Langston Harbour Augst 7th 1813

Hon Sir

I hope you will Pardon the Liberty of my troubling you once More to Solicit your Merciful Aid to Alleviate my Parent Brethren which rends my heart a Sunder to think of Leaving my Native Land - a poor distressed Infirm Aged parent to whom for yrs i have been the Chief support by my Industry & Sobriety i have kept my much Honoured & revered Mother from a Workhouse Myself & family i have kept in Credit, & Sir you would most Assuredly find by a Minutely Prying into my Moral Conduct that it was such as Constitutes a Good Member of Community, Untill that hypocrite & Delusive Wretch, Bogg, came & told me of his Great Benefits i yielded to the Temptation i am not the Only one that is Suffering Through having a Knowledge of that execrable Wretch i was self Convicted from the first Moment i ever had one & i Declare that i should never have Countenanced him nor any other Person connected with any dishonest profession, after i had bought myself a new Coat & hat which was my Intention after he made the Inducement to have got them two Articles easy, no person i thought would be the Wiser, it was not a Vicious or Depraved Heart it might be more Justly Alluded Sir to a Proud Spirit in not having Patience to Wait to gain by my former Custom & Industry

pray Sir to compassionate the sufferings of a fellow Creature

By which Intercession i trust i shall have my Sentence

lessend that i may once more have an Idea of surviving

this Dreadfull Dilemma, which is the due effects of being

rashly Persuaded, and Sir with a Heart full of Gratitude

i shall never cease to Pray — I Beg to Subscribe

Myself Yr Most Obedient

Humble Servt John Cave

on Board H M S Portland

Langston Harbour

Nr Portsmouth

7 Augt. 1873

Bank

Fm John Chave

Westford Esq.

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April 11 1813

Hon^d Sir

I must beg to trouble you in Respect of that Money that is in your Hands which Sir you might rely on is ours every farthing of it and further that Huff will never Never offer to Claim it our Suffering is Great. I Mean not Sir, to Imply Unjustly My Distress on my family account with whom we Tradesmen this Metropolis has Lived in greater Love & Comfort Best. Cheerfully Resign to the Will of God whom is Working every thing for the Best I hope & trust you will have the Humane Consideration to Give the Bearer the Money, which is my Wife, you will relieve the Distress of an Industrious

and Affectionate Woman

and Likewise of your very

Much Obliged Servts

John Chave

Robt Bogg

Mr Westford

Bank of England

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11 Apr. 1813

Bank.

Mr John Clare

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Off

Messrs. Kaye, Freshfield & Co.

Laurel Hulk, Ports. Harb.
7th Aug.t 1813

Gent.n

Having been unfortunately convicted at the last Lent Assizes at Warwick for having in my Possession Forged Blank Bank of England Notes and Sentenced to Fourteen Years transportation I have most humbly presumed to request you will recommend my Case to the Governors & Directors of the Bank of England as the whole of my Small Property was wasted and Sold in consequence of my Misfortunes and being now much reduced respectfully solicit those Gentlemen will condescend (as there is no doubt of my immediately leaving this Country) to extend to me the same Benefit which has lately been afforded to other unfortunate Objects of their Prosec.n as in my present distressed Situation the most trifling Sum will be very acceptable & remain Sirs

Your most obed.t hum.ble Serv.t

Joseph Jennings

Post paid

Messrs. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors
New Bank Buildings
London

1 Aug. 1818
Bank
Jno. Cunning

To the honbl. Directors of the Bank of England

the humble petition of Isaac Wise. formerly of London, labourer. but now on board the General Hewitt Bound to New South Wales

Sheweth. your petitioner, being fully Contious of his Guilt pleaded Guilty to the Minor offence of hadeing forged Notes in his Possession, in ~~October~~ Sessions last past at the Sessions House in the Old Baily, and received Sentance of transportation for the term of fourteen years

That petitioner Returns his most sincere thanks for the Humanity he has already experienced, that the long Confinement he has undergone has expended all his money that he has not it in his power to lay in any sort of Sea Stock. to preserve Health or Sustain Nature during so long a Voyage, and that he has no freinds to enable him so to do

Therefore your petitioner most humbly Implores your Honours to take his Case Into Consideration and Grant him some temporary Aid for the Above purpose And petitioner in Duty bound will ever pray &c &c

Isaac his mark Wise Petr.

Messrs Freshfield & Day

Bank Solicitors

Bank Buildings

Lothbury

Aug 1875

Bank

James Marsh Esqre

To the Honnerable Commissioner
Of the Bank of England &c

Gentelman,

With the utmost Contrition & Sorrow for my past Follys & faults I do most Earnestly beg Your Pardon,

Permit me therefore Honnerd Sirs in behalf of my Self & Family once more to implore Your Mercy & Clemency towards me, and by which means I may be Enabled to render you all the Assistance in my power and I do hereby Solemnly plegd my self and likewise Several of my Nearest friends, constantly to be our Study henceford to render you every Assistance as soon you will pleas to put me in that Situation to Convince you thereof: untill then Gentlemen I offer my Friends to be Security for me in Two hundred Pounds! —

I am. respectfuly

Gentlemen, Your most Obt & humble Serv.

John Davis

Gate Side Newgate April the 13 1813

Redeemed when Mrs Was Bought by his Brother

13 April 1813

Lre from John Davis

State Pte Newgate the 13th April 1813

Sir

Pardon the Liberty I take of troubling you again but flater my self your goodness towards a Unfortuned prisoner, will permit me to beg your Kind attention to present my petition and inclosed Letter in the most favourable manner you possible Can and I shall for ever remember your Kindness. and permit me in the Mean time

Sir

to remain

your most obt & humble Sert

John Davis

Westwood Esq.

13 June 1813

Bank

Mr. Mc Adams

To the Honorable the

Governors & Directors of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition of

Ann Davis of Church Lane St. Georges East County of Middlesex Praying for a Medigation of her Husband John Davis's sentence) now a Convict on Board his Majestys Hulk Lying at Gosport

Your Petitioner begs to state that while my Husband was in the House of Correction in cold bath fields Prior to his last Examination i went to Messrs Kay Freshfield & Kay i informed them that my Husband wished to see some Person to give them information who he Bought the Notes off, Mr Westwood went immediately with me & Mr Davis gave him an account that he Bought them of Javenor & Related to him all the Particulars. Mr Westwood informed him that he could not promiss him anything more than the capital should be taken off, for which i beg to Return you my Sincear thanks ———

While Mr Davis was confined in the Sells he got acquinted with a man of the name of Palmer, when they was Commited to Newgate they renued thear acquaintance by Consent of Mr Westwood i going first & asking his leave & consulting him on this & many other occations my Husband got a letter from Palmer to a man of the name of Able to sell him some Notes which Notes was Bought by his Brother & i gave them to Mr Westwood Able has been since Convicted we have endeavouured to the utmost of our Power to Detect Javenor but unfortunately have not succeaded, Mr Davis also got another Letter to a man of the name of Wood which letter Mr Davis gave Mr Westwood, who always was so kind to go to Mr Davis whenever he was requested ———

Gentlemen i beg to state i have endeavourd to
exert myself on all ocations for your interest
and most humbly trust in your Humanity that
you will estend your Mercy to wards my Husband
by a metigation of his Sentance

And Your
Pertitioner as in Duty Bound
will ever bear in Mind the obligation
she lays under to your Honors

Ann Davis

To the Honorable the
Governors & Directors
of the Bank of England

The humble Petition
of Ann Davis

To the Governors of the Bank of England

Sirs, The very distressed and unfortunate situation of my Brother John, and my natural feelings for him as a Brother will I presume apologise for this address, and I beg to assure you I have no interested motives in contemplation while I am endeavouring to serve you but the amelioration of my Brothers sufferings, and allow me to represent to you that if he should be sent to Hulks his life will be endangered from the discoveries I have made by the persons who have been the objects of my Information, and others who are also in confinement for the same offence, and it is to him you are alone indebted for the discoveries that have been made as I had no means whatever from my own knowledge of distinguishing who the parties were that have been pursuing the nefarious practices of passing counterfeited notes without having had them first pointed out by him, and even now confined in Newgate he is, ~~he dare~~ afraid to attend the Church lest some personal violence should be offered him by those persons in confinement on the Felons side and from this he can form an Idea what would be the result if subjected to the imprisonment on board with those persons. I therefore most respectfully & humbly entreat as a remuneration for my services that you will be pleased to prevent it & extend to him your gracious mercy & pardon, or any line that you may think fit. — and should you be disposed

to grant him any Indulgences or mitigation permit me to inform you he is in hourly expectation of a removal and that no time ought to be lost to prevent it. — any Communication you may have to make now upon the Subject the Bearer of this will be happy to take it as he is in waiting

I am Sirs

Your most obedt.
humble Servant

Thomas Daves

Paycian Square
Old Bailey
April 21. 1818 —

John informs me he can give further information from two different quarters which I will inform you with —

Thomas Daves
his ✗ mark

To the Governors of the
Bank of England

Rd. Davis

21 April 1819
Bank
Fr. Sh. Dawes

To the Honorable Governors & Directors
of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition of John Davis now a Convict
on Board his Majestys hulk Sanvel lying at Gosport

Your Petitioner most Humbly begs that
your Honors will extend your Mercy towards him and Grant him
a Medigation of his sentance having given Information before his
last Examination that he bought them of a Man of the name of
Javenor and Mr. Westwood your Solisitors managing Clerk said
all he could Promise him was that the Capital should be taken off

Your Petitioner at considerable expence has done all in his Power
like wise his frinds to Detect, Javenor but unfortunately has not succeeded

Your Petitioner begs ~~farther~~ to state while he was at the house of Correction
in Cold Bath fields confind in the Sells he got acquainted with a man
of the name Palmer and when they where Committed to his Majestys
Goal of Newgate with the consent of Mr. Westwood on purpose for your
Honors Information had frequent interviews with him & other Prisoners in
the Vine room pretending he wanted to buy some Notes being short of
Money & could git them passed Palmer gave him a Letter to a man of
the name of Noble & he sent his wife with it to Mr. Westwood and imploied
his brother to buy some Notes & he bought two five Pound Notes No. 70085
No. 730 dated August 7th 1812 and he sent his wife with them to Mr. Westwood
his brother after wards bought of him which led to his Detection and Conviction
Your Petitioner also got another Letter to a man of the name of Wood
this with every other information he gave to Mr. Westwood therefore
most humbly begs that your Honnors will take his case into farther
Consideration and assist him in procuring a Medigation of his
Sentance

To the Honorable the
Governors & Directors
of the Bank of England

The Humble Petition
of John Davis.

Mr T Westwood F25/11/10

Portsmouth 10th June 1810

Sir

I have taken the Liberty of informing you that I have sent a Letter, pentitent Letter to the Governor & Co. of the Bank of England requesting their kind interference in my Behalf for a Mitigation of Sentence or to procure me a grant either to go into the Army or Navy and hope you will be so kind as Assist me with your kind interference as you promised me and if possible to get me permission to serve in the Army or Navy as you are wele aware that I did every thing in my Power to serve them by giving every information in my power and hope you wile please to take my very Unfortunate Situation into your Consideration and use your utmost efforts for me with the Gentlemen of the Bank of England to obtain for me a Mitigation or a grant to serve in the Army or Navy which are your Wise

Advice might think proper, as I am extremely sorry for the Offence and I throw myself upon your kind Humanities & Humanity as Conspicuous to your Hon.e Character and Profession, I have made every Contribution in my power by strict Conformity to penitence and good morals for the Offence done Contrary to Law and in Violation of Justice: and hope I shall be permitted to go into the Army or Navy

And I remain Your

Most Obed.t & Humble Servant

John Davis

1873

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Mr Westwood
Solicitor
Throgmorton Street
Bank Buildings
London

GOSPORT
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11 June
Bank
Inspection Bank

Portsmouth 10th June 1813

To the Governors of the Bank of England

Gentlemen

Sirs

I most humbly hope you will Pardon the Liberty I have taken of Addressing my self to your Goodness; in my very Distressed and unfortunate Situation, and most humbly hope you will be pleased to take my Case into your Serious Consideration and and be pleased to extend your kind Benevolence & Humanity so Conspicuous to your Honorable Characters, and hope you will be pleased to grant your Gracious Mercy and Pardon towards me; having made every Discovery and Information that was in my Power and was desired of me, And sincerely hope you will be pleased to render me your kind Assistance being my first Offence, and hope you will be so kind as Intercede in my Behalf to obtain a Mittigation of Sentence or to procure me a grant to serve his Majesty either in the

Army or Navy which ever your wise Decision may think proper; which would greatly assist my Distress.d Family & permit me to be in his Majesty.s Service; as I am a great burden to my Distress.d Family who I am obligated to look to for support whilst I remain in my present sad Distress.d Situation, and you may rely upon my assuring you, that I have made every Contribution in my power by strict Conformity to Penitence and good morals and Deep regret for the Offence; done Contrary to Law and in Violation of Justice and shall make it my Constant endeavour for the Future of my Life never to Deviate from the Path of Rectitude and good morals; but always make it my Continual Habit to get my living by Honesty & Industry which I always had done until my present Misfortune done in an Unguarded moment which I am extremely sorry for and should be glad to make an atonement in any way my Service may be granted by once again becoming a good Member of Society in any manner your Wise Judgement may think proper to place me

And I remain your most Humble Servant John Davis

10 June 1813.

Bank

Sm

John Davis

For the Governor & Company

of the Bank of England

London

London 17 June 1813

John Davis

Your letter has been considered by the Governor & Directors who decline to comply with your request

J. T. N.

John Davis
Hanover Hulk
Portsmouth

17 June 1813

Bank

To John Davis

Honoured Sir

Pardon me for this intrusion on a Person of your Rank & character; Be Pleased to understand I am now on Board the Surry East Indiaman bound to New South Wales. I left the Lance Convict Ship Three days since, & am now Placed in a very disagreeable Contested situation, & once am looked forward that your honour would stretch out your aid to deliver me from this unfortunate situation, but as that most likely has not been in your Power, hope you will by no means withhold some Pecuniary assistance to alleviate my distress, on your superior Judgment on such a case I relie every fear with your means of Protection will be unnecessary. Pray to state that I were hurried away in I could dispose of the little Tenements I were master of know expect to sail from this Port in or about 8 Days to the most distant Period - Need not Hope enumerate any

things which were mentioned at a distant
Period. I am were aware that your Honors
Friends can Procure me a Exculpation of
my sentence at being only that which were held
out during the time I were in Newgate, with
a proud Sir, I have never in one instance misled
you, every thing has been done to give you
satisfaction, otherwise I would not by any
means have been thus explicit —

You cannot by no means think me I
hope troublesome it being the first time I ever
craved your aid, I can assure your honor
that at various times expended a great
deal of money & humbly hope that some
assistance may be given me to soothe the
anguish which I at Present endure — should
this meet with the approbation of your
honor so as to comply with my request
have the goodness to forward it addressed
time or Board the Surry East Indiaman at
Portsmouth that P. Return — at the same
time have the goodness to make mention
if your honor received a Note from my Wife

that I sent her from the Lance about 3 Weeks
since, its were of the Importance I Hand that
you are aware how expeditious I have been
to give satisfaction therefore I hope there
expect a Proof of your Lordships Humanity

I have to subscribe myself
Sirs
Yr Most Obdt Servt

John Davis

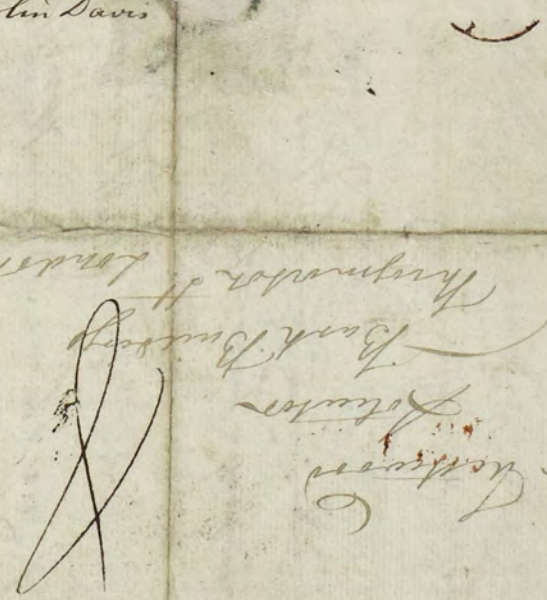
Portsmouth
12 January 1814

P.S. I hope every attention will be
Paid to my Agent

19 Jan 1814

Bank.

fm Mr. John Davis



Unto the Honorable the Directors of the Bank of England, the humble Petition of John George Hearson, Thomas Slater, James Ashton & Henry Rodgers now on board the Earl Spencer lying at Portsmouth

Sheweth

That your Petitioners were Law bailey contritions & sensible of the birth of the charges for which they are transported: that your Petitioners return their most sincere Thanks for the Mercy & favors they have received already.

That your Petitioners most humbly beg leave to observe that they have it not in their power to provide any

any sort of Sea Stock for the voyage to New South Wales, all their Money & Friends being exhausted, leaving them no other resource but applying to Your Honors.

