance to eneeavour to
procure his restoration I should think myself
an happy Man and confident ne induell^{ment}
whatever would prevail on me to deviate
from the strict path of Virtue but conduct
myself as a good and usefull Member of
Society — your kind complian^{ce}
with my request and an early Ans^{wer}
would be esteem'd a lasting favor
confid^{ed} on your ~~unfortunate~~
and obed^t.

Captivity

Portsmouth

Harbour

J^r Biggs

London 2 Oct 1811

Sir

We have laid your Letter of Yesterday before the Gov^r
& Directors of the Bank, who decline complying with your
application

We are &c A & F

John Biggs
on Board the Captivity
Potsmouth

2 Oct: 1811

Bank
To Mr Bro Biggs

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On Board of the Portland Langston Harbour
Horn. th Six — June 18th 1811 —

having by my late misconduct so far incurred the Displeasure of your Honors as to amount to a Dreatfull Sentence of Death and Still remain for Life which is a Dreatfull Sentence more than I expected as I have acknowledge^{my} Faults and was innocent Drawd into the Secret by a person in the Nebourhood of Birmingham before I was acquainted with him my Charactor was undeneable as I never was guilty of nothing of the kind before. The Honorable Baron Knight Wood informd me that Throught your Honors recomdation my life was saved therefore I am willing to give you every information that there is in power if your Honors will think proper to order your Solicitor to come forward to me I shall give him such information that will give your honors a great Satisfaction and sooner is the Beter it may easy put an end to it with very little attention he has agreed with a paper maker to make him for this present year 9600 Blankes for the Bank of England with the water mark in he has by him upwards of Thirty Plates beside Dice for

Different Coins the Engraver works for many beside
him in Birmingham he told me that he gain
Three Thousand pounds by the Bank of England
last year and will gain more this year as he found
out where to get the paper with the water mark
in therefore I have considered it to be my Duty
to give every information and likewise the government
of the mint Therefore I humbly beg leave to
represent that I am with sorrow most sencibly
affected for my past Fault on mater reflection
that I have been the unhappy Instrument of
bringin my self into such unhappy circumstances
and most humbly implore your Honors pardon
and forgiveness and that it may be your good
pleasure and candor to mingle mercy with justice
to moderate my Sentence Solemnly Promising that
no future time shall find me wanting in assisting
your Honors in every respect and shall be in Duty
bound will ever pray

I am your Honors most
Dutifull and faithfull Servant
Hugh Pierce

To the Governor & Company
of the Bank of England
London

F25/10/51



Bank
of England
London

To the Governor and Ca-
pitall of the Bank of England

Gentlemen I humbly beg pardon for using
this Liberty I have now taken of Writing to you
But my Distressed situation obliges Me to
state my unfortunate Circumstances to you
Gentlemen, hoping that you will not condemn
What I am going to state as you are Mercifull
and Wishes not the punishment of the Innocent
Was my punishment Inflicted on me Justly or
had I been Guilty of What I am Convicted for I would
not Repine. but Certainly my Innocence will Call
for Vengeance on the injured Prosecutor. if his Wicked
Caracter Was Enquired into such as the Neighbourhood
Could testify at Large the Laws of England Would not
suffer any to be Convicted on his Evidence
This Note for Which I was Convicted Was a £5-- I had the
same in payment of a sum of Money that I lent I not
Being any Judge of Notes and the said Note being New I took
no further Notice but laid it up in my Bureau and the End
of one Month I had occasion to lay it out and took it from
hence But I observing that it grew pale in the plates
and the Paper seemed Very Much Dipped I harboured
a suspicion in My own Breast that it was forged I then
Carried it to one Whome I took to be a Judge of Notes

