

Mr C Westmire
Sir

Boulogne 10th March 1810

I take the liberty of addressing you in
consequence of what you said to Mr Rossiter of Caen
you were in power with him. which I am very sorry I
was not told me sooner. the purport of this is that you
will have the goodness as to lay this letter before your Direc-
tors or such other persons in the Bank as you think proper
to make some arrangements with me. I will give you or
any person duly authorized by them such information as they
have long wanted as they have only been cutting the
Branches when the Tree stands firm. you will
be assured that the Mint is concerned in what I have
inform them of Caspelly as much as the Bank. indeed
is so connected that were any thing to be done one the one
account it must also be one the other, the nature of
Confinement and Sentence of prisoners you are well acquainted
with. for which I have undergone all but my time. so that
what I am doing is a voluntary transaction of my self. you
will please write me so soon as they have made up their
minds on this subject. as I expect to go in to the

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the intricacies of the Country soon. where it would be
attended with more delay and expenses than here. they must
find a proper authority with whom they send that
whichever may agree one must be binding on the Bank.
Every respect, you will please to observe to them
that I will treat with no person whatever on this side
the water, nor need I wish it to be known to any
but to the Bank and next the latter only if the Bank
loses, or so I suppose. I am

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Yours Most obedt Humble Servt
A. S. P. S. P.

I have applied her leave to remain here for two months

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B. S. P. S. P.

James Matheson Esq. on Board H.M.S.

Rehoboth Sheerness August 19th
1819

Sheweth

That the above mentioned
is transported for the space of fourteen
years for uttering forged notes which was
denominated to be of the Bank of
England Has been informed of the huma-
nity that many individuals have
received from the bank after their
conviction in respect of having ^{to them} remitted
a small pecuniary to render them some-
thing extrin to subsist on when being conveyed
to New South Wales and I the Prisoner most
humbly prays that if this assertion be a
fact and would return many sincere
thanks for a trifle of money what you
would be pleased to consider necessary

To tender me some assistance on my
passage as I am destitute of all friends
Whatever except my wife which I have
Left to lament my unfortunate
Situation

I am your Most obedient
and humble Servant

I Duty Bound
Does Ever pray

James Moxham

12th Aug. 83

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CHEERNESS
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To
Mr James Moxham
The Solicitor of the
Bank of England
London

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To the Honorable the Directors of the Bank of England.

The Humble Petition of John Fear, a prisoner on
board the Retribution Hulk at Greenwich

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was (on his own confession) convicted
at the Old Bailey in June 1811, last, for having a forged one
Bank Note in his possession, ^{without lawful excuse} & was sentenced to fourteen years
imprisonment for the same.

That your Petitioner says he can most respectfully state,
that he has a large & 3 small Children dependant on him for
support and which by his conviction are reduced to great distress

Your Petitioner therefore most earnestly intreats
Your Honors will be pleased to take his situation
into consideration, and recommend his case to
Lord Sidmouth as deserving of his Lordships
interposition with His Royal Highness The
Prince Regent for a mitigation of his present
sentence.

And your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

John Fear

14 Jan^y 1849
Bank

Petition of John Fear

Bank.
Petition of John Fear

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Sir,

(Copy)

^{Retribution}
John Fear a Convict on board the ^{Disobedience} ~~Disobedience~~
Hulk at Sheerness, has represented to the Govrs &
Directors of the Bank that he has presented or is
about to present a Petition to Lord Sidmouth to
pray for his Lordships' intercession in obtaining
some remission of punishment. I have requested the
Govrs & Directors to recommend his application
as deserving of his Lordships' consideration, in
consequence of the wife of the Convict having
been the principal means of detecting Haining to
Justice Wm Weller George Haslam who were
lately executed for uttering forged Bank Notes.
Upon considering the application of the Convict
his wife, & the services rendered by the latter, in
the prosecution against Weller & Haslam, the Govrs
& Directors have directed me to represent to You for

for the information of Lord Sidmouth that the Convict John Fear was detected in uttering forged Bank Notes, & about June last pleaded guilty to an Indictment for having forged Bank notes in his Pocket knowing them to be forged & recd. Sentence of Transportation for 14 years. — During the time the Convict was imprisoned in Newgate, Weller was a Prisoner there upon a charge of having forged Bank Notes in his Pocket, for which he was afterwards acquitted, but & in, after having Prison he resumed his former Criminal pursuit of supplying forged Bank notes to the Criminal utterers, & the wife of Fear being informed of this by her Husband, having ~~been~~ become known to Weller ~~which~~ by visiting her Husband in Newgate, she offered her assistance to the Bank under the instructions of her Husband to detect Weller. ~~She~~ After proper enquiry into her character, finding it unexceptionable she was employed under the superintendence of the Officer of the ^{the Police} Bank to purchase forged Notes from Weller, & upon her communicating with him; Callinan came forward as his