May it therefore please Your Honors to take the Petitioners case into your humane Consideration / and through your Honors accustomed goodness / be pleased to grant them such pecuniary aid as your Wisdom & judgment seems fit & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c &c

G Henson
Thomas Slater
James Ashton
Henry Rodgers

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Petition of
John George Heurson
Thomas Slater
James Ashton
& Henry Rogers
22nd April 1813

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Petition of Jno.
Geo. Heurson & Ors

F25/11/15

Earl Spencer Portsmouth

Sir Excuse the Presumption of an unfortunate man Convicted for Passing forged notes being so very much distrest and having no one to assist and my Wife in Prison writting to follow me without one shilling to assist us and having aplyd to the Hon'ble Companys solisitors and cant get any relief I make bold to Informe you that I am not an old offender but that I did give to Mr Westwood all the Information I could and would have done more if I could and after all the Oldest offenders you have are allow 7/6 Per Week and have got Hundreds of Pounds by them Meaning Isacks Wife

Wife and George Pearson' Wife and
I have not got a shilling to help me
am going to Leave my Country distitute
of me to Leave her that wish to follow
me Excuse me sir for thus intruding
on you as I have no other way to make
my Case known and If your Honnour
Should in your Judgment think by
Enquiring my Character of Mr Westwood
Worthy of a little releife you will
be so good if the Lords said to alow it
to my wife Elisabeth Morris in
Newgate I shall with fervency
Ever Pray Your unfortunate
Obedient Humble
Servt Thos Slater

If you Please

Direct

Thos Slater on borde

the Earl spencer

Spithead Portsmouth

Hants

Mr Henry Hase
Esq.r Bank of England
London

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Jan.y 7th 1825

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London 8 May 1813

John Geo. Hearson
Thomas Slater
James Ashton
Henry Rodgers

Your Petition has been laid before the Governors & Directors of the Bank of England who decline to comply with your request

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John George Hearson
Earl Spencer Convict Ship
Portsmouth

Bank of England Archive (F25/11)

Sir, Above you will obliged me

5 May 1813

Bank

To Jno. Geo. Hearson
Lothers

F25/11/17

Mr. Kay

July 4th 1813

Sir

Deptford on Board the wansted

I hope you will Pardon the Liberty I have taken in written to you But it is onepetty for I have Been taken up Ever since the 30th of october and A small family and have Been post to Sell all my things to Live on and I am very much Distrest and if you will have the Goodnes as to give me A trifle ~~the~~ it will Be very thankfully Received By me Martha Pedley as I have A Child with me and I have no money to Purchis any thing But the alounce and ther is 3 moor women that was Convected at warwick the Same time as my Selfe and very much Distrest in Deed the Be. Honered Sir I hope you will atend to the Above and your humble Petitioners is in Duty Bound and will for Ever Pray for you

Martha Pedley
Sarah Bishwell
Sarah Starten

Bar[illegible] 4 July 1813

Mrs Martha Pedley
Sarah Shuwell
Sarah Starkin

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For Mr Grey and Freshfield Esqrs
Bank of England Princes Street
Cheapside
London

Hornsey Gaol

F25/11/18

Honoured

Sir

I hope you will Pardon me with the Liberty of Riting to you But it is necessety that obliges me to it and I hope your Goodness will Conceder my Long Confinement and my family to Be Suported. as obliege me to Part with all I ad. and now I am Going to Live any Whatever Country and I am very much Depstrest in Deed. Honored Sir I Rely on your Goodness and I hope you will atend to the Above and your humble Pertitioner will Be in Duty Bound and will for Ever Pray

Mary Best

Deptford July 5th. 1815

on Board the wanstled

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for
the Governor
of the Bank of England
London

Bank
Jn
Mark Boal

5 Aug 1815

Allowing Post

F25/11/19

Worthey Sir

I have to inform you that I am now on board of the Ship a going to Botany Bay for ~~life~~ 14 years and I have not troubled you before I hope your Goodness will kind enough to think of me now I am very much distress for Cloathes indeed and leaving 4 Small Children behind me and not a friend to assist me in the least thing in the world I was taken at Warrington with 12 Pipe Pound notes in my Charge and was tryed at Lancaster Last August assizes and pleaded so I hope your Goodness will not forget me

I am Sir your Most
Humble Servant

Eleanor Thorpe

July 5 1813
Deptford the Wanstead

Freshfield and Sons
Princes Street
near the Bank
London

Bank
Bank
Jan
Bonus

F25/11/20

Worthy Sir

I have to inform you that I am now on board of the Ship Going to Botany Bay and I have not troubled you yet so I hope your Goodness will be kind enough to think of me now I shall be humbly obliged to you as I have 5 small Children to leave behind me and myself very much distressed for Cloaths indeed I was taken at Manchester and tryed ~~there~~ like wise last March assizes and not any thing of bad nature found on me so I hope your Goodness will not forget me

July 5 1813

Deptford on board the Hunsted

I am Sir your Most Humble Servant

Martha Flagher

Freshfield and Frey
Princes Street
near the Bank
London

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Bank
1815

Jn
Smallbones Esqr.

F25/11/21

Honrthey Sir

This is to inform you that I am now on board of the Ship Goeing to Botanney Bay and have not troubled you before if your Goodness would be kind enough to think of me now I was apprehended at Bristol with and onty 1s in my Care and was tryed the 12 April at Bristol and I am Goeing for 14 years and Leveing 5 Small Children behind me and not a friend to assist me in the Least thing in the world and am very much distress for Cloathes indeed so I hope your Goodness will not forget

I am Sir your
Hoomble Servent
Phebea Chandler

July 5 1813
Deptford the Wansted

Freshfield and Frey
Princes Street
near the Bank
London

Jn Hardie Chandler

19 May 1813
Bank

Worthy Sir

This is to inform you that I am now on board of the Ship a going to Botany and I have not troubled you before but hope your Goodness would be kind enough to think of me now as I have two small Children I leave behind me and very much distress for Cloaths and not a friend to assist me in any thing I was taken in Leeds in yorkshire and not any found on me I was tried at Lancaster in March Last so I hope your Goodness will not forget me

I am Sir your most
Humble Servant
Elizabeth Duett

July 5 1813
Dept ford on board the
Wanstead

Twopenny Post

Forrestfield and Hey
Princes Street
near the Bank
London

8 July
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fm
Wm A Dunc

Honoured Gentlemen

I hope you will Pardon the Lebrty I have taken in Riting to you But it is necessity that obliges me to it for I am in Grate Distress and as you have Been So Good as to Give other Poor unfortunate Women a letter and I was Connected at Stafford with Mr. Booths and Mrs Booth as Bared very Ill to me and I am very much in want of necessery's and I hope your

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Goodness will think of me
and your humble Petitioner
is in Duty Bound and will
for Ever Pray for you

Elizabth
Chedlow

July 8th 1813

Deptford in Kent

on Board the wanstead

8 July 1815

Bank

Mr Eliz. Chedham

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POST

Mr Ch.r Ray

and Freshfield

at the Bank of England

Prince Street

London

the favour will have Recevd home sent

Honered Sir

july 23 1813

I hope that you will excuse my taking the liberty of Writing to you but necessity Drives me to it but I hear that all the other women is rate for so little Addition for a few necessaries for the long voyge that we are a going to take I hope Gentlemen that you will excuse the liberty that I have taken

I you please to Direct Your Humble Servant
Hannah Hewson on board of
the Wanderer Women Hannah Hewson
Convict Ship
Spithead
in Hawser

23 July 1873

Bar[illegible]

Fm

Hannah Hewson

Fredrfield and Kay

Princes St

Bankers

London

To be delivered immediately

F25/11/25

Honered

Gentlemen

We humble thank you for the favour we have Received from your hands and as we are likeley to have a long rouge and most of us as Children and wat you have Been so good as to Give us is all mount Expended with By in a few things as we wanted very Bad and if you Goodness will Remit us a trifle more it will Be thankfulley Received By your humble Pertitioner and we shell Be in Duty Bound and will for Ever Pray

Sarah Martin
Sarah ashwell
Martha Sidley
Elizabeth Chellow
Elizabeth Jones
Catharine Watson
Mary Best
Jane Smith

Wainstead July 23rd 1813

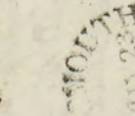
Shet head

2d July 1813

Bank

Mrs Sarah Starkin
& others

for Our
Ray
at the Bank of England
Princes Street
London



Honoured Gentlemen

Relying on your Goodness I take the Liberty of troubling you with thes few Liens for wich I hope your Honour will Pardon me for. and Since I Received your kind Present I have Been very ill and wee have neather tea nor Sugar allowed till wee get out to Sea and I wanted a few od things that I Could not well do with out Such as Shoes and Stockings for me and my Child and other Little necessarys as is not allowed hear and I have Layd out my Last Shilling. So if your Honour Can Stand my friend with Sending me a trifle moor if it is Ever So Little it will Be thankfully Received and your humble Partisioner is in Duty Bound and will for Ever Pray for you

Martha Pedley

on Board the wanstead August 4th 1813
Lying at Shitehead

For
Mr Kay at the
Bank of England
Princes Street
London

August 1813

Bank
for Martin Tidey

F25/11/27

August 5 1812

Hon^d
Gentlemen
Your Goodness will I hope pardon
the liberty of your unfortunate Petitioner
who is After A long Confinement
in such distress having no Friends
to Assist Render them Completely miser
able if Gentlemen this should meet
your Approbation and you should think it
proper to Remit us A trifle to enable
us to procure A few Necessary things as we
not Allowed we shall be in duty
Bound to Pray

we are Hon^d Gentlemen
your Humb Serts
Elij^h Jones
Jane Smith

worsted Ship
Portmouth

Mr & Freshfield
Bank of England
London

Margate 28th June

Worthy Gentlemen

I was in great hopes by this time I should have had the Pleasure of hearing from you having trouble you with a letter to request the favour that you would steady consider my distressed situation My Husband is out of Employment and having 3 Children and Being so long confined has truly Much Benefit me I My Cloths having bein obliged to Pledge Nearly all my Cloths for Support therefore hope Gentlemen that you will consider my case as I can assure you it would be truly Acceptable and thankfully minister by your Humble Petitioner Please me was I not really distress I—

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would not trouble you hope you will have compassion on me and pardon the liberty my writing to you

I am Honble Gentlemen
with every dee Respect
Your obt Humble Servt
Eleanor Tomlinson

P.S.
Gentlemen

I hope you will give the Bearer a favourable answer and shall ever be in duty Bound to pray

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Ebr. Pomlinson

Messrs. Hoy & Bushfield

Princes Street

Cheapside

28 June 1813

Smith

Jn Alcock Sandymoor

Honble Gentleman

Your goodness will I hope pardon
my liberty I take in sending to you
But having never had any thing of a pitiful
form you hope you will duly take it into
consideration and advance me some
money to enable me to get a few
necessary Articles for myself and 3 children
leaving & to be Banished from this
Country for 14 years is a very distressing
thing to think of.. therefore I hope I
may be so fortunate as many more
in the Station for the like Offence has
Rumoured at your hands that will Rather
than comfortable. and I hope I may
be one of them Being the first

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and certainly will be the last having been a Prisoner now 6 Months I am assured you was I not much distress I would not trouble you I once more respect Gentlemen that I do hope you will consider my case

I am Hon.d Gentlemen
With every due Respect
Yr very Obt Hum.a Serv.t
Elenor Tomlinson

Newgate June 24

PS
The Ship goes on Monday and we are Desired to be on Board on Morning Early —

Messrs King & Hatchfield

Pinnell Street

Colchester

24 June 1813

Bank

Jn Elsmer Cornhill

Elsmer & Cornhill

your Goodness will & hope

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Honoured Sir

july 23 1803

I hope that you will excuse me taking the Liberty I have taking in riting to you but I hear that the other Warren has rate for A little addition for A to buy A few necessary Articals to take for the long Voyge that I am A going to take I hope you will pardon the Liberty I have taking

Your Humble Servant

Elinor Tomlinson

if you please to Direct

Elinor Tomlinson
on board the Wundead
Womens Convect Ship
Spithead
at Anwear

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Freshfield and Reay
Princes St
Bankers
London

23 July 1813
Oxnh
Jn
Eleanor Gunthorpe

PORTSMOUTH
24 JY 24
1813

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Worstead Shop Deptford

Hon^rd Gentlemen

your Goodness will I hope Pardon the Liberty of your unfortunate Petitioner the Widow of James Brown who unfortunately Suffered at Norford and as left a wife and three Small Children to Lament his Loss none of which Can Render me the Smallest Assistance would your Goodness take my unhappy Case into Consideration I shall Pray — your Goodness to my fellow Prisoners as induce me to trouble you as I have Neither money nor Cloath for me nor my Children

I am Gentlemen your
Humb^le Servt

Margt Palmer
Alias Brown

This Woman was not tried Convicted for any Offence against the Bank

Freshfield & Kay Esqrs
Princes Street
Cheapside

July 1873
Bank
In Mess. Coutts
& Co Strand

22 April 1813

Honrd Gentlemen

Your Humble Petitioner Margretta Brown is the unfortunate widow of James Brown who suffered on the 5th of Augst last on the Business of the Bank conserns I am left with one Child and find it a Difficult Matter to Support Myself and Child with the Small Allowance of the Good I hope Gentlemen you will take into Consideration to order some Assistance if ever so Small will be truly very Gratefully Acknowledge and thankfully receive d Your

Very Obt Humble Servt

M Brown

N.B. I am unfortunately in trouble myself here since the Death of My Husband and assume the Name of Elza Palmer the forever of an Answer will Gratly oblige

Messrs. Ray & Frostfield

Princes Street

Cheapside

22 June 1818

Bolton & Mills Bowes

To the Honourable the Governors and others the Company of the Bank of England

Gentlemen

Your humble petitioner begs leave to state to you Viz. that through heavy losses by bad Debts and loss in Sales upon goods & articles of Trade — he became unable to pay his Credit in August 1810 — he then was made a Bankrupt & complied with all the Laws & Statutes concerning Bankrupts — to the entire satisfaction of his commissioners and Assignees — he gave up all he had and made no reservation or gave or ever did give a preference or security to any One & at the close of his Accounts — if those who were indebted to him could have paid the amounts due to his Estate & the Stock he had on hand at the time of his misfortune had sold for prime cost he did & has & satisfy his assignees that he would have had nearly £10,000 more than would have paid twenty shillings in the pound When your humble petitioner looked over the proof of Debts made upon his Estate he found that your Honourable Company had proved various Bills of exchange amounting to £685. 12 — Your petitioner begs leave to say that such bills were Endorsed & got Discounted &c by your petitioner

without pay fee or reward for the sole use of Messrs
Matthew Longson & Co of Manchester who also have a
Warehouse No 17 Iron monger Lane London under the firm
of Messrs Peter Longson & Co managed by Mr George
Willson. Your petitioner laments much & states that
by his having imprudently negociated & got
Discounted endorseing & supporting Messrs Longsons
& Willsons fallacious paper &c for their accommodation
he may and does attribute the whole of his misfortune
before his connection with them he neither wanted money
or Credit for from the year 1785 & the time of
such connection he had the implicit confidence
of his Bankers Messrs Jones Lloyd Fox & Co & of
most other respectable people & can safely say that
such confidence in no instance was withdrawn from
him untill he had such connection with Messrs
Longsons & Willson & for their accommodation without
any pay & your petitioner — The reason of your
petitioner being thus particular, is his Solicitor some time
since informed him — you had been applied to & sign his
Certificate — and the answer was you would at near the last
your petitioner now has obtained his Certificate within one
or two signatures — (he has considerably more than twenty
signed for —) and his solicitor now says that to apply to you

will not avail — without stating a reason — such information
gives your petitioner much concern & he solicits & prays for
your acquiescence & for your respectable signature. As
References as to character of a Gentleman may be wanted
your petitioner begs leave to refer you to Viscount
Buckeley — James Ashton Esqr Manchester, John
Lohanwood Esqr Marple Hall near Stockport — Saml
Frith Esqr Chapelenilefrith near Buxton — as to that of
a Tradesman to Chas. F. Brandt Esqr Lawl Peel Esqrs
Messrs Entwistles. Messrs Garnetts or any respectable Firm
in Manchester — or Mr Loyd Solicitor Stockport who is well
known to your respectable Solicitor — Kaye Esqr —
your humble petitioner has been here fifteen months
& has been supported by the charity of his friends
& is unable to pay any one to wait upon you with his
& hopes you will excuse him sending it by post — he requests
you will have the charitable goodness to reply & he hopes
favorably & then he will request that his Certificate
may be presented for your respectable signature for
which charitable favour your humble petitioner
Joshua Barnsley formerly of Manchester — now a
Debtor in His Majesty's Gaol the Castle of Lancaster
will ever Pray —

your petitioner begs leave to state that upwards of sixty of the most respectable
of his Cs have signed his Certificate — among whom are Messrs
Jones Fox Lloyd & Co & Messrs Brangwel Beckett & Co
Bankers — your petitioner also begs leave to say that he was in Trade
with the late Richd Milns about twenty years — under the firm of
Richd Milns & Co — Milns & Barnsley & since Mr Milns
decease — Joshua Barnsley

Lancaster Castle 11th Sept. 1813

The Honorable

The Governor of the

Bank of England

London

Post paid

11th Sept. 1843

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MANCHESTER

SEP 13

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Bank of England

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1812

		£	s.	d.
Sept.r 1	To a Journey to warwick Races, Coach fare & expen			
5	Goods bought of Thos. Herring 2.0.0 — expences 4/.		2	6
7	Goods bought of Thos. Howel 22/. & expences with Jos.h Wale 5/6		2	4
8	Going to Litchfield races - Coach fare & expr. there & back		1	7
	Goods bought of Martha Pedley		2	11
15	Do — of — Do			12
16	Do — of — Do		5	0
	Expences with Jos.h Wale		2	0
20	Jos.h Wale & myself going to Stourbridge & from thence to Warsal races. Coach fare & expences		1	8
25	Jos.h Wale & Self - to Glouster ~~fair, coach~~ fair - expences &c - 9.12.0 Goods of Bacey 24/.		7	0
Oct.r 2	Going to dudley fair with Mrs. Webster Mrs. Wales - coach fare & expences		10	16
4	Mrs. Webster & Self to Glouster & Tukesburry Races - Coach fare, expences &c		4	8
12	Goods bought of Martha Pedley & another		9	8
	a Journey with Mrs. Webster to Wedgburry Coach fare & expences		5	0
	Going to Alnecester fair with Mrs. Webster Coach fare & expences 3.12.0 Goods bought of Jos.h Smith & Ann Turner 7/		14	0
		£	58	12

		£ s. d.
Brought over		58. 12. 0
Goods bought of Conner & Gibson		1. 4. 0
Going to Stow fair in Gloustershire with Mrs Webster - Coach fare & expences £7. 0. 0 paid to Jos. Wale at Stow £2. 0. 0		9. 0. 0
Goods bought of Marson, Lucas, Henley & a Butcher		1. 13. 0
Going to Bridge North fair with Webster Coach fare & expences £6. 8. 0 Goods of Marson £1. 4. 0		7. 12. 0
Do at Birmingham with Thos. Howel & Son and Others		2. 0. 0
To Shrewsbury Sessions against Marston Mr Webster & Self expences there & back		5. 0. 0
To Warwick Assize - agst Martha Pedley		2. 16. 0
Do Thos. Herring		2. 16. 0
Do - Thos. Howel & Son		2. 16. 0
Do - Gibson & Conner		2. 16. 0
To Gloucester Assize Webster & Self agst Henley & Lucas		8. 0. 0
		£ 104. 5. 0

Cash recd for all expences except the 38 pounds given as a present as under £82. 5. 0 - Time 15 Weeks which ought to be reckoned

Amount to which you think most proper as I never have charged -

104. 5
82. 5
22. 0

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Sir

Having wrote to you some time back from this Unfortunate place of Captivity and not receiving any Answer thereto - I beg leave to lay before you the Statement of my expences in the transactions carried on by myself and others as per Account annexed, in which I feel myself intitled to your kind interferance - As I left my Accounts with Mr Pain to settle for me, as not knowing in what manner to do them myself - And I having wrote to him Mr P. & received no Answer - I therefore beg your kind compliance with my request in assisting me at this Unlucky period of my Time, & will be ~~[illegible]~~ esteemed a most signal Obligation & for wich I remain your's

Very faithfully - Dear Sir

July 9. 1813

Jos. Carr
York Castle
No 13 Old Buildings

Unpaid
Newgate

To
Thos Esqr
Solicitor to the Bank
of England
London

9 July 1813

Bank

Jn Mc Gahan Esqr

Clerk
JY 13
1813 A.M.