And also a Man of Sumable Character he told me to see
the person I had it off and have it Charged I sent for the
Person Immediately I had it off and asked him if he knew
he said he Did I then Demanded the Exchange of it but he
not having as much as amounted to the sum contained in
the Note - he gave me what he had and bid me keep the
Note till he could get the Remainder for me
this transaction was known to Whitehead My prosecutor (for
I he called) and he being an acquaintance I told him freely how
it was - he asked me then to let him see this note which I did
No scruples in doing upon seeing it he instantly offered me
£2 pounds for it I told him that it was not my property observing
at the same time that there was only 25 shillings coming
to me and when I was paid I would return it to the man I had
it off. But when he found I would not sell it he attempt to
steal it or pick my pocket of it I told him I supposed he wanted
to get some money by it - if you had got it out of My pocket I
replied I suppose you meant to swear I sold it you -
at this Expression he got Enraged and ran out called the
Constables and actually swore I offered the same note for sale
Now Gentlemen I beg your attention to what I have stated but I
will yet make one observation - that money wanted me to plead
Guilty to which I replied I never would Wrong My own Conscience
to plead Guilty to what I was not Guilty of I should I suffer the
Most Inimous Death that could be Inflicted on Mankind
I beg to be Excused In taking up so much of your time but I
trust in God as you are Gentlemen touched with humanity
and Lives in a Nation who fears that God who is the Justifier

of all who suffer Wrong. I trust you will Look Into this
Matter of Extremity My family is Driven to sore Distraction
and I am My self an old man and since my Confinement
My health is much Impaired - and for me to goe now in my
old age to a Warm Climate and by all accounts to a Land of
Barbarity to be torn from My Native Country and friends and
Leaving a Distressed family behind - is Worse to me than Death

Gentlemen I have stated my Miserable Condition to you
and if you deny me your Benevolence it is all in Vain
for me to make any further Progresse - but if your Generous
feelings will sympathize With my unfortunate Drump
I will Encourage my self by Expecting some Enlargement
as I trust some of the Governours of the Bank of England
will any to suffer in the Wrong -

if my state is taken into Consideration by you Gentlemen
as I hope you will take pleasure in doing Justice
you will have the Good will to send a few Lines to
Capt. Blackman Commanding the Portland Lapsiter harbor
and then I shall proceed but if My humble Suit meets
your frown I must for ever Desist -

I beg Pardon for taking up so much of your time
on this Subject

and Beg Leave to subscribe my self
Your Most obedt and

Humble Servt
J. D. J.
for the unfortunate Dick France

on Board the
Portland
June 30th. 1011 -

POST OFFICE
LONDON
JUN 18



For the Governour and Comps
of the Bank of England
London

N^o 13. I have had the contents
of 4 years paid on me by
Judge Chambers on the 10th
September 1811

Bank
from P^r Marie on
to Mr. Mack
30 June 1811

Q25/10/52

Leeland-Hull-Sheeress.

Nov: 22nd 1810.

Honored Sir /

Under the Implication of a very lingering Punishment, I humbly hope I shall be excused for the Liberty of sending this Address; that is designed to ask you (in Answer) whether there might be a Probability of obtaining any Mitigation of my Sentence, which is for Fourteen years under the following Circumstances, that perhaps a Recital of, may strike your Memory, you being, Sir, I believe, present on my Trial. I was convicted at Norwich-Assizes, in August 1808, before the Honorable Judge Meath, of tendering in Payment a false or forged Note for One Pound, purporting to be a Note of the Bank of England: Announcing the same to be so false or forged; and received Judgement as above. I beg to remark, which I humbly persuade myself will be somewhat taken in Exoneration of my Error, that it was apparent in several Parts of my Trial, that I was made (by the really guilty Party now with me) a deluded Person, and thro' great

(Chicanery)

Chicanery had become a devoted Victim to offended Justice,
and, Sir, permit me to say further, it would seem as tho' this
was quite manifest; when, after receiving the Money for
the aforesaid Note, I returned it immediately on Request:
and altho' the said Note was kept and detained from me, as
being surmised a bad one, for more than a Month after that
I had endeavored so to exchange it, yet so little Apprehension
had I of Mischief arising to me, that I never offered to go
out of the Way, or leave my usual Abode, for the best of
Reasons - that I thought no Wrong. These, Sir, are the
principals of the Circumstances I wish to signify in my
Behalf: except that I have served faithfully, my Country
and King in a military Capacity in the 58th Regiment of
Foot for a Length of Time: I was in the three chief
Engagements viz: the 8th, 13th and 21st of March, 1801, with
the French Army in Egypt; and present in that Battle
where the much lamented Abercrombie received his
lethel Wound: I fought hard in those Battles for
(England)