Partner in this guilty pursuit, & she purchased from them
jointly a quantity of forged Bank Notes, for which they
were both pro^{sec} & convicted. — as the husband of this
woman supplied her wth the inform^t upon which she
acted, I gave her instructions from time to time
with very much pronounced the success of her ^{pursuit} ~~employment~~.
The govt & Directors ^{under these circumstances} beg leave to recommend
him to Lord Sidmouth as deserving a mitigation of
punishment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yr most obt^l Serv^t

N. S. P.

15 Jan^y 1819

Henry Nothouse Esq
Secy^r

15th Jan^y 4. 1813

Bank of

to King's House by

f05/13/4

R
London 6th May 1819

Sir,

We shall be obliged to you to pay the enclosed
£5 Bank Note to John Fear who is on board the Grenada
off Sheerness under Sentence of Transportation respecting
forged Bank Notes - He has represented himself to
be in great Distress & we believe is on the eve of the
voyage to New South Wales - you may tell him
that his Letter to Mr. Rooper of the 30th ulto
was received & that the Directors of the Bank
cannot interfere on his behalf as he requests, but that
they have ordered him the enclosed payment. you
will please to inform us when you have paid the
money -

We are &c.

H T & H

£5 - dated 6th Apr. 1819 - signed R. Lough

M. W. Bentham Esq.
Sol^r. Sheerness

6th May 1855
Bank
of John Hunt
to W. W. Bentham

on board the Grenada

April 30th 1819

Gen^l / I hope you will
excuse the Liberty I have
taken in troubling you
with Letter. but if you
will take my unfortunate
case into your consideration
I am sure you
will do all you can
for me, I think it very
hard that I should now be
sent out of my country
after serving Twelve Months
of my time at the Gulfs
Now I am going away and
have not one Shilling to help
myself with and what

is worse then all my wife
and family is in the greatest
distress and lately and of there
Pamr to assist me therefore
I hope you will supply
me with a little money
to obtain me a little Sea
Shares and if you would
give me a Letter of Recom-
-mandation to some Gentleman
in the Countrey I am sorry
to I shall ever be in duty
bound to Pray

John Fear



SHEERNESS
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To Mr. Rooker
Bank Salisbur
London

Mr. Rooker

Bank
Salisbury

John Rooker

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Sturtevant 9 Aug 1891

Sup^r Hays Westfield N Hays

Chas. H. Hays

Gentlemen,

I duly received your esteemed favor of the 6th inst. enclosing a \$5 Bank Note which has been delivered to John Tiers onboard the *Canada* and the contents of your letter has also been communicated to him.

Always at your service

I remain

very respectfully

Gentlemen

Yours most obed^{tly}

W. H. Brantford

5th Aug 1859
Bath.
n. I can

My dear Mr. Birkham
to Mr. Birkham
the bank building
No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

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Shrewsbury 24 July 1849

Messrs Bage, Baskfield & Bage
London
Gentlemen

I have given Thomas Porter
a Passick aboard the Rotterdam Packet
the Five Pound Note enclosed in your
favor of yesterday and made the
requested communication to him -
He begs his acknowledgements to the
Directors of the Bank for their kind relief.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Yours most obedt Servt

Wm. Baskfield



SHEERNESS
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Miss Hage Freshfield Hage
New South Buildings
Dorkbury
Windsor, W. Sussex

London
Windsor

24 May 1845

1845/13/7

London
July 13th 1819

Sir

I hope you will Pardon me taking
the Liberty of Writing to you these
few lines to you as my situation
is really distressing as I expect
Every Day to be sent to Botany Bay
and if you will be so good as to send
me a Trifle of Money to Enable me
to get my self a few Necessary things
for me to take with me as I am very
Bad at having no one to Give me any
thing in the World but depending on
your Goodness I am in Duty Bound
to write you
Retribution.
Hark Sheerness

Will Ever Pray
Thomas Porter

(F.6)

if common garden market
is attended on sater day
morning you may be sur
to see sum of them i told
you please to get a many
the Country men Jack Stone
as they go thair

Sir if you dont
send me a penny i
will tell you all

#5 Sent
Thursay 11
of Law Comm

Jack had Coc
Bob sammon
and olds well
be sides bot y m

23^d July 1849.

£5 Sent to Mr Bentham Sol.
Solicitor for Mr. Porter by order
of Law Committee

Thomas Porter has
already given much
information, & has ever
since his conviction
evinced a strong desire
to be serviceable to
the Bank.