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London. 21 July 1812

Sir,

I have recd. yr. Lre of the 9th inst. & laid it before the Govrs & Dirs of the Bank who out of Compassion have authorized me to pay £20 if it will the means of your Liberation. They cannot go into an Acct. of your Expns &c, as those were settled & paid to you at Birmingham but they are desirous of assisting you in getting out of Gaol. I shall be at York at the Assizes & if previous to that time you can arrange with yr. Crs to obtn yr. discharge on my paying £20, I will then pay it

I am JH

Mr. Jas Carr

York Castle

21 July 1813

Bank

To Mr John Carr

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York Castle 3rd June
1813

Sir

I take the Liberty to inform you that from a very unexpected Quarter I have been arrested and am now in York Castle for a Debt scarcely amounting to £50 but which nevertheless it is not at this Time in my power to discharge My difficulties have in some measure originated from my long Devotion to the several Circumstances with which you are well acquainted and which brought me to Warwick last Spring Assizes – and what Services I rendered the Bank of E. both there and at Gloucester and Shrewsbury you are no Stranger to especially between the Months of Sept.r & December last

I was induced to abandon my proper Calling from an Impression of duty to my country and the Laws being well aware of the flagrant atrocities which were systematically committed by a daring and united Gang of Depredators – such as Coiners Committers of Forgery Utterers of Base-coin and the like; many of whom by indefatigable perseverance I had the good fortune to bring before a British Jury and the Crime was brought home to 14 or 15 at least – who either are at this Time or have already suffered the Sentence of the Law – and it may be added that the Number of Felons thus brought to Trial and proved guilty chiefly by my own unwearied exertion, exceeds what has ever before been recorded as having been effected by any one man

[illegible] in company with another Person of the Name

in the same limited space of time

However willing I might have been and however deeply I felt it my duty as it is the duty of every loyal subject to screen no crime of which he may have notorious proof, yet at my own expense it was utterly out of my power to do what was so desirable, nor could I without the assistance of others, whom I could not employ without remuneration, in several Instances bring forward the Parties, who were however ultimately brought to Justice

I am persuaded Sir that it is unnecessary for me to remind you of the obloquy to which a man exposes him, especially in a Town like Birmingham, who shall from Motives however laudable come forward prepared to unravel and trace to its source the scheme of Iniquity which I have neglected no personal trouble no expense no Stratagem untried to develope and finally to crush.

It is not in my power at this moment to lay before you for an accurate Statement of the various expenses to which I have been of necessity exposed during the Investigation of the Transactions alluded to – These expenses were incurred in the Course of a Continued Activity in various Parts of Staffordshire Warwickshire Gloucestershire and Shropshire But for the whole of which I have as yet

only received £38 ~~which [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~. Whereas I have expended as is well known to you a considerable sum in the purchase of forged Paper & Base coin in order to bring the Delinquents to Punishment. I must beg leave also to add that the whole of the Monies which have been allowed me for defraying both my own and the others who attended me to travelling expenses, including the amount of Notes and bad money which I purchased did not exceed 78£ whether more has been charged to you [illegible] on my account from another quarter you are best able to ju[illegible]

Under my present unfortunate difficulty I hope I need not apologize for the trouble I now give the exact details of my whole expenditure and receipts I am ready to prepare for your Inspection should that be deemed necessary – My solicitude on the present occasion is less for myself than my family – you Sir will appreciate my motive for approaching you so freely as I have now done and probably at your leisure think me worthy of a favorable reply – My Zeal in the Cause is not diminished but my means of serving have been for the present crippled & indeed in consequence of the malice borne me by the active part I have taken in the above Affair – I am Sir Yrs very faithfully John Carr

1.13.18

To
Thos Cooper
Solicitor
&c
Bank of England
London

3 June 1813
Bank
Jno Dobson Esqr

F25/11/37

On Board the Zeland Cutter Ship
Sheerness Sept. 25th 1818

Honoured Gentlemen

I hope you will pardon the Liberty I have taken in Communicating the following Statements to you which I was Credibly informed of a few days back by an acquaintance of mine who has been down here on a Visit to a Friend of his who is Confined here. He positively says that there is a man of the Name of John Curnen in the habit of Counterfeiting Bank of England Tokens in Company with the with some other person this John Curnen has been Convicted at the Sept. Sessions in Bucks Hall for Uttering Base Coin in Bermt and was sentenced to Six Months Imprisonment in Newgate in Company with another person of the name of Davis; this Curnen went at this time by the name of John Downs he was Secondly Convicted and sentenced to Twelve Months Imprisonment at the Old Baily Sessions in Octr 1811 for Stealing two old Shirts out of a Cellar in Monmouth Street and finding Six Bank Dollars in his possession which time he served in the House of Correction; at this time I believe he went by the name of Kelly, I am informed that he lives in one of the Courts adjoining Chick Lane and Cow Lane West Smithfield he is about five feet nine inches high well made and pitted with the Small Pox, he frequents the Public House Called the George in Chick Lane, I am informed that he does not work where he and wife lives but rents a Garret for the purpose Elsewhere at some Distance from the place and that he passes for a Working or Cutting Jeweller my Wife has sent me an acct. some time back that it failed her to make out his Lodging as she was fully Determined to watch him to his Garret and then give you Information but she says if he wd meet her in the Street that he wd not speak to her no more than to Call her an Informer if in her power which I am sure he said told him and to Every other person that was in that line of Business, that she was Determined to have them all taken up and from that time since she is very Careful in passing the Streets lest any of their people would murder her she says she is Continually on the watch after this Curnen

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This Poor Man has been Six Years a Prisoner in Newgate and was therefore
Tried at the January Sessions in 1812 for the Charge of Counterfeiting Dollars
But Declares to you as a Christian Gentleman that I never in my life time made or Counterfeited
a Dollar or any other Sort of Coin for in fact the Person that worked at such unfortu
nate Business in the Garret of my House wd. not admit me into the room while
Casting, but must Confess I was well Inclined to see the Work Done and I also
allow that I must be as Bad nearly as him Whereas I assisted in filing and selling
this Bare money and that I have Justly Deserved the Sentence I have got but at that
time did not know the Danger of it If I did I surely would not be Guilty of it or Can it
in the power of the Law to Separate me from five Children which I have in Ireland
which I had by my first wife which is a Sorrowful Tale for them

Gentlemen Should be Inclined to Intercede
the Clemency of Parliament otherwise I am not
in my Power to Procure a Pardon
Shall an opportunity of Sending this
by Hand to Town to Publish this Unfortunate
Case

To Professor Christian Esq
Bank Buildings
London

Dennis O'Connor

Honoured Gentlemen Should you think proper to Interpose in my behalf so as
to procure me a pardon I wd. forfeit my Existence in less than Six months after
being Discharged from my present Situation that I would Cause this Carreen to
be apprehended when at Work and if there be any more of the same Character
in Town besides getting no less than two or Three Ottlers of Bare money also
apprehended. And so far as wd. lead to their Conviction I am almost sure I would
Clear the Town of the most part of them Rascals. I hope Gentlemen you will be pleased to
favour me with your answer and opinion to this and you will oblige your most
devoted and most Distressed and Unfortunate Servt
Dennis O'Connor

F25/11/38

Stafford prison
26 March 1844

Mr Kaye Sir

I have it now in my power to inform you of a person that has been in the habits of passing bad notes long before the death of Booth – I have been told of it since I came into this prison that Booth should say that he had been a customer of his & that you may depend upon it that if you will promise me by letter that you will not name who gave you the information I will immediately give you the name the person is one most likely he will offer one to pay his setting. There is also a jeweller in Edinborough that I believe does more in that way than any man in the united Kingdoms – he takes from 4 to 5 hundred pounds Notes at one time

he generally comes ~~to~~ or sends to Birmingham about a week after the Warwick assizes but in what way he gets them away it not in my power — but should I be able to know I will immediately give you information, the people who let me have them unfortunately having frequently told me about what a great many he took — some times he sends a woman I was at the house when she was there, at least they told me so after she was gone — I am very confident now, that was I to be at large only three weeks I could give Mr Sherrier that information that he might take them at the time they were making them — but that is impossible for me to be at large though God knows in my heart I would never act either unworthy of myself or offend the laws of my Country — but it is proper that they should be taken up, as they are now of so good a quality — you may depend upon it, that the temptation will be so great that there will be more suffer than ever tho' I could by seeing them in Birmingham positively tell you where the paper is made. It would most assuredly be the happiest moment of my life if I could see those Monsters brought to Justice that destroys the peace of fa[illegible] and murders so many, was it not for them putting temptation in their way. I will answer your letter as soon as I receive it —

Remaining Sir a repenting prisoner

Your most Obt

Henry Moore

Honoured Gentlemen I beg to inform you that I shall be unable to receive the money on the

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Joseph Kayes Esqre
New Bank buildings
London

Jas Mc A Mann

Bank 26 March 1811

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New Bank Buildings London
29 March 1814

Sir,

I have rec.d your Letter of the 26th inst.t – I shall be ready to receive any information you may be enabled to communicate on the Subject mentioned in your Letter, without disclosing your name as the Person giving the information.

I am Sir yr hble Serv.t

J K

Mr. Henry Moore
a Prisoner in the Gaol
Stafford

Bank 29 March 1811

To Mr Hy Mare

F25/11/40.

Sir

Stafford 5 April 1811

I duly recev'd your favour and I will now tell you the name. Thomas Carp Cheese factor. the firm of Carp and Lascetter. Carp himself is a Maltster and Liquor Merchant in Uttoxeter. Staffordshire & he frequently has a five pound note returned — Any other information respecting him or any person concerned in that abominable traffic you may depend upon having the earliest information I have recev'd one letter from the party that I recev'd the notes off which offence I am now confined for. and have given it into the hands of Pickett of Litchfield — am &c Your mo obt Sr

Henry Moore

STAFFORD
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Joseph Kage Esq.
New Bank buildings
London

London 17 April 1844

F25/11/41

Stafford 6 April 1844

Mr Kaye
Sir

I have an opportunity of giving your more information respecting the passing Forged notes I hope you will be silent as to the informa and then I & per I shall be able to give you more — the three first are concerned together. Robert Cresswell he keeps a public house at Burton upon Trent. he generally pays them to boatmen upon the Canal. the next is named Holmes he lives near the said Cresswell. the third is named Joshua Athins he is head Coach Porter to the Swan with two necks. Lad lane. the above three are old hands at the trade. and well known. I have been told by a person that Athins offered them too and he said he could help them to some at any time.

London 19 April 1842

~~There~~ Crepswell has them from Birmingham
my Author that told me said that Crepswell was
then gone to get some — He supplies both Holmes
and Atkins they have saved a deal of money by
the trade — the way to take Atkins is to get
change at the Coach office for a £ note if you
get change for a one note he will give some
bad retale. Crepswell must be taken in that
way there is also a woman that lives at
Lymm about 14 miles from Manchester that
pays a considerable number of £ notes forged
to the boatmen — her name is Mary Wooton
her trade all lies with people that travel the
line — I hope you will not be offended with me
writing to you but I promised when taken before
you that I would give you all the information
which lay in my power — I hope to God that you
may be able to take them — not a pence if you
require any more information from me respecting
the above named parties will be happy to
render all my assistance —

Remaining Sir
Your most obt Servt
Henry Moore

Mr Spurrier being very frequently out I wrote
to you — well knowing you would not name
the informer.

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Joseph Kaye Esq
New bank buildings
London

Bank
Jun 11th 1816

you are desirous of

F25/11/42 Stafford 15th April 1844

Mr Kaye

Sir

Since writing to you last I can give you another account of seven more people who are now passing forged notes purporting to be bank of England James and John Tunnicliff of Ashbourne in Derbyshire Wibbely keeps the Bowling green in Uttoxeter they are all three connected together the two Tunnicliffs go about the country as horse dealers and while James buys the other carries the bills the third may be taken by getting change for a five pound note the next three live at Uttoxeter father and two sons their names are Wiggins the father and one son go about with a fish cart the other has a small farm and butchers a little now and then to Birmingham as a cloak the plan you may adopt to take them must be left to your superior judgment. But I can assure you the Birmingham police cannot take them and if I was to be allowed ever to

have a personal interview with you, I could very soon convince you that that is the real case — Nor will that Police ever be able to detect any great number as long as it continues as it is — Mr Spurrier I am sure does not know the cause, nor very few people except myself and one of the party. And I assure you I will never disclose it, except to yourself as when I was with you and first taken I told you I would tell you, and do all in my power to give you information — And that I will do as long as I live — but I will never commit it to paper — I was once told by the engraver of the plates that there was one way it would be possible to prevent so large an extent upon the Bank, as the expence would be too great for them to do it. And he gave me to understand what it was — I told him I would not tell — I should wish to disclose

hich you are desirous of communicating

to you – but no man except yourself shall
ever have it from me – I am confident it would
answer – and prevent number of lives being taken
away by that abominable traffic. You may be
fully aware that unless the above statements
were grounded upon facts, that I should not
express myself so fully confident that by persuing
you may not only detect the parties that are
employed in passing them, but also in making
And they being of a better quality at this time than
ever they were, people are the more liable to take
them – Any information I can give a service to the
Company will most assuredly do. but I again say I
will give the Birmingham people no notice –
Pickett of Litchfield is the best man you can appoint
you may depend he will take no bribe – Am Sir
To Joseph Kaye Esq.

Your most humble Prisoner
Henry Moore

London

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[illegible] a chart took out among st

Joseph Kaye Esq
New Bank Buildings
London

Chas. Moore
15 Mar 1814

Sir,

London 19 April 1814

I have received your Letter of the 18th inst Communicating to me the names of several Persons engaged in the Circulation of forged Bank Notes, and informing me that you have further important information to give which you are desirous of communicating to me personally. It is not in my power to attend you at Stafford for that purpose, & therefore I wish you to commit to writing what you have to say & transmit it to me by the Post. If you are afraid of your Letters being opened, I will write to the Undersheriff to give directions that your Letters to me may pass unopened.

I am &c J K

Mr Henry Moore

Gaol

Stafford

F25/11/43

19 April 1816

Bank

To Mr. Hy Moore

Stafford 25th April 1811

Mr Kaye

Sir

Since writing to you last I have received a letter through the medium of the Birmingham post office, from the people that assisted me to the forged bills, for which I am now an unfortunate prisoner — And as such have thought it proper to send you a Copy — I wrote to them prior to my having this letter, because Mr Spurrier said that those people whom I had them off would not take any notice of me during the time I was confined — In fact I am told by the turn keys that they have been once at the Prison — And I hope you will give strict orders for them to give a sharp look out amongst them this next few weeks, as there are more carriers of forged Notes about Birmingham just after the Assize than any other time — Any information I can give you, will do it to yourself — [illegible] — If what I do will [illegible]

with very great pleasure – And should I at any future
period be liberated should be very glad to be
appointed a police in the Country where about
I resided before I was a prisoner – as I am very sure
that Prickett and myself could bring the major
of them to Justice – and I have no doubt, but
what Prickett and myself could take the
Makers – in fact we should have taken them
before had we not been prevented by Ingleby
Mr Spurrier's partner + Any thing any very
thing I asseriyou I can prove – with great
truth – I hope you may be so fortunate as to
be able to take some of the persons I handed you
the names – they being old offenders – I would
wish you to know Ottoxeter is a noted place
for dealers in bad bills and Money –

To Joseph Kaye Esq Am Sir Your most obt servt
London Henry Moore

Copy of a letter received this Morning –

Dear friend i received your letter saying you had a friend wishing me to make him a pair of boots i am always glad to make boots or shoes for old customers, or if a new customer comes with a friend i can make him a pair but I never work for any body i do not know, if you come with him i will measure and he may have a pair in a few hours as I do not make them at home. me and my Mrs drank and had a bottle of black strap with my friends on Sunday night we drank good luck to you we wish us we said we should like to see you at birmingham once again, the boots are the best leather we ever had the leather was so mellow

Tipton 19 March 1844 Yours &c J. S.
I suppose he made a mistake in the Month

Billy said you would split the pole

The above is the general way in which he writes at least gets his friend as the man himself can neither read nor write.

Chief Deskhorse Officer [illegible]

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Stamford
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Joseph Kaye Esq
New Bank buildings
London

Stamford
Jun 10th Mon

21 Jun 1810

On Board the Cat[illegible]

Mr Kaye
Jun

Stafford 22nd April
1819

This morning recd your favor dated 19. and prior to receiving it had forwarded the one you will receive the day before this. In regard to communications to you thro' the medium of post office - I most assuredly wonder do it to you in that way, but I assure you I took a solemn Oath at the time I had the information given me that I would not write to any person saying what it was. Now to convince you that I wish to give you every information properly - If you will write to the Sheriff to suffer me to come up to you with a constable - say Pocket as he conducted me down. If what I detail you is not to your satisfaction and advantage to the Company of the Bank of England. I will pay all

the expenses up and down. And if you will appoint Pickett to attend me, I will engage to take two of the principle manufacturers in Birmingham as we return. The cause of my naming Pickett, he knows the plan I should adopt in taking them — And if you write to him he will convince you that it is possible to do it. I beg you reply to this letter as if you accord with my plan I must apply to my friends for their assistance in finding me some money to defray the expense, my affairs being in an embarrassment when taken and since which time have and are being sold for the benefit of my creditors — But I am sure my friends will advance the needful for the journey in question. And you may feel fully satisfied by my assertion that the Birmingham police cannot take them. For the best of all reasons —

I would engage to forfeit my life of myself and another person — say a stranger — could not take them in three days after I have seen you and given you the plates that they are made from — The engraver of the plates is not only at the head of the making the forged notes, but is absolutely the general receiver of the major part of Cash notes that are stolen in the Country — and very frequently — some of those that are stolen in London — I must leave the full explanation of this plan entirely to your judgment — adding at the same time if my punishment should even expire whilst I am in health and strength to go about if you will allow me a situation in the Country to take up the papers and manufacturers of notes — As it would be the greatest wish of my life to excell others in taking people of that description.