England's Cause; suffer'd, without repining, very severe
Duty and Hardship; and in other Places Abroad also
shew'd myself a worthy and Loyal Subject; but which I
unfortunately cannot get Testimonials of; my Officers being
dispers'd - some dead, and others not known where to be
heard of; and I am precluded any Possibility of enquiring
about them, because I have not a single Friend to help me
in any Respect. Thus situated, Honored Sir, allow me,
without exciting Umbrage, to throw myself
on your Humanity, by intreating your
Endeavors to disentangle me, in some Measure,
from my present grievous Sufferance, that bears extremely
hard upon me; and if, Sir, it should happen as the
Portion of the Royal Clemency could be granted to me,
I would consider it with heart felt, grateful Feelings, that
your Pardonance (for such it would truly be) would
obtain me the Mercy of being sent from this suffering
Receptacle, Abroad; by the first Conveyance of Prisoners
thither.

John Gilbert

Late of H. M. Cambridgeshire

Militia. -

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Mess^{rs} Hay & Co.
Solicitors to the Bank of England
London

22 Nov 1810
Bank
Mr John Pitt

F25/10/53

implores your Assistance in such a way
as may seem most pleasing to you, and
Should this Application be fortunately crown'd
with success I shall ever think myself in
Duty & Gratitude bound to pray, Them.
Gentlemen with due Respect,

Your most Obedient & very humble Serv.

Michael Garing.

Zeland Hall

Shrewsbury, Aug. 13th 1710.

13 Aug. 1810
Wm. Garrow

To the
Director of the Bank
of England
London.

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Wm. Garrow

13 Aug. 1810
Bank of England

To the Honorable

The Governours and Directors of the
Bank of England

The Humble Petition of Richard Bricker
late of North Bradley in the County of
Wills Yeoman but now a Prisoner in the
Goal at Devizes in Wiltshire for a Misdemeanor
on the Prosecution of your Honors.

Humblly sheweth

That in the Month of March last a warrant was
Issued by John Syndale Ware Esq^r a Magistrate for the
County of Somerset and Indorsed by the Rev^d John
Mathew Rogers Clerk a Magistrate for the County of
Wills to apprehend James Windle of the said Parish of
North Bradley Butcher on a suspicion of having Issued
Forged Notes purporting to be Notes of your Honorable
Company which Warrant was directed to all Constables
and Tythingmen and also to M^r John Richard requiring
them to apprehend the said James Windle

That your Petitioner who was then a Tythingman
accompanied the said M^r Richard and his Friend a Captain
Lochyear to the Dwellinghouse of the said James Windle
and entered a Room in which the said James Windle was
then sitting when your Petitioner informed the said

James Widdle that he had a warrant against him and which warrant the said James Widdle then desired to have read to him and at the Instant of making the said request the said James Widdle forced his way out of the Room and made his Escape.

That your Petitioner was Indicted at the Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilts in the month of July last for — unlawfully permitting the said James Widdle to escape from his custody and at the Trial your Petitioner was found guilty and sentenced to pay a Fine of Forty Pounds and to be imprisoned for Twelve Months in the Common Goal at Devizes.

That your Petitioner is aged Fifty Years and upwards has resided the whole of his Life Time in the Parish and Neighbourhood of North Bradley and followed the Business of a Farmer.

That your Petitioner has always been used to spend his Time in Labour in the open Air and not upon any occasion whatsoever was your Petitioner before accused of any Crime or Offence or punished either by Fine or Imprisonment for a Breach of the Laws of his County.

That your Petitioner is well known in the Neighbourhood wherein he lately resided was respected by all persons who lived near him as well by those of equal as also of superior Situations in Life to himself.

That the Health of your Petitioner from his Confinement in Prison is greatly impaired and he is firmly persuaded and has been informed by the Medical person who has attended him that if your Petitioner is continued confined in

Goal he cannot survice the Term of his Imprisonment.

That your petitioner is a most sincere penitent for the offence of which he has been convicted and promises by every means in his Power during the Period of his future Life by an uniform good conduct to atone for the same.

Your Petitioner most Humbly Prays your Honors to take this his Case into your Consideration and that your Honors will be pleased to permit your Solicitor in the Name of your Honors to aid and assist your Petitioner in an application to his Majesty for a Mitigation of the remaining part of your petitioner's Imprisonment.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall every Pray.