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ter day
may be sur
mi told
& many
een Jack Stone

Jack head cock
Bob summon
and olds wells
be sides boy woman

the sum

£ 5. to Mr. Fear. 5 May
1819.

Let^r from Thos.
Porter.



Mr. Bookers
SHEERNESS
51
No 5 New Bank Buildings
Near the Mansion House
London

for Mr. Porter

15 May 1819
J. B. Porter



1819/5/13/8

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London July 23rd 1819

Sir,

We will thank you to give the enclosed
 £5 Bank Note to Thomas Pater who is a Convict on
 board the Penitentiary Hulk at Sheerness, and to
 inform him that his Letter of the 13th instant
 addressed to Mr Rooker, has been submitted to the
 Directors of the Bank, who in consideration of the
 representation made therein, have ordered him the
 above Sum to relieve his necessities

We are &c.

R. T. W. R.

No 13229

£5 —

Dated London 19th June 1819 - Howard

W. W. Bentham Esq
 Col. Sheerness

23rd Aug 1844
Bank
in Port
to W. H. Austen

23rd Aug 1844

Hon^{rs} Gentlemen

With Submission I humbly Petition your Clemency
stating my Depress^d & Deplorable Situation having a poor
Wife and a helpless Charge of two Children being Compell^d During
my Imprisonment in a Gaol to Dispose of every useful necessary
even my wearing Apparel to supply the Cravings of Nature &
prolong a Burthensome Existence in keen Distress, now I can
Learn your honours are Impassionately kind, to allow the unhappy
Convicts, who are under a similar Conviction to myself a Trifle
to buy some necessaries on the Long passage, and my being Destitute
of friends to help my Distress or yield the least Consolation to
my poor Wife and family, which induceth me to write these lines
hoping your Hon^{rs} Clemencies will Grant to me the same
Indulgence, my Prayers shall be to the Celestial Deity
for your honour Eternal Felicity

on Board the Retribution
Hulk - Wharves

Jan^y 14th 1819

Your Hon^{rs} Pet^r.
in Duty bound shall ever pray

David Crawley

To the Hon^{ble} Gentlemen, the Governors &
Company of the Bank of England

—

For David Barclay

Barclay

14th Jan. 1813



David Barclay

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Copy sent to
H. Calloway Esq.
Treasurer
Baltimore

H. M. S. Leviathan,
Portsmouth, March 21, 1819

22 March 1819

Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in writing to you, but I should not think I did my duty to my Family if I was to leave the Country without disclosing something to you, which will be of great service to the Bank of England, and as I hope and trust I shall go very shortly, if you think it worth while to send any Person down to me I will, upon Conditions, disclose to him particulars affecting the Bank which will

be of infinite service to it, and the Public
in general, the Conditions I do not wish to
affect my own releasement, as it is my
particular wish to go to the Bar, by the
first conveyance,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

John Jackson

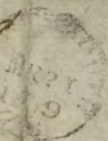
P.S. I was prosecuted by you last Session
at the Old Bailey.

Mr. Rooper,
Messrs. Kaye & Co
Bank Buildings
London

per Mr. Rooper

per Mr. Rooper

per Mr. Rooper



F25/13/11

London 22nd March 1849

Sir,

On the other side we send you copy of a Letter we have received by this Mornings post from John Jackson who at the last Old Bailey Session pleaded guilty to the offence of having forged Bank Notes in his possession knowing it to be forged for which he received sentence of Transportation for 14 years. We shall thank you to see this Man and receive any communication which he may wish to make. No conditions however can be entered into with him, if he chooses to make any communication it shall be submitted to the Gov^r & Directors of the Bank who will deal with it as they shall think it deserves.

In a prosecution we have at the next Assizes against one Jonathan Webster there is a material Witness of the name of Emma Short who at the period of the prisoners Commitment was Servant to Mr Stone at the White Hart at Ripley, but who we are just informed by Mess^{rs} Smallpiece & Kellborne our Agents at Guildford has left that Service and is gone to reside at Colmouth. Mess^{rs} P & S. expect to be able to ascertain her address this day.

^{Dr.} to Marrow and we have directed them to send the Subma
to you - If they do so and you are able to find the Witness we
shall thank you to make suitable arrangements for sending
her to Kingston so that she may be with us at the Griffin
about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning the 31 instant
and to let us know as early as practicable what you have
done -

We are &c.
H F & K.

R Calloway Esq.
Town Clerk
Portsmouth

to Callaway Esq

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The communication which I stated in my letter of the 21st instant, is simply this, to inform the Bank, the name of the Person who supplied me with the Notes, his name is Henry Dart who is supplied by a Person of the name of Crowder, who lives, I think, at No 9, Bear Lane St. Goswell Street Road. Henry Dart a young Man who did use the Cash and Notes, in Fann St. Goswell St. but, I believe he now uses a house a few doors one way or other from Fann St. I mean a Public House, Crowder is a Person who has before been transported, but the other is not.