Waiting your reply as soon as convenient I am Sir

Your most obt Servt

Henry Moore

Joseph Kaye Esq.
New Bank Buildings
London

Dawe
To Mr Phillimore

22 June 1815

Copy of the Report of the Committee of the Bank of England on the Resolutions of the Committee of the Bank of England

Sir,

I have rec.d your Lr of yesterday. The Undersheriff cannot permit you to leave the Gaol in Custody of an Officer & therefore no Communication can be made by you to me except in writing. If you chuse to send any of your friends to Birmingham to deal with the Fabricators of the Notes, you may try what can be done in that way but you cannot be permitted to go there yourself

I am &c

J.K.

N. B – B.

23 April 1816

Mr. Henry Moore

Gaol

Oxford

23 April 1814

Bank

To Mr Hy Moore

On Board the Captivity
Hulk, Portsmouth
— Harbour

Honor'd Sir!

My unfortunate situation will, I hope, plead in my favour; for thus troubling You. I was tried in February last, at the Old Bailey Sessions with a Man of the Name of Thos. Borham, for uttering Forged Notes, on the Bank of England, and being Convicted, was sent to this Ship, 'til another is ready to convey me to Botany Bay which is expected shortly — as I have not the regular mode of making application

most humbly throw myself on Your Goodness, trusting that, You will interpose and Tender me some little assistance previous to my leaving the Country, as I am in the greatest distress and have not a Friend on Earth, who Can in any way relieve me — and for such goodness, shall with the utmost gratitude, for ever Pray —

With every respect
I am Sir
Your most Obedt, and
very humble Servant
Thos. Smith

June 2nd
1811

H. Hase Esq.
Bank of England
London

Chas.

Jun 29 1814

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29 June 1814

Jno. Ale Smith
& Co. Alnwick

Bank of England Archive (F25/11)

On Board the Captivity Hulk
Portsmouth Harbour

Sir!

My truly distressing situation is the only apology I have to offer for the liberty I take in thus troubling You

You doubtless recollect my conviction at the February sessions last in the Old Bailey in Company with John Borcham — and as I am in expectation of shortly leaving this Country and being much distressed by that You will take my unhappy Case into Your consideration, and use Your interest

with the Gentlemen of the Bank of England to render me a little pecuniary assistance - I would not thus intrude but from the greatest necessity and have not in the world a Friend to whom I can apply for relief - the favor of an answer will confer the greatest obligation on Sir

Your most obedient and Humble Servant

Thos. Smith

June 14th 1814

To
- Lees Esq.

Lees Esq.
Bank of England
London

F25/11/49.

On Board the Captivity hulk
Portsmouth Harbour.

Gentlemen,

I have most humbly to intreat your Pardon for thus intruding; but when I make you acquainted with my distressed, and miserable circumstances, I trust and hope your humanity, and Generosity will need no other apology; I was in February Sessions last, at the Old Bailey, convicted in Company of a Man of the Name of John Boreham for having in our Possession a Quantity of Forge Bank of England Notes; and received the sentence of Fourteen Years Transportation,

I am now, on Board the above Ship waiting the arrival of a Ship that is to convey Convicts, from this Country to Botany Bay; and which is daily expected to arrive.

I have most earnestly to implore Your commiseration; and trust that You Gentlemen, will, so represent, my situation that, I may be, in some measure assisted by some Pecuniary Relief; having no Friends living, who can, in any Way assist me; I am totally at a loss to whom to apply, but hope that in case it does not remain with You, to grant me any Relief, You will be pleased, to inform me to whom, and in what manner, I am to apply, and such information will be most thankfully, received and acknowledged by an unfortunate Man; who with the utmost Contrition for his Offence begs leave most Humbly to

subscribe himself

Gentlemen!

Your most obedient

and very humble Servant

Thos. Smith

July 15th 1814

To

Mess. Freshfield Esqrs

Kay & Freshfield Esqrs
(Solicitors)
Bank of England
London

Bristol

15 July 1814

Dear Sir

Yours truly

Geo. Smith

Geo. Smith

Sir

Having been convicted at the Assizes held at Lancaster (Septr 1811) before Sir Allan Chambre Kn^t one of the Judges for the Court of Common Pleas on a charge of uttering Notes with intent to defraud the Governor and Co of the Bank of England and received sentence of transportation for the term of fourteen Years

I am still suffering the said sentence on board the Portland (Hulk) on the Portsmouth Station, having made application to Lord Sidmouth, to Sir Allan Chambre, and to the Captains of the respective Hulks to carry the said sentence into execution (by sending me out of the Country) without effect, as five different Ships have sailed with Convicts from Portsmouth for New South Wales, since my conviction and I continue to be detained

As the state of my health, owing to my Age ( ) and infirmities of Body, are such, that continuing me in confinement at the Hulks will be certain death to me, being unable to bear the severity of the Climate. I take this liberty humbly, to implore you will be pleased to take compassion on my present unhappy situation and interest yourself on my behalf, to procure an Order for my being sent away to a Warmer Climate, where, I hope to have an opportunity to pass the remainder of my Existence in Repentance and preparation for another and a better life —

My present debility of

body will I hope plead my apology for this Intrusion, and hoping you will be pleased to seriously consider my situation & alievcate my sufferings in obtaining my earnest request

With the greatest Submission

I beg permission to remain

Sir

Your obt. hble Servt

William Allen

Portland Hulk
June 16th 1814

Westwood Esqr.

Westwood Esq.

Messrs. Kayes Frenchfields

Princes Street Bank

London

No. 2

Bank

15 Jun 1817

Jn. W. Allen

F25/11/51

Mr Beckett presents his compliments to Messrs Kaye Freshfield and Kaye, and by desire of Lord Sidmouth has to request that they will furnish for his Lordship's information the facts of the transaction, out of which the Prosecution against Ann Harris, took place.

Whitehall
2 Novr 1803

2 Nov: 1813

Bank

Rex v. Ann Harris

fm Mr Beckett

Whitehall 20 October 1803

Gentlemen

I am directed by Lord Sidmouth to transmit to You the within Petition of Susanna Knapp on behalf of Ann Harris a Prisoner in the Gaol at Worcester under Sentence of Transportation for having in her possession forged Bank Notes; and I am to desire that You will submit the same to the Governor and Directors of the Bank, and acquaint Me for his Lordship's information with Your Sentiments thereupon.

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

J. Beckett.

Mess.rs Kaye Freshfield &c.

20 Oct 1813

Bank

Jm J Beckett Esq.

resp.g Ann Harris

Sir

In ans.r to yr Letter of yesterday requesting information of the hour & on which the Prosecution of Ann Harris took place,

~~We submitted to the Gov.r~~

& Directors of the Bank of England your Letter of the 20.th inst & the Petition of Susanna Knapp on behalf of Ann Harris a Prisoner in the Gaol at Worcester under sentence of transportation for having in her possession forged

~~Bank Notes & We are ordered~~ we beg leave

to state for the information of Lord Sidmouth, so much of the Case against the Prisoner as will enable his Lordship to determine, how far ~~it will~~ it will be proper to interpose any further extension of favor.

~~Bank of the Bank~~ —

In October 1809 the Prisoner resided at Birmingham, & on the 18.th of that Month she went to Worcester, where she uttered to two Tradesmen, two forged £1 Notes & offered another

upon the subject

forged £1 Note to three other Tradesmen successively, each informing her that the Note was forged & the last desiring her to leave the Town immediately.

A Constable soon afterwards followed the Prisoner out of the Town & apprehending her, he found, upon her person the forged Note she had so repeatedly offered, together with 1 Guinea & 5 Seven shilling pieces in Gold, a quantity of Silver & some half pence and in her Basket the Constable found Parcels of Tea, Sugar, Tobacco Blue & Soap, which she had purchased at different Shops, she was questioned how she came by those Articles, ~~& whether she had change~~ she ~~to~~ said she had bought them & had changed Gold to pay for them, & that she had not paid away any Note in Worcester, & had offered but the one found upon her, which she had received that Morning from her Husband.

The Prisoner was indicted for uttering & publishing one of the Notes as true, knowing it to be forged, which you are aware is a Capital offence — She was also indicted for ~~in her possession~~ having one of these Notes, which she had in fact paid away, & to the latter indictment she pleaded Guilty; upon which the Counsel for the Prosecution, pursuing the merciful disposition of her Prosecutors, offered no Evidence upon the Capital charge & she received the Sentence which the Legislature considered to be the proper one, for the offence to which she had pleaded Guilty. —

It is stated to us that the Prisoner & her Husband had been before transported, but you will have the best

means of information upon that fact.

We have the honor to be

Sir

&c

N.B.B. 3 Novr 27 Oct 1813

3 Nov 1813

Bank

Rec d Ann Harris

To

S. Brockett Esq.

S Brockett Esq

&c &c &c

F25/11/54

Sir

We are desired by the Gov. & Directors of the Bank of England to state that having considered the communication with which Lord Sidmouth favored them, through you, of the Petition inclosed on behalf of Ann Harris a Prisoner in Worcester Gaol, they are of Opinion that they ought not to interfere in the matter of the said Petition, except to afford any explanation Lord Sidmouth may wish upon the facts of the transaction out of which the prosecution arose, & which we are directed to furnish upon ~~receiving~~ learning his Lordship's pleasure upon the subject

We are &c

N.B. B. 29 Oct 1813

John Beckett Esq

29 Oct 1823

Bank

To

John Beckett Esq

Recd of ~~Sarah~~ Saml Harris

Ship Boxing Mithra March 24th 1815

Sir we the two unfortunate men under Mentioned take this liberty of addressing your Honour to Solicit your Friendship and hoping you will be so good as forward us the Bounty which is allowed by Government for unfortunate men in our Situation we was Tried at Lancaster Assizes August 31st 1814 and transported for Life and in so doing we Shall be bound for your Honour ever to Pray

Thomas Roberts
John M.Carr

Sir we are now on Board of the Bay Ship therefore we humbly Solicit your Answer

F25/11/55

To
Mr. J. Key
Solicitor of the Bank
Inner Bank Buildings
London

30 APR 30
1815

Bank
Mr John McQueen

Mr Robert
Mr Thos. McQueen

Feby 4th 1815

Sir

Humbly imploring your pardon for this Intrusion, occasioned solely by the deplorable condition to which I am reduced. I take the liberty to state my unhappy situation, and to entreat your humane and Compassionate interference with Lord Sidmouth, to procure forme the fulfillement of my sentence and thereby alleviate my misery, or to induce His Lordship to consider me an Object deserving of Royal mercy by granting a Remission of my Sentence

I was convicted at the Assizes held at Lancaster in Sept.r 1811, before the Rt. Hon.ble Sir Allen Chambre Knt. one of His Majesty's Judges of the Court of Common Pleas on a Charge of uttering One ~~Two~~ One Pound Note, with intent to defraud the Governor & Co. of the Bank of England, and sentenced to suffer transportation for the term of fourteen years, under which Sentence I have been since suffering, confined onboard His Majestys Hulk Portland on the Portsmouth station

Since my Confinement I have been most seriously afflicted

with indisposition occasioned by an inward complaint which prevents me having the same priveledge (with other prisoners) of employment on shore, and being unable to bear the severity of the cold climate, I have made repeated application to be sent out of the Country with other Convicts that have saild for New South Wales (to have taken the Benefit of a Warmer climate to restore my health) but without success (altho Seven Ships have saild with Convicts from this ship since my arrival) and my pecuniary Circumstances being such, as to enable me to provide myself comfortably with necessaries, both during my Voyage, and also on my arrival at the Colony, and the great affliction and misery I now suffer under my confinement which must ultimately terminate my existence long before the fulfilment of my sentence

Under these Circumstances do I humbly beg leave to solicit your humane interference on my behalf with his Lordship, either to give direction for the fulfilment of my Sentence, by inserting my Name, with those intended to be sent away in the next Convict Ship, or to be pleased to consider my long confinement, my serious indisposition by it, and be thereby influenced to grant me a Remission of Sentence, to enable me to try the effects of a warmer Climate myself

I humbly hope you will condescend to acquaint me with your sentiments the first convenient opportunity, and apologizing for this liberty, for reasons before stated

With the greatest respect

I beg Permission to remain

Sir

Your Obliged Hble Serv.

William Allen

Portland Gaol

nr Portsmouth

Westwood Esq.

Wt Westwood Esq.
Messrs. Kaye & Freshfields
Solicitors Bank
Princes Street
London

Franked
Jas Mills Atty

4 Feby 1845

Portland Hulk
Langstone Harbour
23rd Augt 1815

Gentlemen

The following Names having been communicated to me as persons vending forged Bank of England Notes & Tokens, I have taken the earliest opportunity of informing you of the same. altho I am aware that you frequently are in possession of better information on such subjects, than is at all times obtained from the Hulks.

John Holmes .. Cow Lane Ridley. in Staffordshire
a Vender of Notes —

John Lark .. Queen Square. Oldham (No. 7)
a Dealer in Bank Tokens

Jos^h Selby. No 27. Narrow Marsh. Nottingham keeps the Loggerheads Public House a Dealer in Bank of England Notes

Mr Smith.. Button Maker. Bosley Street Birmingham — a Fabricator of Notes & Tokens —

N.B. They are made at Yeaton. four Miles towards Sutton —

My informant says, that with Lark & Holmes, the Name of Jno Smith of Manchester (Auctioneer) must be made use of. & the person that goes to them must go as a licensed Hawker — It may be necessary to observe here - that Jno Smith was Transported for 14 Years for having in his possession Goods, belonging to Rea & Lomas of Manchester. which was stolen from their Premises when on Fire — Smith embarked Yesterday for N S Wales. his Wife was here about 3 Weeks ago. & since her return to Manchester. has been put to Bed. in the Family way — I have said thus much of Smith. as it may serve as a Clue to the person making use of his Name to Lark & Holmes —

The Name of Thos Burton of Cryglestone near Wakefield Must be mentioned. to Jos^h Selby. he was a Hawker & put up at Selbys house a fortnight at a time Burton was Convicted at York on the 1st of last March

John & James Newsome & their Father. are all Hawkers from Dewsbury. near Wakefield. with Cloth & Blankets. & used Selbys House —

~~For~~ Jo. Smith of Birmingham. the Name of Jno Hutchins must be mentioned. who also went by the Nick Name. of Show a light. —

Hutchins was convicted at Warwick on the 8th of last April. — Both. Burton & Hutchins are sent to N S Wales.

The above is the Particulars of the information given to me. which I shall immediately forward for Your Perusal. — & shall at all times

be ready to render every assistance in my power on similar subjects –

I am
Gentlemen,
Your Most
Obedient Servant
S. Owen
Commander of the Fleet

To
Messrs Kaye & Freshfield
5-5 –

Bank
Fr. S. Owen Esq
23 Aug. 1835

Sir

London 25 Augt 1815

We received your Letter of the 23d instant and are much obliged to you for the information contained in it, the Names of some of the Parties are known to us

We are &c

J. Owen Esq
Portland Hulk
Langston Harbour

Post Paid

25 Aug. 1815

Bank

Ts. Coventry

F25/11/59

Langston Harbour Augt 21st 1815

Hon^d Sir

I humbly implore your pardon for this liberty, but being unfortunately now on the eve of departing from this Country under the deplorable sentence of fourteen years transportation (which sentence I received at the Sessions held at the Old Bailey in February last, on pleading Guilty to a Charge of Feloniously uttering Bank Notes (forged) with intent to defraud the Governor &c of the Bank of England) I humbly entreat permission to submit the following Statement for your Consideration

I was unfortunately in Company with Stalard and Giles at the time that they uttered the Notes, but without my knowledge of their Business or connections with them, neither did I know any thing thereof untill my apprehension, but having unfortunately only left the Hulk at Woolwich a short time previous, my Character was suspected, and caused me, at the persuasion of my Friends to plead Guilty, altho I most solemnly assure you Hon^d Sir of my entire ignorance of the Business,

The above Hon^d Sir is a true statement of the unhappy Business for which I am now innocently suffering, and myself involved a second time into the lowest abyss of human misery, with a distressed and unhappy Wife, who by my seperation from her is reduced to the greatest distress

I therefore under these deplorable Circumstances most

humbly implore your Compassion for my unfortunate situation, and your humane intercession on my behalf with Lord Sidmouth, to induce His Lordship to take my unhappy case into his consideration, and grant me a remission or Mitigation of Sentence, thereby enabling me to return and by honest and laudable industry to become an useful member of Society

Entreating your Pardon for this Intrusion, and most humbly imploring your humane compassion for my distressed situation and your intercession to procure me alleviation, most respectfully

I beg permission to Remain

Hon^d Sir

Your obliged & very Hble Servt

Mark Brown

Portland Hulk
Langston Harbour
Augt 21. 1815

Westwood Esqre

Westwood Esq.re
New Bank Buildings
near Coleman Street
London

Urgent

Bank
Jas Hall Treasr

21 July 1815

28 Sept. 1815

Mark Pannings

Mark Brown

London 23 Augt 1815

We received your letter of the 21st instant which has been laid before the Governor & Directors of the Bank who ~~decline~~ refuse to comply with your request

M Pt K

Mark Brown
Portland Hulk
Langston Harbour

Post Paid

25 Aug. 1815

Bank

T. Mark Brown

Honr d Sir

I trust I shall be pardoned for the intrusion of thus addressing a line for your feeling Consideration in which I beg to relate that I am the Lawfull Wife of the unfortunate Mark Brown now on Board His Majesty Hulks Langston Harbour under a sentence of Transportation for the term of fourteen Years. the circumstances of his unhappy Case having so lately appear'd before You, it may need no further notice here. then for me to Express my Grateful acknowledgments for the interference you made with the Governor and Company of the Bank to save his Life. Permit me Sir to request your further attention in relating my most anxious desire, if possible to be permitted to go with him and in which I am directed

to prepare a Petition to the Rt Honble Lord Sidmouth praying such Grant we being both Young and at present in Good health, and bearing an honest Character until this fatal Event,

From the Expences incurred added to my being in want of regular Employ my situation is truly bad and wish humbly to submit whether the Honorable Company will be pleased to take to their humane Consideration my destitute condition and bestow upon me a little relief whereby I can redeem my necessary Cloaths I have been compelled to pledge that when I obtain a Grant to go, I may appear decent such a Mark of your Favour will be gratefully felt by

Sir Your Obedt Very Hble Servt

Maria Brown

Mr Westwood

Bank Solicitor

Bank

Threadneedle Street

F25/11/62

Mr. Kay

I take the Libberty of Writing to you Informing you, that I have Rec.d a Letter from Mr. Higgins on the 20 of April, saying that he had informed you, of the Information which I had given in. and my Plan of Detection: I could wished to have seen you myself before my Removal, to the Hulks:
Has I can give much information to you, or any Propor Person, you can Fix upon. but I could have wished to seen you myself. I can give you Particolour account wheir the Paper is maid and who makes it. Has I know at this ~~the~~ time the Persons which you think is out way — I know they are at work.
This which I know Write to you. you may relay upon. has I can come Forward with more than you can expect I can do. In Regard to the Assistance of the Bank of England.