I Certify the Contents of this Petition as to the Health of Richard Bricker to be true

Richard Bricker

L. Sylvester Surgeon

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed do hereby
 Certify That we have severally read the Petition of
 Richard Dricker and now respectively believe the Contents
 thereof to be true and we recommend his Case to the
 Consideration of the Honorable the Governours and Directors
 of the Bank of England.

John Ludlow Member for Wiltshire Magistrate for Wilt.	John W. Matimer Magistrate for Wilt.
Geo: Cha: Daubray	Archd: of Sarum & Vicar of N. Bradley

John Long John Greenhill	Shunhswardens.
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Charles Moody Edward Francis	Overseers.
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James Chapman	Joseph Cabell
William Pihg	John Frowd
Job Wisher	George Frowd
Anthony Bispie	Peter Reeve
James Moore	James Hunt, Shris
Sam: Mercat	John Hoats
Edward Moore	Edward Moody
John Hale	Job Pickard

Inhabitants of North Bradley.

Inhabitants of North Bradley.

*Petition of Richard
Baicker -*

F25/10/56

Gent^l

London 7 Jan^y 1741 -

I understand that a Petition is about to be presented for the liberation of Bricker the Constable whose Conduct met with that severity of Sentence from the Justice which it certainly merited - I cannot however withhold my influence (small as it is) from the sollicitations I have had in his favor - He is an old man & has a young Family & I am credibly inform'd has suffered so much by his imprisonment that a continuance of it would probably terminate his existence before the expiration of the term of his Sentence - If the Board will consent to his discharge it would greatly me to be the bearer of the welcome news to him - I shall be at the Sessions on the 15th instant at Devizes & shall be glad to receive your Answer directed to me at the Post Office there - I am for self a partner

Wth very Obed^t Serv^t J^h Richard

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Mr. Hays Freshford
Solicitor to the Bank
London

F25/10/57



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1 Jan 10 1857
Bank
Mr. Hays Freshford

With all submission I beg

London 9th Jan'y

Sir,

Res^d & Duties

The Petition of this Prisoner has been submitted to the Gov^{ty} & Directors of the Bank, who have declined interfering.

We are &c K & F

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Mr J Pinchard
Esq
Taunton

9th Janry 1811

Rep. a Bricker

To Mr. J. Pinchard

F25/10/58

Mon^r J^r

With all submission I beg
leave to lay my afflicted Case before
your Hon^{rs} benevolence I am Mon^r for
the unfortunate Mon^r Michael Gearing
who was tryed at the Old Bailey ^{Nov^r 1810}
Jan^r 1810 and Convicted for 14 Years
Transportation - your Hon^{rs} great
clemency and Compassion on my old
Age - viz 65 years allow'd me 5
per Week ^{per ~~Week~~ ^{per} ~~Week~~} which was of infinite
service to me having no friends to
give me the least assistance now I
am unboard the Discovery Hospital
Gulf of Greenland - I humbly pray
your Hon^{rs} Charity for a small
portion of your Hon^{rs} well known felicity
for the distressed I am with all able
submission your ^{able} ^{serv^t}

June 9th 1812

Michael Gearing

Discovery Hospital St George's

Mich^l Gearing

of the Directors of the
Bank of England
London

AUG 11 1859

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Sealand Street
Shrewsbury 28th July 1841.

Sir

Your very humane Attention to
the Application I made to the Solicitors of the Bank
of England my most sincere & heart felt Thanks, more so, the
"made to my Wife," to wait on the Secretary of State
in consequence of accepting the Offer, made to ^{me} offering for
a Soldier, They leave to state, that if I accept such a
Offer I must go for Life, which is a dreadful alter-
native; even compared with my present Situation, I have
no other Motive in applying for a mitigation of my
Sentence, than a Parental feeling for my Children
and a weighty Object, to be for ever separated from
them; for in such Case, I am sensible they would be
Victims to the ravages of a designing Trade, I think
if you would humanely condescend to use your
influence with your Employers; I might obtain

a mitigation of my Sentence; and by staying in
in England. have an Opportunity, of rendering
them some assistance, being permitted to work
at my own business: during my leisure hours on board
this indulgence, would be the height of my Wishes
and I would undergo any Privations, however
severe, to keep my Wife & Children from a Parish
Permit me earnestly to hope you will look upon my
beautifull requests with a Parents Eye & feelings,
and condescend to use your exertions in my behalf
if it should not be in your power, to obtain permission
for them to go with me to N. S. Wales: you might in
all probability obtain me a mitigation, which would
fill with joy the heart of my Family and myself