The Conditions that I named are simply these, that I may be sent in the first

Ship that goes to the Bay, and that as
soon as I get over ~~me~~ and write back, my
Wife may be sent over to me, and any trifling
~~pecuniary allowance~~ Sum, by way of an outfit
you may think proper, but my principal
object is to go as soon as I can to the Bay
the above is the whole of what I have to
say, as to the main facts

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

John Jackson, alias, Tarbo

P. Henry Dant has a Brother of the name of John, who gets his living by uttering and there is another Person of the name of James Bentley who is always with him for the same purpose. I hope this will be kept a profound secret, as any thing said would be the occasion of very serious consequences.

Henry Dant is a thin young man, about 23 years old, and Chas Crowder is a very stout man about 35.

Any pecuniary sum you may think I deserve I would be glad if you would transmit the same to me here

March 1868
Bank
in John Dant
Lieut John Jackson

Messrs Kaye & Co
Bank Building

fas/13/13

London 27th March 1869

Sir,

We are favored with your Letter of the 25th and its enclosure from John Jackson alias Jackson, whose Informⁿ is entirely useful, & has been known to us for years. ~~His~~ ^{His} object is merely to obtain Money, and if he should make any further application to you we do not think that you need take the trouble to answer it. We find that Mess^{rs}.

Smallpiece & Shebbare had sent the ~~supra~~ ^{supra} for Emma that to Mr. Scaper of Poona before they rec'd our Letter — Be so good as to favor us with any amount you have against us relating to Bank Business at your earliest convenience.

We are &c.

J. F. W.

W. Callaway Esq.

Portsmouth

27th March 1825

Bank of
to R. Callaway Esq

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H. W. S. Leviathan,
Portsmouth, March 31, 1819.

Sir,

Since writing my first Letter of the 14th instant, a Gentleman has been here to me; but was not empowered on the part of the Bank to offer, as he said, any conditions to me, neither did I expect he would, but I have been waiting, with some anxiety, since Tuesday week last, the Day on which Mr. Low called on me, for an answer to the Letter which I then sent to you, but without success, which I am very sorry for, as I should like to have some kind of an understanding previous to my leaving England, which may be in a few Days, indeed it is a thing expected, and I should

like to know if I have any chance of my wife coming to me, which could be done, by a mere recommendatory Letter, as I am told, from you to the Secretary of State, after I am over at the Bay, and am settled there, which I hope will not be long first, and as I have no children the expence, would be trifling.

Sir, I should be extremely glad if it meets the approbation of the Gentlemen of the Bank, if they would, as I am very poor, make me a present of any sum of money, if they think I deserve any, for the information I have given you, by way of an outfit, before I go to sea, as I have no means of getting a Shilling, without getting it from my wife, who cannot spare it, but who will endeavour, by her

industry to keep from the Parish, till I get her
over to me. I am a good mechanic myself, and
shall do well there I have not doubt, trusting to
the well known generosity of the Gentlemen of
the Bank.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient humble Serv^t
John Jackson, alias Jos^t Tarbox.

P.S. I might have named two or three,
who go out regularly with John Bart. & Benting,
there are two more who do so the name of one
is George Mason, the other is — Branch,
a man who hops with one leg; Henry Bart
also supplies a great many with notes, who go
to him for that purpose.

I should like to have a speedy answer, and
please to pay the Post, as I have no money myself.

Mr. Rooker,
Messrs. Flay & Freshfield,
Bank Buildings
London

London
21st November 1853
Messrs. Flay & Freshfield
Bank Buildings
London

F25/13/15

H. M. Ship Lemathan
Portsmouth April 14, 1813

Gentlemen,

I have again taken the liberty
of addressing you, in consequence of my not
having received any answer to the letter which
I addressed to Mr. Rooker on the 31st ultimo,
concerning the particulars which I commu-
nicated in a former letter to you, as I am
in daily expectation of leaving this Country
for Botany Bay I should be much obliged
to you if you would answer me that
letter, in order that I may not fill my
mind up with expectations which can
never be realised, and if you, Gentlemen,
should please to forward me a little

money by way of an Outfit it will be
of the greatest service to me, and without
you are kind enough to do so, I shall be
obliged to leave the Country without a
shilling in the world, and what is worse
I shall not know whether it is in your
power to do any thing towards my
getting my wife over to me. Gentlemen
I shall esteem it a particular favour
if you will send me an answer in the
course of a day or two, as we have the
letters served out here but once a week, on
a Saturday, I hope you will by that day;
and please to pay the Postage, as I have not
money to do so. I am, Gentlemen,
your very obedient Servant
John Jackson, alias, Farbo