Has thair is at this time, Forged One Pound Bank of England Notes. more than ever was, has they are chiefley ones which they Forge at this time; has you will find out of yourself Mr. Kay if you think it worthey of notice have the goodness to answer this by Return of Post. and your Plan of Proposals for doing the same:

I am Your Obt. Servant
Edmd. Bamford

Captivity Portsmouth Harbour
24th May 1815

[illegible] May 1818

Bank

To Edw: Bamford

F25/11/64

Mr Kaye,

Sir,

I have seen Mr Glover and he informs me that you have Answered my Letter. but I have not as yet Recd it. He wished me to give him the Information which I new concerning the Forgeries of Kapor. and all concerned in it. which I certainly should have done. had not Mr Higgins Promised me that I should have some thing done for me for the little Information which I gave in. and I have not heard of any thing as yet done, for me; for what I informed of was all good. but I cept from the Heads of it. Affraid that nothing would be done for me. as if any thing had been done for me, I certainly would have come Forwards. and given Information of the whole - and if I had come Forwards and given Mr Glove the whole of the Information. I still must remain in my Situation.

Mr. Kaye If you wish me to be of any Service to the Bank of England, which I certainly can be of great service at this time. all that you have to do, is to get me my Pardon as soon as Possible. And upon so doing I will give you such Information which will give you and the Bankers Satisfaction — Moreover If it will be of any more service I will go with any Proper Person or Persons to the Place or Places where the Paper is made and when at work — and likewise to Boye — Paper from them, which is to make the Forged Notes of, at the same time I will Introduce them, to all who deals With them Forged Notes — as thair is a great many very Respectable Persons. and Men of Property which would not be supposed to do — as you will find that — thair is more Small Forged Notes in Circulation than ever was. —

Mr. Kaye

The crime which I now am Convicted for, is for Assisting in Selling Stolen, Cotton Goods: which thair is Men on Board this Hulk. that both Stole the Goods, and sold them, which I am Convicted for. This they ~~we do~~ will Testify — that I never had any consern in the goods at all.

I am Your Obt. Servant
Edwd. Ramsford

Captivity Hulk
May 31st 1815

Rec.d 1-6-15
of E. Bamford
T.G.

Messrs. Kaye
Solrs. to the Bank
of England
New Bank Buildings
London

31 March 1815
Jhon Ashburnham

The Information of Edmund Bamford a Prisoner on board the Captivity Hulk in Portsmouth Harbour, taken 1st June 1815.

Who saith, that he has been convicted at Lancaster for assisting in selling stolen cotton goods, & is sentenced to 7 Years Transportation that he has served on board the said Hulk about 8 Months, & that if he was at liberty, he could deal, or introduce any Another person, to the undermentioned, who are to his knowledge Dealers & utterers of Forged Bank Notes.

Wholesale Dealers

David Hollinrake, makes the Mould for the Paper & the Paper Moulds are kept at his house.

John Stansfield of Holme near Hepton Bridge supplies the Pulp -

John Holding near Todmorden assists -

Thos Foldes Birmingham

George Welch, Newton Lane Manchester

John Walmsley - of Ashton

Edward Lord, New Church, Rosendale.

Utterers

John Butterworth - Publican of Green Gate near Littleborough

John Binns - Vane & Hounds Rochdale

William Brierly - woollen manufacturer - Littleboro

James Boden - keeps the Buck at Oldham

James Greenwood, a Publican near Rochdale

The above Persons are worth considerable Property & are well acquainted with some of the Constables in the Neighborhood.

J. Glover

1st June 1815

Insp.n of Adm.l Bamford

a Pris.r on board the

Captivity Hulk

Portsmouth Harbour

Copy sent to Mr Nadin 13th June 1816

William Anderton Lees Near Oldham Cotton Manufactoror. Dealer in Notes and Utterer.

Wm Hafsall, Millgate Manchester. Dealer and Utterer. Shop Keeper. the above Man is Joined with Hafsall in Dealing.

Wm Hafsall was been Troyed for Notes at Lancr.

Wm Filling Publican at Sign of Blew Ball Near Bacup. Utterer.

James Crabtree Publican Signe of Dog and Patridge Near Todmorden Yorkshire. Dealer and Utterer.

John Bolton. Shopkeeper. Hepton Bridge Near Hallifax. Utterer.

Thos Knowles Publican. Sign of Sittizen Rochdale. Utterer.

John Simpson Publican Sign of Nelsons Arms. Rochdale. Utterer.

Edwd Whitehead Cotton Manufactoror Rochdale Utterer.

Simon Slip Shop Keeper Todmorden Utterer. and Conected with Holding.

Edwd Hill Taylor Near Blagborn Utterer.

Richard Lord Wollen Manufactoror Bacup. Utterer.

F25/11/66.

Jonathan Milnes Publican Sign of ~~Green~~ Green Man near Rochdale. Utterer.

Thos. Reidfearn Publican Sign of ~~Red~~ Reid Lyon Small Bridge near Rochdale Utterer.

John Whittiker Printer Bathiff Bridge Near Bury. Utterer.

Mr Kaye

All the above Names which I give you Information of. I hope you will find Correct. as well as that I gave Mr Glover. and for any other Information which you are not acquainted with I am Willing to serve you in all I can.

I am, Yrs. Hble Servt
Edmd Bamford

Captivity Hulk
June 12th 1815

Mr Kaye
Solicitor to the Bank of England
New Bank Buildings
London

PORTSMOUTH
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12 June 1852

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Inclose Charles

London 14th June 1815.

Sir,

On the other side we transmit you Copy of a Letter we have recd. from Edmd. Bamford a Convict on Board the Hulks, who we believe is known to you. As it may possibly lead you to the discovery & detection of some utterers of forged Bank Notes, we think it right to put you in possession of all the information recd. from him. If any thing shoud result from it we beg to hear from you.

We are &c. K F & K

Mr Nadin
Police Office
Manchester.

F25/11/67

14 June 1815

Bank

Thos McNadin

Castle Yard Walk Sept 10th 1815

Mr Kaye

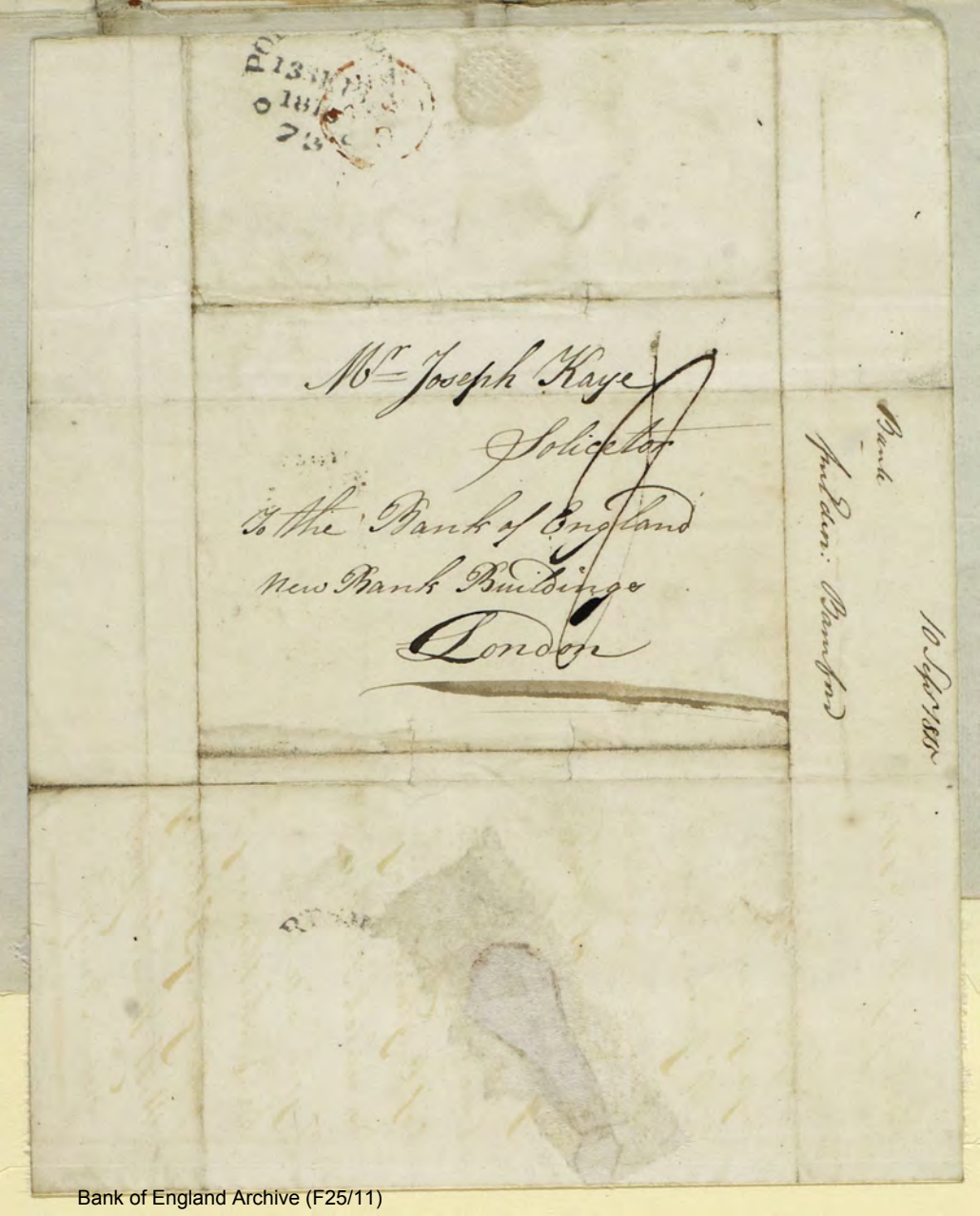
According to your request, I gave Mr Glover all the information in my Power, which I hope you will find correct, likewise according has I promised to Mr Glover I gave to Mr Steadman a list of all their Names who was Dealers and Utterers of the same, which I hope you will find correct also; and which I hope came safe to hand after Mr Glover.

Moreover if you will have the goodness, to get me a mediigation in Sentance, I am willing to serve the Bank of England in any information or Assistance I can afterwards, which I believe I can be of great Service; Mr Kaye if you will have the goodness to Answer this when convenient, and whether any thing will be done for me or not in regard to getting my Libberty

So I Remain your Most Humble Serv.t

Edmund Bamford

F25/11/68



Mr Joseph Kaye
Solicitor
to the Bank of England
New Bank Buildings
London

Bank
Threadn: Branch

10 Sept 1815

I have rec.d your Letter of the 10th inst. but it is not in my power to get your Sentence mitigated. If you have any friends who will interest themselves on your behalf in presenting a Petition to the Secy of State for a Pardon, I will so far promote your application as to certify that you have given useful information to the Bank.

I am, Yr. hble Serv.t
J. K.

N B B 15 Sept: 1815

Edmund Bamford
Captivity Hulk
Portsmouth

Post Paid

F25/11/69

15 Sept 1815

Bank

Wm. Bamford

Gent.n

F25/11/70

your Letter of the 27 May was duly
Received at this office But being from
home at the time has caused the delay
in not answering it sooner I have
seen Thos. Ashton and he informs me
that Jno & Oxr Duncan his in the
Habit of Paying Forged Notes and gets
them from Birmingham But cannot
tell frannham Ashton was subpained
by James Duncan Last Lancaster assizes
and he did not get his Expenses
and he told the Brothers if the did
not Pay him he would have them
taken up for Paying Forged Notes
so there is little Hopes from that
Quarter them or there Friends will
never trust him, I have given him
some Names that I know deals in
Forged Notes and I hope he will succeed
he seems to be a Man of good sound
judgment and is worth a trial
if there is any thing that occurs up
I will write you from time to time
Duncans is a very Bad set of Men
and it would be very desirable to lay

Hold on them if you think there
is any at Birmingham he would be
a likely Person to be sent there
if he does ~~any~~ any thing here for if
he has any Brains he May do one
which you well know Mr. Wamsley
North Moore Near aldham and Brother
in Law to Patrick Heyes Now wanted,
your Information is Bad Respecting
old auther ~~Hall~~ Being dead Hall, he was seen
by a Cloather from Keetley at Carlile
on the 25th May the Man who saw
him has known him More than
30 years he says that Hall was on
Horse Back with a wallet under
him that he wore a Brown curled
wig and had a Smack Frock on
so it is ~~Prudent~~ he is Not Dead as you
supposed, I do think he should be Looked
after as it seems to me that he Lives there
or there a Bouts by the Dress he
weres you know we have three Positive
Charges against him

Manchester
Police office
June 2nd 1805

Iam Sirl
yours Truly
Jos. Nadin

Messrs Kaye Trustfield & Kaye
Solicitors
New Bank Buildings
London

Chard

Mr. Ellis

2 June 1815

The Information of Edmund Bamford late of Wardale near Rochdale given at Lancaster Castle the seventh day of November 1814 –

Who saith that he kept a public House at Smithy in Butterworth near Rochdale in the year 1808 about which time some Strangers frequented his House – He soon discovered that they were concerned in putting off forged Bank of England Notes, viz. Edmund Lord of Newchurch in Rossendale Woollen Manufacturer – John Holden of Three Rocks near Todmorden in the County of York Cotton Weaver & William ~~Ashton~~ Aston who generally delivers the forged Notes to their Customers of the same Place, Weaver – were in the habit of meeting Strangers who were unknown to this Informant and sold forged Notes – one Pound Notes at ten Shillings, two Pounds Notes at twenty four Shillings and five Pounds Notes at fifty Shillings – The abovenamed Persons at this time go to the House of James Crabtree, who

keeps the Sign of the Dog and Partridge Public House, about two miles from Todmorden, on the Halifax Road - where any Person who has been introduced by a Person who has dealt with them before, may have any Quantity of forged Bank of England Notes - The Paper is made by David Hollinrake, commonly called David at the Lodge, near Hepton Bridge in the County of York, who pretends to be an Organ Builder, and has a concern with a Person of the Name of John Holmes, who has a Mill a little below the Lodge, where this Informant supposes the Bank Paper is manufactured. David Hollinrake has a Brother who lives with him at the Lodge - This Informant believes he is a married man - John Holden and Edmund Lord receive the Blank Bank Paper from Hollinrakes or Holmes and send it to Thomas Tolder of Birmingham who takes it to a House behind the Snow Hill at Birmingham, the farthest House on the left Hand going out of the Town, it has large sash windows that do not face

the Street. thus -

a The House
b Front of the House
c Top of Snow Hill
House has a back door into the Road. —

The Blank Paper is sometimes sent by one of the Guards of the Birmingham Coaches who is in the Confidence of Tolder, Holden and Lord - Holden ~~and~~ frequently meets the Guard at the Bridgewater Arms Manchester and other Public Houses sometimes at one Place and sometimes at another, and frequently meets the Coach on its road to Manchester. - The reputed Daughter of Thomas Tolder frequently fetches and brings the Paper sent by Lord and Holden from the Coach Office. - At other times Roger Walsh of Buxton, Lane Shop: Keeper takes the Blank Paper to Birmingham to be stamped and filled up, but not always filled up or signed - The Signature when omitted at Birmingham is filled up at Manchester by —— Smith, who attends

a Bread Baker's Cart and is known to Mr. Baden the Constable. - This Informant further saith that John Holden said there was a Clerk employed by the Bank of England who was in the Habit of giving Information to Thomas Foldes whenever any Information was given to the Bank respecting the Forgers or Utterers of forged Bank Notes in the Neighbourhoods of Birmingham, or Manchester - and that Thomas Foldes had made the said Clerk a present of one Hundred Pounds a little time previous to the Month of May last.

Also, that James Ogden ~~of Oldham~~, who keeps the White Hart Public House at Normoor near Oldham, and Edmund Whitehead of Church Stile Rochdale Cotton Weaver, and his Brother who lives at Bury, also Isaac Sladen of Rochdale, Labourer, formerly of Bury, are Utterers of forged Bank Notes and have purchased Notes of Edmund Lord and John Holden.

Also, that William Anderton whose Father lives near Archead Bike & his Brother are also concerned in this traffic. — .-

Edmund Bamford

The said Edmund Bamford further saith that James Wood and two of his Brothers, who reside about half a Mile from Hepton Bridge, on the Hill side, on the Road to Halifax in the County of York, are Coiners of Shillings, Sixpences, eighteen Penny Pieces, and Three Shilling Tokens - and sell them at the rate of Thirty Shillings for one Pound - and that James Wood told this Informant that they had Tollers, cutting and stamping Machines in their Premises - Also, that Bannister Halstead of Hepton Bridge aforesaid follows the same occupation, that is, of coining false Money - His House is situate on the left Hand side of the Road leading to Halifax, after you have passed Hepton Bridge, the next door to a Watchmakers House - That this Informant has seen Bannister Halstead's Presses and cutting Engine in the Chamber of his House - Also, that John Hollingrake of Causeway in the Township of Todmorden near Lumbards, Clogger, makes false Money and has Tollers and Dies in his House - The said John

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John Hollimake occupies one half of a House which was originally built for a workhouse. —

Edmund Bamford

16 Nov 1814

Information of Edmund Bamford a Prisr in Lancaster Castle

F25/11/72

London 5th June 1815

Sir,

We have rec.d your Letter of the 2.d inst. If any thing can be done for detecting the utterers of forged Notes to whom you refer, we beg you will pay your best attention to it. And if Arthur Holt can be found, we request he may be apprehended.

Edmund Bamford has been giving some further information. He says that David Hollinrake makes the mould for the Paper, & that the Paper & moulds are kept at his House. You will find in the Papers we before sent you that a John Hollinrake of Todmorton is mentioned: — Perhaps the man now mentioned by the name of David is the same or lives near the other. — We think you should endeavour to get at these Paper-makers, & the discovery of the moulds will be very material.

We are &c. K. F. & K.

Mr. Nadin
Police Office
Manchester.

5 June 1815

Brade

Thos Nadin

Portsmouth June 5th 1815
Captivity Hulk

Sir

I trust you will pardon me in troubling you but having been convicted at Lancaster Assizes and Bank last for Bank of England Notes and Transported for 14 years and now going to leave the Country totally — Friendless, and leaving behind me a Affectionate Wife and four Children and I understand through your kind Interference unfortunate Men in my situation as a Trifle of Money allowed if that is the case I request you will be kind enough in making the necessary application for that purpose; But I have to request another favour which is to get permission granted for my Wife and family to come to Botany Bay in the next Ship after me and I most sincerely hope that I shall be favoured with your answer and advise me how my Wife and family should proceed to follow me; Being destitute of friends to take

the trouble of making application for my wife and family, and I most sincerely trust you will be kind enough to stand my friend I remain,

Sir

With the greatest submission
Your most obliged and
very humble Servant
Wm Sharpley.