Your Gratefull
Suppliant

W Stewart

To Mr Weston



To

Mr. Weston

F25/10/60

Mr. Weston
Dear Sir
Yours truly
J. M. Stewart

Zealand Walk

Sheerness 28th July 1810

Gentlemen

By a letter from my Wife, I have
receiv'd your answer, and decide to my last application
I am extremely sorry to observe, that it is an alternative
replet with more Misery, than the one I am at present
in, one Condition excepted, viz the privilege of entering
into any other Regiment: but a Condemn'd, to which
I am given to understand, all persons of my description
are in general sent. I am not so harden'd, or brutish,
~~as to~~ as to wish to join such a body of men

Gentlemen, after permitting me to plead
Guilty to the minor offence; I should not have presumed
to apply to you for any further Mercy, but out of a
feeling Consideration for my Wife and Children, I
have taken the liberty to request, that you will have
the goodness to look at them; who will presume to
succumb this; I make not a moment's doubt, but you
are parents yourselves; if so, put your hands on your

Hearts and ask them ^{monitors} faithful, if it would not be
the height of inhumanity, to deprive such Children
at so early an age, of their natural Protectors and
leave them exposed to a merciless World; — Gentlemen
you will thus see, that it is only out of Consideration
of them, that I refuse your generous humane Offer
held forth to me, had I been a single Man, I should with
Gratitude have accepted it, and gladly have spent the
Remainder of my Life in the service of my Country.

Gentlemen, permit me once more
most earnestly to implore, you will have the goodness
to reconsider the Circumstances of my unhappy Case
and Condescend, to grant me a Privilege of sometime
I might then have an Opportunity of being serviceably
to my Children, as I am by Trade a Shoemaker
was several years in the Employ of Mr. Macortore
in Berkeley Square; and did all the Work for H. R. for
the Duke of York, and am confident I am able to
do my Work with any Man in England, Industry
is particularly encouraged in this Walk, and

I am confident any Masters in Sheriffs would
readily give me work to employ my leisure time, I
would work late and early, and suffer any privations
for the support of my Family, and I am well assured
my earnings would be sufficient to make them a
little comfortable add to by their own Endeavours,
let me humbly by Gentlemen, you will have the
humanity to grant my Request, no Conduct of mine shall
ever give you reason to repent, and my Children shall
be taught to remember your goodness to the last moment
of their Existence;

If Gentlemen, you cannot Agree with
the above Request, permit me to hope you will not refuse
to let my Wife go with me to N. S. Wales, and my Children
I must Commit to the Care of their Grand-mother, I am

Gentlemen with every
Submission & Gratitude
Your Obedient
Thruall S^r

To
The Collectors
of the Bank

W. Stewart

Sr

Messrs. Hays & Co

Bank Solicitors

1851/10/61

28 Aug 1851
Dear Sir
I am very much
Ours
Yours

The R^t Hon^{ble} ~~Members~~
the Govern^{rs} and Director^s
of the Bank of England
London

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17 May 1812
W. S. Henningham

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LONDON

The Rt Hon^{ble} the Governours and Directors of the
Bank of England

I humbly hope will take my
unfortunate case into their consideration that they
will be graciously pleased to sign my petition
that I may be restored to my family and in case of
discompliance with that Request that they will
use their Interest at the Secretarys of State Office
to send me and my wife and Children out of the
Country in the next Ship that goes to New south
Wales with a recommendation that I may be able
to support my Family by Industry and Industry
I humbly beg that the Right Hon^{ble} Company
will continue the Allowance granted to me
the last six weeks I was in Newgate as long
as I Remain in the Country as I can justly as for
the Rt Hon^{ble} Company that it is more requisite
here than in Newgate without my making any
remarks on my or my fellow sufferers sufferings
my wife will call upon Mr Westwood for an
Answer May the 17. 1812. I Am

with all due Respect

The Rt Hon^{ble} Company

Very Humble Servant

On Board the Zealand

Walthamstow Wm Simpson Heron in the

P. I since writing the aforesaid I have
heard from my wife that she is going in the
Country Therefore the favor of an answer
from Mr. Westwood by Post will be a
Particular favor

Mr Westwood

On board the Zealand Convict ship
laying at Sheerness, August 31. 1812.