Messrs Hays & Freshfield
Bank Buildings
London

Feb 13/16

Mr. Hays & Freshfield
Bank Buildings
London



Spithead, April 23, 1859

Gentlemen,

It is with reluctance that I have
taken up pen to write to you again, but it appears
to me so very extraordinary that I should not be
able to get an answer of any description from you
that I am induced to send this my fourth
letter to you, requesting an immediate answer
to my former letters, as I am now on board the
John Barry, of Whitby, Capt^d Ellerby, at present
lying at Spithead, but in a few days shall, no
doubt, put to sea, for the Bay, Gentlemen, I think
you have used me extremely ill in not sending
before, you had better direct to me on board the
Leviathan, where we come from as I shall be able to
get it better, and please pay the Postage

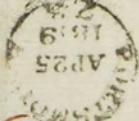
I am, Gentlemen

Your very humble servant

John Jackson, alias Tarbox

J Messrs. Kaye & Freshfield
Bank Buildings
London

Mr. John Jackson



Bank



28 St. Paul's

F25/13/17

Gentleman of the Bank I have received a letter
from the Bank stating that the Information that
I have given is of no kind of use to you but I hope that
the Information that I have given to the Bank and
likewise to Mr. Naden the police officer in Manchester
of people that in never nowed on and likewise I have
informed you the Maker of them which I could do
at any time for he will meet me at any distance
with any number of notes besides I have the opportunity
of nowed always when he goes to make them being as
I sleep in the house with him and if he had no knowen of
me I might now where the place was that they made them
at But if he had any knowen of me it would only
be for a short time so I am sure I could do him and
them when they were at work besides I could do
Mr. Smith at any time and doing him will be better
than doing any of the makers because she serves
the whole of the whole note Defers in England and if you
could refer me to do them I would be willing to do any
thing to save my life and I would do any whole note
Defers in England that you wish and I would be
honorable in every respect in doing them as far
as lay in my power which there is not one man
in England has the opportunity of doing them
as well as I with the Correspondence that I

have had with them and being as I was not
allowed to plead Guilty I hope you will Consider
and spare my life and banish me into another
Country where I may hide my Face and not
take my Family with me which I hope you
will be merciful to me through my wife and Children
being as I will have a wife and seven Children
that is quite helpless in the world which I hope
you will spare my life through taking pity of
them or others I am not worthy of pardon from
your hands although I have given you every
Confirmation that Lay in my power Likewise to
The Justice which I could do everything that
I propose if I was at my Liberty which you will
Liberate me on account of the 2^d Bank being
marked with Red Ink as I saw it was as my
witness swear if you think I can be of any kind
of use to the Bank and if you think I cannot be
of any use to the Bank I hope you will spare
my life as I was not allowed to plead Guilty being
as there was only the note against me for
paying which I may become a good man and
be banished into another Country and repent
at my former doings and there is not any
of the prisoners that know anything of me

Given you any Information Concerning any
people that is in the note way which I cannot
give you any more information only by standing
people and I know that is of no kind of use to
the Bank and as I do not mean to say any
more then I am share to perform because it
is of no kind of use me mention things that
I now cannot be done but if you spare
my life and banish me I shall say, pray
untilt my dying day and Respect to my
ways which I hope you will be merciful to
me as ever John Clark your humble

prisoner Lancaster Castle

here the 18/9

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To the Governor & Directors
of the Bank of
England
London

For John Clark

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London 5th April 1819

John Clarke

The Governors & Directors of the
Bank have read your letter of the 1st inst and have
directed us to acquaint you that they cannot, consistent
with their Public Duty, interfere in your favour, and that you
must not expect them to comply with your Application

We are yrs &c

H F L K

John Clark

a Dis.^r in the Castle

Lancaster

5th April 1845

Bank of

to John Clarke

F25/13/19

George Beech is an Messenger from Swansea to
Birmingham for these things 2 6. 1. 8. and get Loaded
With these things in Wm. Kitchenshouse About the Amount
of Eighty pounds to hundred pound of these Counterparts
and he get there five of these things shillings sometimes
for one good shilling, and sometimes he take with
him down About hundred & fifty pound of these
Bank of England notes and take these things down
some times Every nine days & Every fortnight and
the year still and often come to Swansea in the
Night time and stop at the Greyhound in Causton
- street. With Mr Beets who keep ^{the} Greyhound And some
of his Customers come to him there and served
of these things in this aforesaid House and he usually
had number of these things Keys in this Beets house and he
Give them three for one, of these Counterparts
and the Next morning perhaps of home about
five miles from Swansea But often in the eve
Return back to Birmingham for more sometimes
With the Coach and sometimes on foot and some
time on Horseback Little money he use he have

This Geo. Beech is short man About sixty
Seven years of age And Live Down Below Swansea
About five myle Village Called Newton, About
one Myle from the Mumbles this place situated

And there is another man in the same ^{way} as him
Live Between Monmouth & Abergavenny in a Village
Called Lanfychangel his name is Tho Jones
And those two men are very Large in this.