Direct for
Wm Sharpley
captivity Hulk
Portsmouth Harbour

Then his another Man of the name of Samuel Jackson convicted for the same offence and he trusts for your kind interference in case any allowance his granted.

Westwood Esqre
Solicitor
Bank of England
London

Free

Paid Sunday

Chuck

3 June 1815

Henry Moore says that William Gregson and William Turner are extensive Dealers in Bank of England Notes which they procure him Birmingham, Gregson is about 5 feet 9 inches high, about 40 years old, not fat nor lean, but in a middling way, brown Hair, fair complexion, and looks a little askew with one eye. — stammers badly, and travels about the country as a Horsedealer, & is well known as such in Essex and Kent, but smashes no Notes there, he is a Cousin of Gregson the Fighter, makes his House his Home, and supplies Gregson the Fighter with Notes, William Gregson passes both 5£ and 1£ Bank of England forged Notes.

Turner is a Native of Sutton Coldfield in Warwickshire, has been a groom the principal part of his life, is about 30 years old and passes as Gregsons groom; if he were taken, he would squeak at once and tell all he knows.

There is a most extensive Dealer in forged Notes Bank of England Notes lives at Edinborough, Moore does not know his name but he is a Jeweller well known there. — Robert Cresswell a Victualler at Burton upon Trent is a Dealer in forged Bank of England Notes in connection with Joshua Atkins the Coach Porter at the Swan with two necks in Lad Lane. — Atkins was at Lichfield Races 1812 and offered Frederick Thomas of Alrewas some forged Bank Note on the race course. — Cresswell has frequently offered Moore Notes and so has Atkins. —

Carp & Lafetter of Ulloxeter in Staffordshire, Cheesefactors are dealers in forged Bank Notes, they used to be supplied by Booth, whom they have had them off since Moore does not know. — Crooks who was transported from Stafford about 12 months ago for uttering forged Bank Notes at Ulloxeter had his of Carp.

F25/11/74

Gent.

Moore having urgently requested Mr Spurrier to attend him in Stafford Gaol, intimating he had very important information to give respecting the letterers of Bank of England forged Notes, which he would give to no one else, Mr Spurrier has been to Stafford, and taken his Examination a Copy of which we enclose — It may furnish to you a Clue perhaps to Gregson & Atkins, the others we will keep an Eye upon, except the Jeweller at Edinburgh —

We are Gent.

Your most obt. Servants

Spurrier & Ingleby

Birmingham 16 Sept. 1814

Messrs Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

Messrs Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

New Bank Buildings

London

Gent:

On my appointment to the Chaplaincy of the County Gaol last Xmas, my Predecessor Mr Poulett recommended strongly to my notice a Prisoner of the name of Hannah Shone under sentence of transportation for 14 years for having in her possession forged notes of the Bank of England. She had been strongly recommended to the Hon: Henry Grey Bennet one of the Members for this Borough, who promised to procure some mitigation of her punishment: but as yet I do not learn that any attempt has been made for that purpose.

She was tried in March April 1810 with her son, who was transported and soon afterwards sent out of the Country. The report is and as far as I am able to learn is true, that her son was connected with a party at Wolverhampton or Birmingham in forging and uttering forged notes of the Bank of England and one of these forged notes of 1£ he paid to his mother and she passed it again without being conscious that it was a forged note; and this ~~report~~ report gains credit from her general character this life. Her husband was a respectable Farmer and they lived at the Vicarage of Wanter for considerable time in the neighbourhood of Wem. I have now in my possession a Letter from the Revd. G. Dicken a most respectable Clergyman at Wem, who says

"In reply to your letter, Hannah Stone the person"
"you allude to lived at the Vicarage about"
"twenty two years, during which period she"
"behaved herself honestly & correctly as far as"
"my observation extended". She is now in the 67th
year of her age & her her health after a confine-
ment of 5 years is as she says much impaired.
her conduct, since she has been in Gaol, Mr
Cartwright the Gaoler informs me has been
in every way correct. Her son and Sheliem some
of the party with whom he was connected have been
transported and the Bank I should hope, cannot
entertain any fears of being further injured by
the liberation of this poor woman. My object in
writing this letter is to request your intercession
for her to address a letter to the Prince Regent to
shorten the term of her sentence. If any opinion

can be formed from her fragile appearance, she is not likely to live to the expiration of her sentence whether she be confined or what liberty.

I am Gent.

Shrewsbury.
August. 23. 1816.

Your Obdt Servant
C Griffith

Chas

Mr Chas ? S.

Griffith

Aug. 1816

Griffith

Mr Griffith
Shrewsbury

Mr Griffith to the Bank of England
London -

Griffith

Sir

We submitted your representation on behalf of Hannah Shone to the Directors of the Bank, who had fully considered the case before they directed the Prosecution & afterwards upon an application for a mitigation of the Sentence, it appears to them now as it did when the Case was formerly considered, that there are no circumstances to warrant their interference –

The conduct of the Prisoner was that of a person very familiar with the Traffick in forged Bank Notes –

We are sorry the facts of this transaction did not enable us to forward your humane intentions.

We are &c K G & K

London 2 Sept 1815

The Revd E. Griffith
Shrewsbury

F25/11/76

2 Sept. 1815

Bank

W. Stone

T. Thelw.? P. Griffith

Ship Fame, Spithead
September 20th 1816

To the Directors of the Bank of England

Gentlemen,

The undersigned humbly request that they may be favoured with the usual allowance granted to such as are convicted at your Suit, on their quitting England; and as they are totally destitute of Money humbly beg that your benevolent donation may be extended to them.

Josiah Allen. Convicted March Assizes 1816 at Lancaster

Robert Henry Dye. } Convicted May 1816 at the Old Bailey London. } on board the Sir Wm Bensley.

Henry Dye. ---

Thomas Giles. --- Convicted March Assizes 1816 at Stafford.

Archibald Small --- Convicted May 1816 at the Old Bailey London. } on board the Sir Wm Bensley

Jno. Bretwait. Convicted December 1815 at the Old Bailey London.

John Bell

20 Sept. 1816

Bank

Petition from 6 Convict.

20 Sept. 1816

Petition from Six Prisoners under Sent. of Transportation pray some relief to provide necess.ies for the Voyage. —

To the Governor & the Bank of England

London.

On board of the Sir Wm Bensley
at Spithead Sept. 18th 1811

Mr Hase,

Sir,

I took the liberty of addressing you from the Retribution Hulk Sheerness - intimating the cause of my troubling you; I find I am still equally as unpleasantly situated as to ignorance in regard to your silence - I therefore apprised you of the time of my trial being arraigned & pleading Guilty to the indictment "of having paid forged Notes purporting to be Bank of England ones - by my thus pleading Guilty the Bank of England is gracious pleased to allow the Sum of £5 - - - which I intreat you will condescend to have forwarded to me prior to my leaving this Country, which will take place in the course

of a few Days, being already on Board of the Boy Ship, & proceeded thus far. Fearful of any mistake again occurring, I will specify the Date of my being arraigned which took place on the 26th day of March 1816 at Lancaster Castle in the County of Lancaster, as Witness my Hand & the foot hereof — Any inaccuracy that I may ~~have~~ commit thro' the medium of this application, I humbly beg leave to apologize for, & trust it may be imputed to its proper cause; ignorance as to the proper mode of application. Relying upon the favour of an early and ~~?~~ I beg leave with due deference to subscribe myself — Sir Your most obt. & humble Servt.

Anthony Halliwell

Witness to the signing hereof Wm. Fisher

John Robinson Jr. Clerk

Henry Nash Esq.
Cashier
Bank of England
London

128A/21

F25/11/79

Sir

This is to inform you We are tow of the unfortunate Men that Was Convicted at the Last Lancaster Assises for Paying bad Bank of England Notes to Wich We both of us Pleaded Guilty and Was Transported for years Now Sir as there is five Pounds Allowed by Goverment for each of us Shall be for ever in Duty Bound to Pray for you if you Will Please to give us that Indulgence to Procure a few Necessarys on our Voyage and as the Ship is Laying at Spithead there is not much time to be Lost in So Comforting We shall be ever in Duty Bound to Pray

from your Obedient unfortunate

James Quin
John Bell

Please to Direct as follows
on Board of the Elizabeth Spithead
Portsmouth Bound to New South Wales
Captain Osten

on Board of the Elizabeth May 15-1816

John Bell
James Quin

for James Lum &
John Bell

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Mr Troy
Solicitor at the Bank
of England
Wth speed London

London 18 May 1815

James Quin
&
John Bell,

I have received your Letter, & I can only inform you that you are mistaken in supposing that there is five Pounds or any other allowance made by Government to Convicts in your situation. In some Cases of female Convicts the Bank has as matter of Charity given them £5 each to provide them with necessaries, but this has never been extended to male Convicts.

I am &c. J.K

James Quin
John Bell
Convicts on Board the Elizabeth
at Spithead, Portsmouth

F25/11/80

18 May 1816

Bank

To James Lewis &
John Ball

128A/22

F25/11/81

Hon^d Sir,

In the most reduced state of Mental affliction I most humbly beg pardon for daring to intrude, upon your important time. But beg leave to state, that I was convicted in the name of Benjn Oliver, before Lord Chief Baron Wood, at the last Lancaster Assizes, for having forge Notes in possession and was then sentenced to Mr Bens transportation.

It is no doubt within your exalted knowledge that at the time I was convicted I had only rec^d a pardon from transportation the short period of 3 weeks from the Detachment, Thence Captn Meers) on account of good behaviour after serving 4 years as Captains Gainer in my own Name viz – Benjn Dickens, I therefore most humbly beg leave to state that I have a tender wife together with a darling child 5 years old, who on account of our long seperation, implores me to represent their truely distressing and unfortunate case to your benevolent feelings, that she is earnestly joining with me in fervent and affectionate prayers, that you will be pleased to view her destitute and deplorable situation, being entirely bereft, of every friend or protector, at the same time is subject to the cruel upbraiding of those who where once most dear; on account I am sorry to say that herself as well as me being once unfortunate.

I beg leave to state that my character will bear any enquiry with respect to sobriety and industry, even from the Officers of the Petrobution who advised me to make this Solicitation, and will I persuade myself convince the Secretary of State that I am fully competent to maintain a wife and family — and I am given to understand that these are strong objections the Secretary of State as of granting Orders for wives to be sent &c &c

I most humbly and devoutly crave you will condescend to recommend a compliance to the Hon.ble Lord Sidmouth, that my Wife together with her Child may be sent in the first Womens Ship to the Colony, Should my Solicitations meet your favourable consideration, I may then timeously expect to be again united to a distressed and disconsolate Wife, which will cause your humble Supplicant to pray while I have life with devout fervency and in such sweet hope, I beg to subscribe myself your Most Obedient

Very Dutiful Servant

Dec.r 17th 1816 Benj.n Olive

Morley Convict Ship Downs or Elsewhere Bound for New South Wales —

P.S. I am sorry to say my wife is deprived of making personal application on account of her humble finances, and resideing in Birmingham She is therefore waiting in the most painful anxiety for an answer from you and be pleased to address for Ann Dickens

at Sarah Dickens

33 Old Inkley

Birmingham

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Mr

To Mr Reeve Esqr
Solicitor
Bank of England
London

Chas
Inclosing Chas

128A/23

F25/11/82

Marley Bay Ship, Thames
27th November 1816

Hond Gent.

I humbly entreat your pardon for presuming to address you, which nothing but a due sense of your humanity and benevolence could have induced me to take. I was indicted at the last Assizes held at Lancaster on a charge of having in my possession certain forged Notes purporting to be Bank Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to such indictment I pleaded Guilty, and for which offence I am now on board this Ship under sentence of transportation for Fourteen Years, and am in hourly expectation of leaving this place. I beg leave therefore with the Deepest humiliation to state to you that I am in very great distress at present for necessaries, and as I am given to understand there is a certain sum allowed me for the purpose of aiding in my passage to my place of Exile, on account of my pleading Guilty

With the highest respect remain

to the Indictment, I have therefore to request you
will be pleased to take my distressed Situation
into immediate Consideration, and cause the
same to be remedied as early as possible
Your Complainer will ever be esteemed a
particular favor confirmed as

Hond Gent.

With the highest Respect
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

William Doyle

Direct for me
Morley
Bound to New South Wales
Shamrock
or Elizabeth

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To

The Honble the Governor & Company
of the Bank of England

London

Chas. Phillips Esqr.

29 Nov 1816

Moley Bay Ship Thames
22nd November 1816.

Hon.d Gent.n

We hope you will not deem us unpardonably intrusive if we again solicit the favor of your causing an answer to be sent us to our letter to you of the 14th November, as we are now on board this Ship destined to an place of Exile and are in hourly expectation of leaving this place, we before informed you of our helpless situation, and now beg leave to request you will take our unfortunate and lamentable situation to be taken into your humane Consideration and send us an answer as early as convenient. Your Complainers will ever a lasting obligation on

Hon.d Sir
With the highest respect & esteem
Your obd.t humble Servants

his
John + Taylor
Mark

John Nelde

his
Thos + Kirkhaw
Mark

To

The Hon.ble The Governor & Company
of the Bank of England
London

Received 2 Nov.: 1816

Louis
Jn Johnson & Co

Bellerophon convict Ship
Sheerness 14th Nov. 1816

Hon.d Gent.n

We humbly entreat your pardon for presuming to address you which nothing but our unfortunate situation and a due sense of your humanity and benevolence could have induced us to take. We were indicted at the Assizes held in August last at the Magistrates Court the Castle of Lancaster on a charge of passing and putting off certain forged Notes purporting to be Bank Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to such Indictment we pleaded Guilty and for which offence we are sentenced to Transportation for 14 years and are in daily expectation of going on board the Ship now in readiness for New South Wales our place of Exile.

We therefore most submissively beg leave to state to you that we are in great distress for a few necessaries, and as we are given to understand there is a certain gratuity allowed for the purpose of relief on the passage to our place of Banishment.

We

We therefore with the deepest humiliation, request you will be pleased to take our unfortunate and lamentable situation into your humane consideration, and cause the sum to be remitted us as early as convenient.

Should our present entreaty meet your humane acquiescence, it will be held in grateful and everlasting remembrance

We are — Hon.d Gent.n

With the highest respect & esteem

Your most obedient

and very humble servants

John Neild

John his × mark Taylor

Thomas his × mark Horsman

14 Nov. 1816

Pet. from
Jas. Field
Jas. Taylor
Thos. Kershaw
3 Convicts for relief

14 Nov. 1816

Thanks
for John Neils

London 25 Nov 1860

William Doyle

Your Letter has been laid before the Governor & Directors of the Bank and we are directed to inform you that they decline to comply with your request

H Hill

William Doyle
Ship Morley
bound to New South Wales
Sheerness & elsewhere – Post Paid

F25/11/85

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23 Nov 1810

Bank

Wm. Doyle

F25/11/86

London 25 Nov 1806

John Reid

Your Letter on behalf of yourself Thomas Lanshaw & John Taylor has been laid before the Gov.r & Directors of the Bank who decline to comply with your request

I & L

John Reid
Ship Morley
Sydney, South Wales
bound to ~~Botany Bay~~
Sheerness or elsewhere Post Paid

25 Nov 1810

Bank

To John Nicols

128 A | 24

Castlerigg Hall Keswick
3rd November 1836

Sir,

I trust that you will pardon this trespass on your attention, which I presume to make in the confident expectation that you will regard this appeal with the feelings of Compassion, made to you from one who sincerely regrets the Commission of that Act which has doomed him to his present state of sufferings. In addressing you, Sir, I consider that I address a Gentleman in whom the noblest feelings of the Heart are blended, and consequently Mercy, that Noblest feeling of the noble Heart, there reigns predominant.

Although to answer the designs of Justice you were become an instrument to execute its Sentence on me for a Criminal Offence; yet I presume to submit to your nicer feelings that the nature of the Offence as also the Character of the Offender should oftentimes influence the instrument of the Law to weigh with the merits and demerits of such and as they may appear deserving to extend to them such alleviation as may be equally Consistent to Justice as to Mercy: On this plea I presume to offer myself an Object for your Commiseration.

I confess my self but little Conversant with

F25/11/87

[illegible] you are required to give information: —

the refined feelings of Study, but the little stock of Knowledge which Nature has endowed me with, has led me to consider that as there are various Offences, so there are various degrees of them, and that though the Sentence of the Law may necessarily be denounced against every Offender yet that the punishment of such should be ever regulated by the general Character, which the Criminal has supported in Life.

A Man who, the years of his Life for which he is accountable, supports an uniformity of integrity and sustains an Honorable Character, who, from the sudden impulse of an unguarded moment, commits an Act of Fraud, which on serious reflection he recoils at. Such a one surely may not be deserving an equal share of punishment, with a man who by being accustomed to violate the Laws of his Country, becomes dead to all sense of feeling, and a Hardened and depraved Character.

My Sentence has doomed me to Banishment from my Native Country, and I feel less regret in leaving it than I otherwise should because, that, excepting an aged Mother, I have no friends to visit me, and consequently none to lament the leaving, moreover that in England after the forfeiture of my Character I could not be able

to obtain any employ

I am sorry that my improper conduct has barrd me from obtaining a recommendation to the Governor of New South Wales but I trust and rest my sole hope in the resolution I have formed that in future by treading on and persevering in the paths of rectitude and in uprightness of conduct. I shall be able to obliterate all recollection of my past errors and also to gain the confidence and friendship of my Superiors and of those around me. Trusting that you will to me with an answer.

I subscribe myself
Your obedient Humble Servant

Wm. Jones

Westbrook Esqr
Solicitor of the Bank of
England
London

3rd Novem 1816.