Honoured Sir,

I do most humbly intreat your Goodness and
Humanity to excuse this Intrusion, in reminding you of my
unfortunate Situation, and my most sincere Sorrow and Contrition
for the Offense which I had so unjustly committed. — Tell this
my fatal Error I had ever been in the Habit of earning my
Bread by the most honest and industrious Means, which several
Merchants and Others are ready to certify, and that my Conduct
altogether was free from Stain or Reproach.

Under those Circumstances I humbly implore your
Humanity in my Behalf, by signing a Petition in my Favour
praying for a Mitigation of Sentence, or for Leave to serve His
Majesty either by Sea or Land, and in any part of the World
it may be pleased to send me; this is all I can possibly crave
or expect, and this I do most earnestly intreat in either Case as
you think best and most prudent; your Intercession and Humanity
in the Endeavour to gain me; and I do most faithfully and
solemnly assure you that as far as it can possibly lay in my
humble Power I will gratefully acknowledge the same by my
future Conduct to the End of my Days. — I have no Friends
to relieve or comfort me, no Interest to obtain any Remission of
Punishment; I must therefore humbly leave myself to your
Consideration and Mercy; hoping there may prove to be some
trifling Circumstances in my Case, which may so far induce you
to shew your Humanity to One, who as now situated, is labouring
under the most severe and distressing Anxiety of Mind at his
awful Situation, which deprives him of all the Enjoyments and

Course of his Life, as all the best Days of his Existence
will be lost without Benefit to him or to Society.

Most humbly leaving myself therefore to your
most merciful Consideration, I beg leave to subscribe
myself Your most humble and most ob. though
unfortunate Servant

Isaac Newlands.

his Servant

A B Sir Should you think proper to come down here or send some
person to me I could Communicate matters to that would
lead to a great Discovery Concerning the Manufacturing of forging
Bank of England Notes which is very busy at this time but
that no person would come here that belongs to any Police
office as they would be known here which w^d. not serve me if
I was seen talking to ~~them~~ any of them I was so fool hardy that
I was quite led astray with respect of making this Confession in
any time but it is better late than never I hope

The writer of the first part of this letter w^d. not Communicate
this Subject to me to no person or Board but to the
Writer of the last part of this Copy person that may
come may Enquire for me and then I can go along
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J
Mr. Westwood
Solicitor — Bank of England
London

31 Aug 1856
Bank of England
Mr. Westwood

1856/10/163

W. Westwood

On board the Zealand Convict Ship
Shewings September 22^d 1812.

Honour'd Sir,

I took the Liberty of addressing you about a
Month or Three Weeks ago, but I having Reason to suppose my
Letter did not reach your Hands, I again take the Opportunity of
troubling you, for which I must beg most humbly to entreat your
Pardon, which I hope you may be pleas'd of your Goodness and
Humanity to grant me in Consideration of my distressed and
unfortunate Situation. — I beg to submit to your humane
Considerations, that I have no Friends or Relations in this Country
to whom I can apply for Relief or to render me any kind of
assistance or Interference in my unhappy and unfortunate Situation.
You, Sir, are the only Ones to whom I can apply in the Hope of
obtaining an alleviation or Mitigation: I do most humbly hope
that there might have appear'd to you some Circumstances in my
Favour sufficient to induce you in some small Degree to consider
me worthy of Humanity and Mercy; I believe you consider'd
that I was brought into my present wretched Splight not altogether
from my own Inclinations to do wrong, or from any System of
Impropriety or Depravity to which I had been accustomed: I still
further beg most humbly to submit to you, that I was in the Habit
of enjoying an honest and industrious Character, and the Testimonies
of different respectable Merchants and Others are ready at any time
to prove the same.

Under those Circumstances to you Sir I make my
humble Application, being the only Means or Channel through which
I can entertain any Hope of Mitigation to my present Sentence;
and trusting to your Humanity and Goodness of Heart I humbly
implore and entreat you to be merciful towards me, anxiously.

hoping that you may consider (as far as regards the Circumstances
of my Case) worthy your Attention and Recommendation
in the Means of obtaining me the desired Mitigation of
Sentence; trusting that being no old Offender the Ends of Justice
may be accomplished without totally denying me that
Benefit.