Buennips this many years and they Dont
Follow nothing Else And these men Dont
Take any of there Counterficts instead of good
money But only Wholesale sellers to many small
shops & Publick houses & Different people
of Every Description I Can say most Every
Town & Village in ~~England~~ Glamorgan shire and
Monmouth shire And I Dont say a word in
this to Mislead you, if it will be perform
they will find it to prove a truth According
to there words And sooner is the better to look
Out for this men and I Dont say so this But
Generosity to our King and our Country

In may last I was ⁱⁿ Birmingham in W^m Kitchen
s house And W^m Kitchen ask me what sort of
Country Banks is in your County and ~~on~~ the
following Questions And we enter into conversation about
Brecon Banks and he W^m Kitchen inform me to bring up
the next journey one bill of Brecon Banks and
have it so bright as you can And according I did
brought it to the W^m Kitchen and give it to him in his
house and this was on Saturday And he W^m Kitchen
told me to call at his house on Sunday morning
About Nine a clock and so I did and he was in
bed and they took me up stairs to him and he
ask me what do you think About this piece
of Business, and I told him you know Better than me
And on their words Gentlemen seem to me, came
in to the room and say as this I shall ~~shall~~ have
part of your story, and W^m Kitchen says place
to walk in you are the very ^{man} we want to see
And Look at this note and say this is very ^{he} useful
Note

note and if you think to have it done sooner
is the better But I ^{see} something in this difficult
But I know who can do it and that was the stamp
and he say as this have you consult and agree to
have it made that I may tell you ~~the~~
the terms and I ask him what is the charge
and he answer me hundred ^{pounds} and give me
half of the money now and the remainder after
it is done and off he went and we talk more
about it, Kitchen and me, and I told to Wm Kitchen
he is very busy in making it, and Wm Kitchen say
I tell you what he is man that understand his
Business, and he will not be play withy for it is
if no here to have scruff and Tubbege, and he is
very genuine fellow for Every ^{thing} he have done
both answer the purpose well, and there will
be more to be of great service and we have no
business to say a word about the price,
and I left the note there and I move over since
since and told Wm Kitchen then as this they
said that they are going to alter the Bank of
England memorandum that I wish if it was to day
it will be better to you and me, but was
so far we have done great deal of these things and
they are most stink all through England & Wobs

And most in all ^{the} Union Circuit far and Abroad
And I was told further there was Country Bank
Sized Last thing Bristol and Somersetshire
Bank and I do partly know where ~~was~~ was that
made and I am prompted by gratitude to put
my confidence in you and of good hope it
will be benefit to the public and if the
Governors of the Bank of England will make
further Enquiry about this I shall find myself
happy and it is my duty to do it, I will give
~~them~~ Every information is in my
power I wish ~~the~~ ^{many} if this thing was
brought to the public it is a thing that Lead
Others to emulation and I have a sense of
duty for I know it is ^{many} afflicted and many
will come in the same way as me and I
will remain to it whatever will come of me
for I find this Enliven my mind and of good
hopes it will move little of me from the
Brink of the Grave and of good hopes my
Creator ^{will} look on me rather less as I am

The plates for £50, 20, 15, 10, 5, 2, 1 are at Liberty's
 Northamptonshire in the house of Michael
 York a dealer & moneylender who sells & buys
 Bigg Borses &c he is the maker and gets
 his paper from Manchester, also a young
 man named Charley speaks him in selling
 wholesale, old ~~Mr. Pittman~~ of Bristol
 Street Birmingham who keeps Coors
 his boy Bill a miller speaks him in
 being the agent to Michael York
 when Morgan was in Kitchen's House
 he was informed by ^{Charley} ~~that~~ that the London
 people would do anything for money
 and intimated that a certain engraver
 might do it, Charley does not carry
 notes with him but is followed by
 a man regular travellers who
 distribute to the dealers