Clauke
Sunderland
Gilmour

7 Aug 1816

Bellerchon Convict Ship
Thames Oct 28 1816

Hon^d Sir

I hope you will excuse the Freedom I take in addressing a letter to you, the purport of which is I was Convicted at last Assizes for Warwick for Disposing of Forged Bank of England notes and Sentenced to transportation for life, by name George Morris, I have a Wife and three Children residing in London, which I hope and trust the Bank will comply with My request in permitting them to accompany me to my destiny in the same Ship, the object of My asking the favor of them going in the same Ship is to prevent Her plunging herself into the same Dilema that has befallen Myself, I should be very sorry to have a Recurrence of this nature; but if Distress should oblige her, which I am Certain would be the case provided I was to leave her behind me as I was the Chief support of the Family Consequently that would happen very soon; ~~[illegible]~~ As her Finances would soon be exhausted

F25/11/88

Sir, Had not the Evidence George Robinson taken from my Wife twenty Pound under a pretence, I should in a great measure have had it my power to have taken her passage but now it is a moral impossible, as it has deprived me of the means, I now throw myself and Family On the Benevolence of the Bank, hoping they will grant me my request, and in return I will give them all the satisfaction that lies in my power

I am Your most obedient and Humble Servant

George Morris

Bellerophon Shewmp

Rid if you should think proper I will send My Wife and Family to you

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Mr Gray
Solicitor to Bank of England
London

Chas
Sandys Chas

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London 29th Oct: 1816

George Morris

I have received your Letter of Yesterday, and in Answer I can only say, that it is not in my power to give permission to your Wife and Children to accompany you to New South Wales. If she is desirous of going there with you, she must apply to the Secretary of State for permission, and if you will send her to me, I will inform her how she is to apply; and upon condition of your giving us all the Information in your power respecting the fabrication and circulation of forged Bank Notes, I will recommend her application to the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State. —

I am,
Yrs &c.

J. R.

George Morris
On Board the Bellerophon
Sheerness

F25/11/89

29 Oct 1816

Bank

To Geo: Morris

128A/26

Belcashion Oct 31 1816 —

Sir)

I Rec Your letter and am willing to do what You Proposed, upon consideration of You granting Me the favor I ask that is of My Wife & family going with Me in the same Ship, it being her wish to go with Me, I should not consider it a great favor to grant her a passage in the Women's Ship, upon the account of her being subject to many Illness as she is a Woman that would like to keep herself very reserve, Sir I must be convinced of Your favor before I can do any good for You, there is not the smallest doubt of Your getting it accomplished if You think proper; I must beg of You not to mention any thing to my Wife as I shall send her to You from Your Obedient Humble Servant

George Morris

Belcashion Cherne Co

F25/11/90

SHEERNESS

Mr Daly

Solicitor to Bank of England

London

F25/11/91

George Morris,

I have recd. your Letter of the 31st. of Octr., and your Wife has been with me this Morning. I told her (which I now repeat to you) that before I interfere to obtain permission for her to accompany you to New South Wales, I shall expect you to communicate all you know respecting the fabrication & circulation of forged Bank Notes. — To point out by whom & where the fabrication of them is carried on, the Persons dealing in them and the means used to promote their circulation. — If you are disposed to do your duty in your situation, you will most readily & sincerely make the communication required. — If you are not so disposed, it is in vain for you to expect any assistance from me. — If you determine to make the communication I have desired, I will send a proper person down to you to take in Writing whatever information you chuse to give, & I caution you against either withholding any matter within your knowledge, or misrepresenting any transaction respecting which you are required to give information. —

I am &c

J. K.

London 5th Novr. 1816.

George Morris
On Board the Bellerophon
Sheerness

5 Nov 1816

Bank

To George Morris

F25/11/92

Sir

The bearer Eliz^a Morris
his the person you desird
me to send to your Office,

I am Sir
Yr humble Servant

Thursday Novr 7

Jos^h Beckett

7 Nov 1811

Bank

pm J. Beckett

G. R. Westwood, Esq.

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Information received from George Morris aboard the Belerophon Convict Ship at Sheerness 15 Nov. 1816.

Wm Hope Thos Fowler and John Lowe are the principal Dealers in forged Notes &c. at Birmingham they are Independent Men as to property. two brothers John & Joseph Bradney are principal Dealers under Hope &c. the Notes are made by Shenton and Ferriday in Partnership at a place about 5 Miles on the side of Dudley. dont know exactly where but knows the Dealers generally go to Dudley for them. a Mrs Smith and a Mrs Dickens two Sisters now live in Birmingham and are Dealers and Mrs Shenton visits them. Fowler gets the best made paper and has first hand 20/- for a £5 Note thinks no person can tell exactly where the Notes are made but he has heard it is in a New house as he before stated. a Mrs Jennings and Thos Spooner who Cohabits with her are also Dealers. he has understood the best Notes are got up by a Man of the Name of Wainford and his Mother assists him. the Bradneys make Paper themselves. they get the Blanks up in their own House. but they are struck in a Cellar not far off. and Mrs Smiths Son a Boy about 17 or 18 assists them. Hope comes to Town every fortnight to Benjamin a Pathmonger

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and Public House in Dukes Place. thinks he would not deal with any one in London. he generally comes about Stolen Goods &c — Mr Payne of Birmingham knows all the above people with the exception of Friedeg. —

The principal Dealer in London is a — Wm Gregory. he keeps a Beer house No 4 Pump Row Old St Road. his Wifes Sister is married to a Drawer of the Name of Richards or Richardson who lives somewhere in Islington. Gregorys things used to come to him or Elliots a Bakers in Bath St City Road but Gregory now always brings his own things up — Gregory used to have his Rodes of Wm Forster but now can get them of any of the Birmingham people. — believes Cook now in Custody and Gregory were in Partnership — Gregory when at Birmingham Cohabited with Sophia Phaps — thought Wm Forster had left off trade. but has heard lately he has not. believes him to be worth £8000. can give no information of him as he has not seen him this twelvemonth. does know where he lives in London but he is sure to go to Gregorys — does wish to say anything of Uncle. but believes he is not in England. he went away on the Apprehension of ~~Gilbert~~ Gilbert. and when he last heard of him about 6 Months ago. he was in Dublin —

Dont know any of the present Utterers in London — believes all the small Dealers and Utterers that he did business with have been convicted since he was in London — thinks a Mrs Crane is the only one left and she will utter if she can get them Dont know anything of her at present —

George Morris further says he does not wish his Wife to know that he has given Information, and his reason for desiring his Wife to go out with him is that he is sure she will tell the Deal and utter if she is left behind — he also particularly requests if any of this Information should be sent to Birmingham, that it may not be stated to have come from him —

Bangor
Informn. recd. from

George Morris
outward the Convict Ship

Bellerophon
at Sheerness

16 Novr. 1815

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Maidstone Goal Sept 19 1810

Sir

I have taken your offer into consideration and am willing to do what you said any thing you thinke proper for my Brother will has assist me I am willing to take an oath that I will find them out or come to prison again So I hope Sir you will let me know how I can be of a great deal of Service to you for I know very well the people that you want to find out Sir if you which for my Paid I will prouve it So I hope you will to me as soon as possible I have sent one but know answer I hope you will come down or send for I have got a wife and family

please to turn over

There has been 2 men down here to do one but I could Not detain them having Nobody here but they will come any time I send for them and I can let you know where they are made in Birmingham. So I hope you will let me know what you intend to do & hope you will come or send her down as possible

So I remain your most Humble Servt

please to Direct Mr C Smith Ringer for Middleton Cowl

Kent

Do

Mr Fry
at the Discounting office
Bank of England
London

Thos Chas Fry
Jr

Maidstone Goal 31st Dec. 1816

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd Inst. I beg leave to inform you, from my being situated as I am I scarce are enabled to give you the whole of the information, or in fact not the half as I could were I at large, I should then be enabled to visit several of the Tradesmen who deal so largely in Base Tokens and Notes, attended by the proper Officers privately as some of those Tradesmen reside at this place, also at Rugate, Lamberhurst, Brenchley, Crow Bar, Common Seven Oaks, and Brockland, and I should no doubt be able to receive from them still much more information than I am now in possession of, as they will naturally conceive they will be serving me, and I should also be the means of large amounts being taken from them of the said Base Notes and Tokens they will be in the habit of shewing them to me when the Officers may enter their dwellings at the Moment, and seize them and the said Base Articles, as I am fully convinced they have now large supplies, and I have the whole of their Residences correctly. — As to the Names & Residence of the persons that are engaged in fabricating Bank Notes and counterfeit Tokens. I can only at this moment transmit you Gentlemen a part as from my being unfortunately confind I cannot receive the addresses of several who are but recently commenced this shameful trade in fabricating Bank Notes, and I am assured have a most astonishing flow of business in this way, vending them at a lower price than those whose Names are stated on the other Side, but I could immediately were I at large on application personally receive their address, and then immediately proceed to the apprehension of the whole as well as those Tradesmen who deal so largely with them, to the injury of the Country at large

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large, the following are a part only of the Names & Residences of the Makers and Venders of Base Notes & Bankers. Viz.t

Mr. John Bullock	Resides In the first Court beyond the Red Lion, on the same side of the way as the Red Lion in Petty Coat Lane —
Mr. Samuel Levy — 1.st 2. Levy — 2.nd 3. Levy — 3.rd Is dead Knows these two Christian names	Resides together in a Court the first turning on the right hand this side of the Red Lion in Petty Coat Lane.
Mr. Christopher Jacob " Samuel Jacob " 3.rd Jacob " 4.th Jacob as above	Resides together at No. 22 on the left hand two Doors from the public House at the Bottom of Petty Coat Lane near the Jews Want Way.
Mr. Samuel Belsher	Resides close by the Red Lion in Petty Coat Lane but is at all times inquired for at the Red Lion & is sent for there great precaution will be necessary to watch him home after pretending to deal with him. —

Some of those people are in business merely for a blind in the Foreign Fruit line but act with great precaution who they deal with in their base Money but I am possessed with sufficient references. —

* Mr. Martin Murphy " Michael Hennessey " Thomas Maher " Patrick Dunn " Hugh Carbray	These are always enquired for at this * Man's House, he being the Landlord of the Sign of the Golden Hinde — Little Moore Fields near Fore Street. I have a friend in Pawn I am almost confident knows where their work shop is.

There are two very substantial Men in this shameful Trade very lately confined in Pawn there are several others belonging to this Society that use this * House and seldom can any one go there to purchase that is known by them, but one or the other is their, if not on Application to the Landlord Mr. Martin Murphy, for any one of them he sends for them immediately, and I have every reason to believe this said Landlord is one of the principals, but their work shop is not at their Residences but is a place hired in some Garret solely for the purpose of coining and whatever purchase you are going to make (if known)

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wishful so to do it. is immediately produced in this said Landlords house, if the purchaser is known or as a recommendation from any of the tradesmen they supply, and if they have not the amount there they will then go out leaving the purchaser there and bring it forthwith, therefore it necessary I should be there and some Officers in waiting, and after my being there with them and apply for a midling large amount they will then go immediately to bring it from their work shop, on seeing my recommendations & my given their full descriptions to the Officers will then lead to the apprehension of the whole of them Workmen Tools &c &c

I therefore hope and trust Gentlemen you will be pleased to submit this information to the Worshipful the Governors and Directors of the Bank, and to acquaint their Worships that the Sum of Sixty Pounds would liberate me, and I would even consider myself a prisoner in charge of those Officers, who their Worships, may be pleased to appoint, till the whole is apprehended, or the business so effectually done as to meet their Worships approbation, awaiting your answer

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient & very hum.ble Servant

J. H. Wallis

To

Mess.rs Wage Freshfield & Hawes
&c &c

No.

Messrs. Raye Freshfield & Raye
Solicitors to the Bank
Bank Buildings
London

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31st Decr 1816.

Bank of England

Examined

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Maidstone Goal 17th Decr 1846

Honr Sir,

From the statement I have received from my Wife, it appears you are willing to receive by Post, all the particulars I have to give you, this is out of my power to commit to paper. I have wrote a letter to you prior to this which I am assured you have never received having been detained by the Goal Keeper and all letters which are sent from out of this prison as well as all that come directed for a prisoner is opened and read before sent away or received by the prisoner and too many times is the case letters are never sent out safe or received although my letter to you Sir is of great consequence to Government and the Country at large.

And I have now been obligated to wait another conveyance to get this safe to the office for the Mail or I am assured it would never have been forwarded.

The statement of the particulars which I can give Sir will prove entirely to your satisfaction, if you will be pleased to give me a satisfactory acknowledgement for the same I am informed you were pleased to proffer a handsome acknowledgement to any one who would give you the necessary information to the apprehension of those vile Manufacturers of Notes and base Coin, I therefore humbly beg leave to say Sir if you will be pleased to deposit in my hands a satisfactory acknowledgement, which may be mutually agreed to, I will on affidavit if required give you a just and correct statement of such information as shall lead to the apprehension of Eleven or Thirteen Substantial Men, who are Manufacturers of the Same Bank Note, Three Shilling Tokens, Eighteen pennys &c &c as well as their work Men Apparatus &c &c out of

Those

these Manufactures I allude to are in separate concerns and on substantial Men and dealing very largely in this shocking business to the amount of some thousands of Pounds Monthly. I can also give you the Names & places of Residence of several Tradesmen who receive continually great amounts of this base Money and trade with it to the great detriment of the Country at large as well as Government I therefore hint Sir you will find by this statement your personal attendance is requisite and I hope and trust you will be pleased on the receipt of this to proceed immediately to this place to see me and believe me Sir when I assure you on your giving me such acknowledgement you will be perfectly satisfied in respect of such information as well as with your journey, and on the receipt of such acknowledgement which may prove satisfactory it will enable me to get my liberation and I will then immediately proceed with any person Sir you may be pleased to appoint to go with me and you will assist in taken the whole into Custody.

I therefore entreat you will be pleased to make no delay but come down to this Goal immediately after the receipt of this, and ask at the Goal Gate for James Wallis, and on seeing me and only just acquainting me with your Name apply for a private Room with me having business of great consequence with me, but do not Sir on any account let the Gaoler or Turn Key know your business with me, as some of these Tradesmen live very near the Goal and the News would soon spread and of course secrecy is required, and I hope & trust Sir you will be pleased to arrive as early in the Day as possible as our business will take some considerable time and I hope you will be pleased to attend to this

request

request in coming down immediately on the receipt of this as I am certain and confident several of these tradesmen have received fresh supplies of this base Money and I am afraid they will commence their different journies in paying the said Base Money. I humbly hope you will not write as I am assured I shall not receive the letter myself & it will prove useless, and I must therefore await your arrival which I trust will be forthwith, or on the Contrary should I not have the pleasure of seeing you Sir in a Day or two after your receive this which will be delivered in due course of post, I shall then consider it to be your wish for me to address one of the Governors of the Bank of England but with fully relying on seeing you sir immediately after the receipt of this.

I subscribe myself,

Honoured Sir,

Your ever faithful Obedt and very humble Sert

J. W. Baillie.

Frankling Esq.
Solicitor
No. 10. New Square
Lincolns Inn
London.

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Dear Sir

Yours &c

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London 2 Jany 1817

Sir

We received your Letter and in answer acquaint you that we cannot pay any Sum to obtain your Discharge but if you can render any service to the Bank in detecting any of the persons upon suspicion you will be compensated for your trouble We are &c

W. J. H. Wallis
Maidstone Jail

2 Jany 1817

Bank

Wm. H. Wallis

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Gentlemen

Maidstone Goal 10th Jan. 1817

Gent.n

In answer to your Letter, I beg leave to acquaint you, I can under no other service to the Bank, in detecting those persons mentioned in my former letter, unless I were liberated from my confinement, those tradesmen which I also mentioned I could give very satisfactory information of, which should lead to their apprehension, were any person to call on me, receiving your directions to that effect, —

Yesterday one of those tradesmen with his associate were committed to this prison, having been detected in passing this base Coin, and as I observed in my Letter Gentlemen the most of those said

Said Gentlemen, have received great supplies the quantity of this dreadful Coin already in circulation in this part of the Country is really shocking.

I have the honor
to subscribe myself
Gentlemen
Your very Obed.t Very hum.ble Servant
J. H. Walles

To
Messrs. Raye Freshfield & Raye
&c &c &c

To,

Messrs. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye Esqrs.
Solicitors to the Bank
New Bank Buildings
London

10th Jany 1817.

Copy

London 23 Decr 1810

Sir

We send you enclosed a Letter directed to Mr J. H. Wallis now in your Yard which you will please to deliver to him unopened & if he writes any Letter to us we request you will forward it without opening it, as he states he can give us important information of some Persons that are engaged in offences against the Bank. If you will call on us when you come to town & bring a Receipt for £10 signed by the Persons in your employ who had some trouble respecting Clubs we will pay it to you

I also the Account of the expences
you delivered to Mr. Lee.