With all Humility, Submission, and Respect,
and with a most solemn Assurance on my Part that I will
never again offend, or associate with any Individual whatever
who do offend the Laws of the Country, I beg to leave myself
to your Mercy and Consideration

Subscribing myself

Honoured Sir

Your most devoted and obedient
though unfortunate Serv^t

Isaac Newland: ^{his}
Mark

Honoured Sir

I beg leave to mention to you I should you think me worthy of
your Humane & charitable Consideration so as to be the means of
procuring me a mitigation of Sentence that since you have
the Information in respect your self that may be liable you to speak
Some of the principal People that is concerned in the King
Bank of England Notes, and is at that Unfortunate Business
Continually, Had any person that you could be sure
I could find you an acct. When you could get a plate
that is used in making five pound Notes, and if you
think proper to send a person to me down here that
will not be known as an officer I would send you the
necessary Information about the detection of said plate
and has several things besides to communicate to you also
besides, that I don't think proper to mention or insert
in this letter, I am Inform'd that the Bay Ship
is to be here in a few Days to take convicts on Board
and should your Goodness think that you could
have my Sentence mitigated Under the above mention'd
Circumstances you have no time to lose in having your
Demand here as it is probable that my name is on
the list for being sent to the Bay The writer of the
last part of this I will not Enquire with writing the last
of the letter Sir I beg leave to mention to you that I am
not in the least concern'd about the Bay Ship and should
not have mention'd any thing about it, only that it will be
now convenient for you to send to me here than to any other
Place that I may be sent to, should you think proper
to send to me any person to me the way Enquire for
Isaac Howland I sent a letter to the same purpose to you
about three weeks ago and am inclin'd to think you
have not rec'd it,

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J
Mr Westwood
Solicitor to the Bank of England
London

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Mr Dept. 1814
Bank
for James Newland

Mr. Newmans

This is to inform ye that my Wife could not trace ^{any} of the
 people that was and is in the habit of Circulating base
 Bank Tokens and Forged Notes Extensively at present in all
 parts of the Country, as I am well Informed, by several people
 from London who comes here to visit their Friends, ~~some~~ there
 is a Man of the name of Isaac Ware in Sturgate who sent an
 account to all the parties throughout London that was concern-
 =ed in this Business, to be aware of my Wife and that she
 was resolved to have them apprehended in order to procure
 my Liberty, and that a Gentleman from the Banks accom-
 panied by John Gray the officer came to see me to Mr. Newmans
 House on this Business, and from that Day not one of these
 people would salute her in the Street when meeting with
 any of them, but on the contrary Blow her up and call her all
 the names that they thought most Shameful, for being an
 Informer, As for my part I never mention'd a word of the Conversa-
 tion that happened between these Gentlemen and me to any person
 whatsoever, for if I did my Life would be in Danger, Under these
 Circumstances, Gentlemen if ye think proper to procure me
 Liberty

my Liberty I will suffer to be Executed at the Debtors Door of
Newgate if I dont Bring five of the principal people in London
to a Conviction for uttering these kind of Base Fobins and forged
Notes Before I would be two months at my Liberty, and as for
knowing any maker of Fobins or forged Notes in London or any
other place I know not of any but there is one man Confined in
the House of Conviction who is a maker of Dollars and Expects to
begin at that Business as soon as his time is out which will be
in October next he goes by the name of Brown, as for my part
I declare to God and to You Gentlemen, I never made or Carried
a Dollar in my life time but am heartily sorry that I assisted
in filing an selling of them which is all I had to do in the
Business which was Enough, I am informed by my wife that
the person who used to carry them on the Garret, of the House
that I lived in lives in some part of Lambeth but he
has never called on her nor she cant make him out. Even
If I am to serve my time out here I hope ^{afterwards} Justice have the pleasure
of Convicting five of these people myself in prison as they never
will leave it off, until there is a stop put to their proceeding and
they are most Ungrateful had I obtained my Liberty they wd. all flock
about me thinking me to be true to the Cause