Charles journeyed to the
mouth London Bristol, Liverpool
Derby & North Wales There are three
villages called upper — and lower —
near ^{about 2 miles out} Harborough, these villages
are about five miles from Sibbinstoft
There lives Michael York a doctor
in Law who keeps the village
Public House where Michael York
frequents to attend suspicious
customers, when Michael York
is not home the customer is
sent to this man who serves
him when Michael York
returns from a journey it
is at about 2 o'clock in the

morning Michael York Rosa
favourite Bay Pony (he is short
rather stout black withers and
dark complexion and a tooth
in front of the upper jaw hole about
Michael York Brother also lives
in Tibbertoft near Welford and who
one like wise made there the tools
are sometimes in the house some
times in the garden & sometimes
near the Bede, some of the things
are in the Loft of the house
Moyon bought his tools of both
Charley & York

Charley's father is a Builder in the
neighbourhood of Cheapside
Father Hawy and her Mother are common utterers.

of base coin and forged notes, the
prisoner intimates that an Engraver
in London Mr Carpenter & Son did on
Country Notes and that a Mr Baker of
the Bank gave some instructions to
Charley

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Cardiff Gaol 16 April 1819

Gentlemen

In conformity with your letter
of #yesterday app date this instant received I have
withdrammit to you such information as I have
obtained from Morris Morgan that written with
penicil is what I took from the prisoners mouth
the others are his own writing, I have felt it my
duty to hold out no further mercy than the
sparing his life which was intimated to me by
the Judge previous to his quitting this place who
said that I was not to have any execution however
you may be of opinion that nothing may be
elicited from this man I take leave respect
fully to inform you that I really believe if the

Dank think proper to follow up the inquiry
much good may result to them and the public
I thought it my duty to act as I have done
not from any wish for remuneration but
a sense of public service however I now
leave the affair in your hands and am

Yours obedt
J. B. Weston
Governor

I think it necessary to add that the prisoner is
not such an old offender as common report has
made him although I really believe that he
deserves the severest punishment for instance
York has made a fortune by manufacturing
notes and Kitchen who is 67 years of age has
been in the trade from a boy caught when

transported; there is also a mother near
Birmingham who lives in great splendour
but the prisoner cannot recollect his name
and I am not sufficiently acquainted with
that neighbourhood to know the place by his
description —

Bank 10 April 1813
Rev Morgan
Wm Le Breton

Mr Breton
Gov^t of
Cardiff Gaol.

London
Messrs Haye Smithfield & Haye
Edwards
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to
Hchester Jail May 12, 1820

for

It is communicated to me That George Phillips
of Birmingham is a great Trader in Forged Notes
& that the quantity he sends into the Country is immense,
— Bull of the same place is his partner & has now
the Bank Plates, an old woman by name Margaret
Hickman some time since procured two Plates for
them, which was engraved by one Wright, then
living in Bridewell Lane, Four Glaze Court Bristol,
the charges of which was four Pounds.

It is also stated to me that Base Coin to any amount
may be obtained of these men — I send
you this information, as I obtained it,
for the publick good —

I am yours

G. Woodcock

Messrs Kaye Freshford & Kaye
Bank Solicitors

M Bridle Governor.

London 18th May 1820

Gentlemen,

On the other side we transmit you copy
of a Letter we have rec^d from the Gov^r of Chester
Gaol. — As far as it relates to George Phillips we believe
it is correct, & we wish you would desire the Police
to try by some means to detect him so as to remove
the remaining branch of this family out of the
criminal traffic referred to. —

We are &c

H. F. & L.

Mess^{rs} Spurrer & Ingleby

Sol^{rs}

Birmingham

18 May 1820

Bank of
to Spencer & Co
enclosed from Mr. Biddle

F25/13/26

Portsmouth Gaol
2nd May 1820

Gentlemen

On the 18th Inst I received the enclosed Letter from
Mr Robinson Clerk to the Magistrates at Lymington
a distance of thirty miles from this place and immediately
brought the same before Mr Carter Esq^r one of the Magistrates
here and under his directions with Hall a Constable
searched Parsonhams lodgings when we discovered a
signed 1st Note and ascertained that he had just
off another to a Mr Malloy. These circumstances induced
Mr Carter to dispatch me to Lymington. On my
arrival there I found the Prisoners had been
exchanged but we subsequently apprehended them at
Portsmouth in consequence of the additional dis-
coveries we had made and in so doing were
authorized by Mr Carter who as we understand
made you acquainted with the particulars of the
transaction since which the Prisoners has been
discharged - I think it necessary to

inform

Inform you that we discovered Prisoner had hope
a forged £ Note to a Mr Sarnett which could
not be traced - and that I made an applica-
tion to Smith the Police Officer at Bristol
(from whence Prisoner said he comes) whose answer
contradicted the account given by Cunningham