We are &c

Mr Cattback
Sader Macdstone
Post Paid

29 Dec. 1816

Bank

Mr. Cuthbert

To the Governor of the Bank of England
Honoured Sir I hope you will Pardon My
freedom of this Adressing you as I the
undersigned Joe Mr Lean Boyd Layles
now prisoner Sentenced of Death in
Castle and Salutary with his the Day that
I am to Pay the Debtor of Nature if no
respite comes and it is in your Power
to Do A Deall in My Behalf and Save
My Soul Mine when I was first Feather
at Liverpool I Gave John Miller all
the Infamation that I could think
on at that time And I Also Sent
A Letter wich will Do A Deall of good
to Manchester to Mr Joseph Read on and
after I came there And Settlled I Sent
A full Acount to your Honour
Shewing the Madness of Mr Higgins
My Governor Sir I could think on
only I Neglected Putting Down the
Names of the Parties wich I Executed
the Secretary would Called for Sir I will
Never Subscribe there kind of the Will

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not do me any good it will Possably do good to
Some that I am Behind Me and the only one
thing needful at Present for me to pull on
his to Instilor your Mercy so far as to Save
My Life and I will as in Duty Bound
Ever Pray — but if the relan of My
Life was as well known to the
Gentlemen of the Bank as I know the
good that I could I do & would do My Life
would soon be Respited And I would
be very happey if My Life depended
on My Preparing for what I Assert that his
to put you in the Condeshane of the dead
Meabers of paged Notes that has caused so
Meany unfortnatet Men & Woman to Loose
their Lives and Liberteys but it could
not be I Dare not at aught A would Such
Same time & All that I would Ask would
Ano 2 Bow Street Offices that was not known
And I would Meabe the Bales and the Could
Shut them = you need not Be Afraid or think
that I am Yielding this out as a Selfe

Interested in only as Seam ~~to~~ My Life
but you May be well ashamed that what
I Say this Lawyer A Bracher and a Faith
that in Sorrow for what I Became Don
And Whether this be the Means of
Securing My Life or not I Shall Give
it for the Good of Society and the
Country at Large So no More from
your Humbell Petitioner
and Poor Wittle Dare devil
your very obedient &
Humble Serv Jd L Boyd

To the
Governor of the Bank
Lancaster Castle
Sept. the 20 1816

New Gentelmen
you May think What I am
going to Say but I ashuer
you As A Dying Man that the
first Bad note I Ever
Signed My name on W the Beast
of My knowledge was in Sept the 8
1812 and All the Time that I
was at Birmingham on that Sad
Business was 13 this would Aper not
to be but it is Truth & As I Except to be Dem
Let me As a Man that Except to Suffer
recommend you to Jeal Some an
that his an offender as you never
can Come at the right Parteyes in
no ~~other~~ other Way and it will
not do to Let them Do it them
selves there Must be one in front
Excuse My Power hand

Birmingham
I will begin with Fowler
and the Meark
A very great Deal
Do Rabt
& Will
and there his Genenes
& Spooner
and there
that Genenes his a widow to
and there his A widow Smith
that Does a Deal
a ther 2 Bannfordes
& ther 2 Phillipses
& ther 2 Wanesses
and there his A very great Deale
of the New Coin ready Now and
there Will be some hundreds Men
& Women in that Trade & soon as
Comes out

and there his a Many Cutters in Leeds
Millmasters & Weavers & Shuttles and
the Reason Firmers have Dealers and
the So die out Country Selling &
Weaving Notes

Now Gentlemen the only Men
that Naments the Bank and the
6 Countey the Must his Fenes and
this Hondben Lines Hondden
at Farmeden and there
2 Gates there Pasper
Mead at Eptan Bridge
by 2 Brothers of the Name of
Standfields and it is Equelye
Mead With the Said Leades the the
Bank of England or on the Said
Plan And Also there his &
Man of the Name of Barlow
that Lives at or Dajson
Name Farmeden and the
Do & Deall but Nothing
to Nothat Hondden Dos

cause my Life to be saved. an [illegible]

and there his A Meane mead of
Oldham called the Lees and there his
A very Deall Dow by 3 or 4 Men
that Lines there one of the Neam
of Petter Morley Brother in Law to
that Anderton and Anderton
A his owen Brother pites all that
Cartery Anderton his one of
Jeoles Egentes & there his 2
Brethers of the Neames of
Standfielders Letter Spinners that
Apiers Anderton A Deall and
Do A Spinere Neamed Ford
that Does A Deall and Wodow
Lord & Edmund her Brother in
Law and the Do A Deale
and there his not one of Nises
Parteys but I Cant Come at
in A Littell Time

the Parties at Leeds are not less than
10 or 12 of the Guard Band and they are
at all Places over the Wide Country

Can some of the

Gentlemen

From the awfull situation in which I am now placed (being) under sentence of Death for uttering Forged Bank of England Notes / I am disposed to give you material information relative to the traffic in forged Notes upon condition that you will promise to cause my Life to be saved. an early reply will oblige

Your Humble Servant
the unfortunate
Peter Hughes

Lancaster Castle
Sepr 20th 1816 –

Directors of the Bank of England

London

Post Paid

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London 23d. Sept. 1816

Sir,

The Govrs & Directors of the Bank have recd. Letters from Peter Hughes & James McLean Boyd now under sentence of Death in your custody, proposing to give information & soliciting the Bank's interference to save their lives. - We think it right to apprise them through you that the Govrs & Directors decline interfering in their Cases. Should they be voluntarily disposed to make any Communication respecting their Dealings in forged Notes, we beg you will commit the same to writing & transmit it to us. ~~but we think it right you shd inform them in your Lett of this that the~~

We are &c.

John Higgin Esq
Gov. of the Castle
Lancaster

23 Sept 1810

Bank

To John Higginbotham

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To the Honble the Governor and Company of the Bank of England

The humble Petition of Samuel Gilbert

Sheweth That Your Petitioner was Indicted the last June Sessions at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey for selling Twenty forged Notes of One Pounds each purporting to be Notes of the Bank of England to which Indictment your Petitioner Pleaded Guilty & was Sentenced to be Transported for the Term of Fourteen Years

That Your Petitioner is by Trade an Engine Weaver & worked in the employ of the Honble East India Company for fourteen Years with unblemished Character till in unfortunate hour he became acquainted a Man named George Maurice who by the artful allurement of a reward prevailed on your Petitioner to convey the said forged Notes to one of his acquaintance named Atkins for Eight Pounds which your Petitioner through Inexperience not knowing the fatal tendency of his Mission complied with when Atkins informed against your Petitioner on which he was apprehended, tried & convicted In order to atone as far as lay in his power for so flagrant breach of the Laws Your Petitioner sent his Wife to Mr Westwood & informed him of every Transaction he knew of Maurice both in respect of the forged Notes & the making the three Shilling pieces for which the said George Maurice is now Sentenced to three Months Imprisonment in the House of Correction

That Your Petitioner has a Wife and five Infant Children entirely dependant on him for Support but his confined his being upwards of Six Months, they are reduced to the lowest ebb of Misery & distress having been obliged to part with every Saleable Article they had for Subsistence she is now using her utmost endeavours to obtain permission to take herself & family to New South Wales the place of his Destination which she has hopes to hopes shall obtain

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your Honours would be pleased to take his family's most distressed circumstances into your humane consideration & to grant them such present relief as to your Honours Wisdom & Humanity may seem meet

And

Your Honours Petitioner

as in Gratitude & Duty bound

shall ever pray &c

Samuel Gilbert

10th Jany 1816

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Petition of
Saml. Gilbert.

rejected

To the Honorable Directors of the Bank

The humble Petition of Mary Guilbert Wife of Samuel Guilbert Sentenced to be Transported for 14 Years that She has five Children one of them through the Goodness of Mr Lea Late Sheriff is Provoided for but the Others quite Destitute of Even the Comymon Comforts of Life Your Petitioner has tried Every Effort to follow her Husband but that Cannot be granted her at present

Your Petitioner therefore humbley begs leave to offer herself A Candate to your well Known Goodness haveing no means of giting her liveing but going to Service and Puting her unfortunate Children to the Parish but haveing parted with Every thing for their Support have nothing left, humble hope you will take her unfortuneate Case into Consideration and bestow your Charrity on your much Distressed Petitioner Who as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

Mary Guilbert

Bank
Petition of Mary
Gilbert.

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£25.

To the Honourable Directors of the Bank

Hon d Sir

the Man that I Menshent in the Letter was Cong I Was Thomas Lawrence and the Names of the Maker of thes Notes Jf Fonrs and the Other Jacabeys and they have Both ~~Lived~~ in were Lancarn and they Live in Bromingham and Wor near the Ship Bakelick Flous and is all the Infrigtenes that I Can Give at Present But you May Depend that I Will Give you all the Information that I Can for I hall ever Shall think My Self in Duty Bound to Serve you Gudones We Remane Hon d Sir

your humbel and Trulay
Servants George and Grace
Blakes

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Bank

Jm Geo. Grace Blaber

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Sir

With due respect I humbley beg leave to Solicit your well known benevolence to the unfortuneate give me leave Sir most respectfuly to inform you my Husband is gon on Board ye dry for his Voyge and I am left in the greatest distres having no Friend now he is gon and nothing but the alowence of the Prison to live on his Relations haveing done all in their Power Since our Confindment I therefore have Presume to write to you trusting to your goodnes to excuse this liberty if Sir you will Bless to assist me in this my distress it Shall be Ever greatfuly acknoledged by Sir your much distressed humble Servant

Grace Blake

Mr Westwood

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TWEPYPOOL
Unpaid
HOLCOMBE

Holcombe
Twepypool
No. 5
1816 Mar

Holcombe

Mr Westwood

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Sir

I am sorry to be thus troublesome to you but owing to me and my wife being so long confined we are reduced to the greatest distress, since at the time I was taken into Custody, Mr Pierce the Officer took from me 2£ in Notes and some Silver, I have applied to him several times for it and he always put the person I sent to him off with Evasive answers. The Absolute necessity Obliged me to Apply to the Magestrate for it, When I had informed him - he has given the Money to a Turnkey belonging to this place, but he has since been with me and says he has given the 2£ to you, if that is the Case I hope you will take my distressed Situation into your Consideration, and let me have it, as I assure you I have no means to procure any necessarys without it & I fully expect to go Off - every night.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

George Blaker

Esq. Westwood

Mr. Geo. Chalmers

Penn

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Hon^d Sir

Your well known Humanity to the unfortunate, induces me to trouble you with those few lines, as I flatter myself you can, render me, and my unfortunate wife happy, in our truly wretched Situation, we are both Convicted by the laws of Our Country, and are to be transported for 14 Years, if through your goodness you could make interest, for us to go together, we will as in duty bound for, ever pray.

I trust Sir if you will take the trouble to enquire the Behaviour of me, and my Wife, Since our unfortunate Confinement, hope you will find we shall not disgrace your Kindness

We remain Hon^d Sir
Your most Obedient and
Truly Humble Servants

George and Grace Blaker

Mr Westwood

Chas.

Charge 4/- Mdle.

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Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in asking for the money that was taken from me as Mr Gardener is not able to do any thing for me and I am in great distress being obliged to part with all my few things and have nothing but the union allowance, those few lines I humbley submit to your kind consideration and

Remain your obt Servt

Sarah Gardner

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17 Jan. 1817

Bank

Sir I Gardner

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Honored Sir

With humble submission I beg leave to address you relying on your Well known goodness to Excuse this presumption but as you have extended your Benevolence to my fellow prisoners and hope you will not Exclude me I have been a long time in prison without a friend to render me any Relief which is mostly the Case with those who depart from the path of Rectitude which I unfortunately Experiance'd and I humbly hope you will Extend your Charity for I am in the greatest Distress There is 2£ 12 Shillings which the Officers took from my Husband which we never have had,

I am Sir with the greatest
Respect Your humble Petitioner

Mr. Westwood

Bank

Chas Jones

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To

James Westwood Esqr

Sir,

Understanding that the Attachment lodged against the forty Pounds which you hold in your Hands by Virtue of the Authority delegated to you from the Bank of England has been withdrawn; and being at present in a very reduced and necessitous State, not a little encumbered by my sudden and unexpected Removal here; I take the Liberty of addressing you, humbly entreating your Kindness in causing the Restitution of the same to the bearer hereof, in conformity with your express Promise made at the time of my Confinement in Cold Bath Fields

Prison

Place of Conviction - During my Imprisonment I have been compelled to dispose of those few Articles of Furniture which I had been fortunate enough for immediate Support, thus am at this moment actually penniless, destitute of even a Shilling to soften the Hardships of my distressed Situation, or purchase the most common Articles which may be necessary on Arrival at Botany Bay.

I think the Case of my Client to the sum in Question remain yet undecided, your well known Humanity and Liberality of Character, will doubtless induce you to make all possible Exertion in the Proceedings, or give such Instructions to the Board herein, as may lead to his being speedily put in possession of the same.

Dwelling sincere in your Promise,

[illegible] some suffering appearance – and my poor distra-

ted Offering to the same with every Certainty of an honourable fulfillment ~~[illegible]~~ heart. I make no Doubt of being speedily put in possession of my Claim, and under this Conviction have entrusted the Bearer hereof to give every necessary Receipt and Acknowledgment for the same.

With every Sentiment of Respect, and humbly requesting a speedy Reply,

I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient and humble Servt.

Robert Staples

Convict on Board H. M. Prison Ship Bellerophon

Sheerness Sept. 11th 1816

James Westwood Esqr
Solicitor to the Bank of England
&c &c &c
Bank of England
London.

Septr 25 1816

Hon^d Sir

your goodness I hope will pardon me troubling you so often — nothing but distress should induce me — my present situation is truly unequal — myself wanting some trifling assistance — and my poor distressed Wife parting with her Furniture for subsistance, may I presume to solicit your humanity, in advancing her some part of the money now in your hands, any such part as you may be kind enough to advance, her acknowledgement I hope will be sufficient —

Should you not be able to grant my request, will you do me the Honor to name the time, when the final arrangement will take place — as I am likely to leave this Country very shortly — your compliance will confer an everlasting obligation on

Sir

Your obt Hbl Servt
Robt Waples

To
I Westwood Esqr

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Mr. Westwood Esqr.
Solicitor for
the Bank &c &c

Bank
Chas. Mott. Moses

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Retribution Hulk
Sheerness
Nov. 5 - 1816

Sir

I am given to understand by my Wife that all hopes are given up, of a settlement of my Business - until the latter Part of the Sessions - and then by the Recorder - what he can have to do with it, I am at a loss - I think it must be a Mistake of hers - your answer in writing will much oblige

Sir
Your Obt Servt -
Robt Waples -

to
Westwood Esqr -

Westwood Esq.re
Solicitor for the
Bank &c &c —

Thos Mills
Chancery
Inner Temple

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Retribution Hulk. Sheerness
Octr 17th 1816 —

Sir

I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the kind answer, you gave my Wife, respecting the settlement of the Cash in your hands. She informs me it was to take Place in three Weeks from that time, that time having elapsed — I once more intrude on your goodness to forward it as much as Possible — as the distress of my Wife and self is great — In fact I am deprived of the Pleasure of seeing her — for the want of the Means — the Business is now been in hand five Months — and I looking for a settlement almost every day — I beg to conclude, with hoping you will excuse the repeatd visits of a forlorn Woman —

Sir

Your Obt Very
Humble Servant
Robt Waples —

To

Wilwood Esq.
Solicitor for the
Bank — &c &c —

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To

Westwood Esq.
Solicitor for the
Bank &c &c &c

Bank of England
Chancery Office

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Shannon Nov 10th 1816

Sir

I cannot but express my astonishment at not having my business arranged - now in your hands - I have greatly depended on your knowing you to be a Prisoners Friend - I thought you would have got me my Money - Upon I left England I am now on Board the Morley on the Point of Sailing for New South Wales - may I once more solicit your kindness in paying over to my Wife the Money you have in hand - you will ever receive the thanks of an unfortunate Man -

Your obt Servt

Robt Waples

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Westwood Esqr
Solicitor for
the Bank

Thos
Jun Ave Mayle

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Shewmp. Nov. 29th 1816

Sir

I have begg'd leave to remit you a Receipt as desired by my Wife – Witnessed by Capt. Brown hope it will be sufficient acknowledgement for the Money – for which I beg leave to return you my Heartfelt thanks – and assure you it will be the means of my administering many Comforts to my Wife – as well to myself – for which I shall feel myself under many obligations to you for –

Your Obt. Servt

Robt. Waples –

Ship Morley

Westwood Esqr
Solicitor to
the Bank &c &c

Mr Mott Letter

Mr Mott

Advances

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Deal - Sept. 6th 1816

Sir

I have this moment received a letter from my Wife - informing me of her Visit to you, and Mr Willis and the subject of Conversation - of which I declare to be false - I must again solicit your goodness in paying her the Ballance, after deducting the £6 - for which she as a Receipt - Nothing but the greatest distress would induce me, to so repeatedly trouble you I am now on the Point of leaving my Native Country for Ever - and shall, with Heartfelt gratitude - speak of your Name as it deserves with Blessing, I owe my Life to you - in hope you will grant me this last favour - allow me to subscribe myself

Hon.d Sir

Your obt Sert

Robt Waples

Ship Morley

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Westwood Esqr.

Bank

Further Advice

Post Bill

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S. 7231 17 Oct 16
10 7448 30 "
10 7442 " "
10 7443 " "

Copy.

London 6 Dec 1816

Sir

We send you enclosed £30 which we request the favour of you to pay to Robert Waller a Convict on board the Ship Wesley bound to New South Wales, we are informed the ship will be at Portsmouth this Evening or tomorrow Morning. You will please to take ~~[illegible]~~ receipt for the Money payment being that £30 has been retained to pay the Persons in the foreign Ports where he attended on payment on his Receipt. If the Ship should have passed Portsmouth or not touch there then you will return us the Money together with your Charge. We are &c

J. Galloway Esq
Town Clerk
Portsmouth

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6 Dec. 1816

Bank

C R Calloway Esq

Chat. Decr. 18th 1816 –

Sir

I yesterday recd a letter from Mr Westwood Esqr. Solicitor from the Bank of England, informing me of his having remitted you the Cash to Pay over to me

In Consequence of our Ship not intending to touch Portsmouth – I must beg of you to remit it to me by return of Post – your Compliance will

Sir

Much Obliged
your Obt Servt

Robt Waples –

Ship Morley
the
Downs –

Robert Waples

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11 Dec. 1816

Bank

Mr. Calloway
for R. Waples

Portsmouth 13th Decr 1816

Gent.

I herewith return you the £36. transmitted to Mr Callaway, to be paid to Robert Maples and also a Letter received from him this Morning by which it appears the Morley will not touch at this Port – I thought it would be more correct to return the Money to you than to comply with his request, I beg the favor of your acknowledging the Recd per Return of Post. Mr C is in the Country, or he would have written you himself.

I am Gent
Your Most Obedt Humble Servt
for R Callaway
Archd Lowe

Chesps Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

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Messrs. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors to the Bank of
England Bank Buildings
London —

Chas. Cameron

19 Oct 1836

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London 14th Decr. 1816.

Sir;

Agreeably to your request we acknowledge the Receipt of Bank Notes for £36 transmitted by us to be paid to Robert Waples.—

We are &c.

C. T. & Co.

R. Calloway Esq
Solr.
Portsmouth

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14 Dec. 1816

Bank

Thos R Galloway Esq

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Deal - Decr 17th - 1816

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 9 — ~~forwarding me~~ informing me of your — having remitted the Cash to Portsmouth — the Ship Morley not intending to touch there — I on the 10 wrote to Portsmouth begging that Gentleman to remit it by return of Post to me here — Since which I have rec^d no answer — and my Days having elapsed — I am at a loss what to conjecture

Your reply — remitting the Cash will be in time

For
Your Ob^t Servt
Robt Waples

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Westwood Esq
Solicitor for the Bank
of England
London

Saturday She went twice to the Ship Public House in the same Yard

Tuesday did not see her

Wednesday saw her at Home but did not see her

Thursday went to A Wine Vaults in East Smithfeild out with A Woman that lives in her house staid about Ten Minuets return'd home about four O'Clock went over to Mr. Millers the Public house Opposite her House in Company with A Girl had two pints of Porter made use of the following Expressions Damn me I dont go out very often and when I do am always watch'd - that she could not think what she had done - that she should be looked after so close.

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Mrs Waples went out on Friday about ½ past 12 Oclock I followed her over London bridge she had with her a bundle in a silk handkerchief appearing like an Earthen pan. I suppose she had some cooked victuals in it. I followed her to the corner of Union street in the Borough where she met a man appearing to me like a Tailor they both went into the Whitehorse to get something to drink. came out and parted, she then went into the wine vaults the corner of the Mint staid about five minutes and went direct to Harmonger lane Goal where she stopped till all strangers came out without the bundle. then came back to the corner of the Mint and where she began a conversation with a man who sells fish there. they appeared to know each other well and stopped one hour & half she then came direct home

Saturday she never went out of Sun yard she went three times to the sign of the shop apparently for Liquor

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Bank

Statement respecting Note.

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