1716 M^{rs} leave to inform

Gentlemen I hope you will be good Enough to send me an answer
to this and your^s. Oblege Your most Obedient and most Humble
Sont
Dennis O'Connor

I do not to Dennis O'Connor on Board the
Graland Hulk Shermess, after showing this to
one of the Officers on Board I sent it by hand to You
to be deliv^d. in the two perry post whereas I had not
means to pay the postage, Gentlemen I hope your
Humanity and goodness will Excuse this Intrusion

dated on Board the Graland
Shermess July 21st 1712

There is two people in Town that smokes Pipe Shallops
and Sippets and that is in that line there fifteen years since
I know I would make them out before you. I have Danc
in town for I have been often in their place of abod. before
now and will depend their life on me
I could procure a sufficient security for my good
behaviour During my sentence or any other committed time
of your

21 July 1872
Bank

for
James J. Connor



Messrs Henters and May
Bank Solicitors
Bank Buildings
London

59/01/565

1813
Leicester Gaol Salisbury of 1820

Gentlemen

We beg leave to inform
you that our names will appear in the
Gazette of this evening - as the Gov^t &
Directors of the Bank. was so good as to
afford us our discharge - under a form
of Bankruptcy or in any other
proper mode so as to share in a just
division with the rest of our creditors.

We should feel greatly obliged to you if
you would use your best endeavours to
procure our release - as we have been
confined in Prison near four months -
P. J. O

Your compliance to our request
will much oblige

J. W. M.
Per J. H. G. Smith Sec^y J. H.

D^r Leonard & Son

Miss. Gage Trustful & Coys.
New Bank Buildings.
London.

L.I.S.
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APR 20 1813
LONDON

March 20. 1813
G. Bouverie & Co

Nov. 19th 1812

To the Commissioners of the Navy of England

Honour: Sir, As I have before experienced your lenity, I humbly trust you will not consider this liberty impertinent or intrusive, when I assure you, Gentlemen, nothing but the object Misery I am in, would induce me to trouble you. I have been totally abandon'd by my friends since I was convicted, in consequence of false reports from what was surmisd in consequence of Mr. Brestwood coming to see me to prison, and it was James Wheeler that put forth their reports to my prejudice together with reports of a similar ^{nature} brought by Ned Hills warmer to the hulks, I would have let you know these matters before but I had no opportunity as unfortunately I cannot write myself

as I am totally destitute of every necessary and going friendless to a strange country than I trust Gentlemen you will consider my distress Situation Honour: Sir I remain with respect
Your very Wm^t. but unfortunately
on board the Ship Fortune Capt. Walker Isaac Newland
lying at Spithead bound to New South Wales,

22 NOV 1812
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To, Westwood Esq

Solicitor to the

Bank of England

London

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LONDON

19 Nov^r 1812
Bank
fm Isaac Newland

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74. St. Pauls Church, Langston Harbour, Sept. 28

Honour'd Sir,

Being at this time in very great distress, and having no one to afford me the least assistance, I hope you will be kind enough to let me have the Money that was taken from me before my trial according to your promise while I was in Newgate. The Sum is £4.3.0 and it will be of essential service to me in this unfortunate situation. By so doing you will confer a lasting obligation

on your humble Servant, Thomas Dardis

To Mr. Westwood

Mr. Westwood
At the Bank of London
Bank Buildings, Lombard Street
London

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for Mr. Dardis

30 Sept. 1782

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Gentlemen—

Whereas there is much Distress arising to me
from pecuniary Circumstances I am Obedge to
Make application to you and I hope Mr. Westwood
Solicitor will Represent my Case in as favourable
a Light as it will admit of— As he has a Knowledge
that I was Apprehended on a Charge of uttering forged
Notes for which I was Convicted and sentenced to be
transported for the term of 14 years when I was
taken into Custody there was property to the amount
of £ 4-3-0. in Silver and Copper taken out of a Box
Lodged in the House of John M^r. Corinck-bee Kingstons
Which property belong to me and I trust and hope
Gentlemen that you will Permit the same to me as
my unfortunate situation at present much Requires
it.

Thos. Davis—

On Board—H. M. S. the
Portland Langston Harbor
Febry 7th 1813 —

4 Feb 1813
Thos. Dardis

To the Governour & Company
of the Bank of England
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Receipt

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