Enclosed I beg leave to forward you two
forged Notes the one found in Pri^r. House the other
forged by him to Mallory - 5673 & 3755.0 -
the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknow-
ledge - The Expenses I have incurred in
attending to this business amount to 40 Shillings
exclusive of the trouble myself & Hill have
had in the matter which we beg leave to
submit to your consideration - I am

Yours humble servant
Edw Hill
Gent

As I enclose 3 Notes supposed to be forgeries taken
at Shops in this Town and which were collected
by self & Hill for the purpose of tracing the
utterers

Utterances, but notwithstanding our exertions we have
been unable to do so from the cautious manner
in which the notes were taken, so as to shut
out the identity of the persons keeping them.
If they are forgers please to cause them
to be stamped and returned to me -

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Miss Mary Fairbairn
Solicitor to the Bank of England
London

F25/13/27



10 May 1850
Dear Sir
I have the pleasure
to inform you

Sir

The person calling himself David -
Canningsham otherwise David Clarke Birmingham has
been detained here this day in returning forged Bank Notes
and is demanded by Justice Leveson in Sunday
the Notes being by this hour sent to the Bank to ascertain
the falsity of which there can be no doubt as to one false
human Note of not more - The Account he gives of himself
is more contradictory and confused but he states he now
lives at N^o 5 Green Lane South Sea Common or least he
thinks that is the Number, where he has a wife and
two children that he thinks his Landlord's Name is
Gross a Crowd and then an Officer lives the next door
The Customer is about five feet high five inches high dark
brown complexion dark eyes & black hair appears to be
an Irishman by his Speech and is ^{now} recently draped
in a blue great coat & black coat trousers and Breeches.

I expect an Answer some person from the
Bank on Sunday and will thank you to make inquiries
whether he has visited ^{is there} as to his Residence in Green Lane
South Sea Common - It is more than probable that
his House may be a Depot for the circulation of these Notes

In as far as can be judged from his Statement he is one of
true Obedience & Honesty, and that he has been connected
with two persons by the Name of James Jones and Hugh
Muschelle - You will judge for yourself how far you
may venture in securing the House - It is often I know
that the Bow Street Officers do this without a Warrant,
having first obtained a peaceable Entry in the Chamber
There can be no Doubt under the circumstances that the
Court would satisfy you in your Doubts and I shall thank
you to inform me by Return of Post as to the Truth of his
Statement respecting his Residence and of any Steps
which you may have taken further - I remain Sir

Yours most Obedt. Servt

Wm. M. M. M.

Lyons - 14th Oct. 1820.

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Mr R.

London 20th Oct. 1820

Sir,

We enclose you a copy of a Letter from a
man named Wm Howard to Mr. Rooker of our
Office - This Letter did not reach Mr. R. until after
the Prisoner had been removed from Newgate; but
as we understand he will be put on board the
Leviathan at Portsmouth we will thank you to see
him & take down any communication he may be
disposed to make. —

We are &c.
H. F. P. H.

G. A. Callaway Esq
Sol^r
Portsmouth

20 Oct. 1844

Bank

to J. A. Callaway

F25/13/29

Copy sent to Mr Cadogan
Hon. Sir Portsmouth 10 Feb. 179

Relying on your generosity
and goodness to Pardon the liberty
I have taken in intruding myself
upon your notice —

I expect we are going
away this night and should
not wish to leave this Country but
I have fully satisfied you what
I know as those very people
that brought my wife in &
are the very people that it was
to be punished also I can inform
you of a Native Trade man that
has long been buying his men
with them and was so daring
to buy them in a Christian
House and they will soon
know all there if you will

Condescend to call on me with
or send any Gentlemen to me I
will inform you of everything
I am in Possession of the Popishness
where they live and where they
have Pass'd them. as I should be
very sorry to Leave this Country
before I have Disclosed the whole
I have already given our Gent^l
Informations of the persons who
Pass'd over at his House

Yours Sir

Your most Obedt^l Serv^t

Howard

Newgate
19 Feb 20

20 Oct. 1821.

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Mr. J. Howard.
a Poet

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Potsmouth 24th October

1820

Gentlemen

In compliance with your wishes
Howard the convict has been seen, and enclosed
I send you a copy of his Statement.

The advertisement sent by you the
other day touching Anderson, I immediately put
into the hands of the Officers here, and has he
been in the neighbourhood I think it probable
they would have given some Account of him.

I am Gent^l

Yrs most obed^t
Geo. Aug^r Callaway

M^r Noye Freshfield & Noye,

Isaac Howard a convict on board the Leviathan Hulk in Portsmouth Harbour States that he is 53 years of age and a native of Shapenhead in Dorset - was convicted by the name of William Howard at the late Old Bailey Sessions - he knows Richard Austin and has been acquainted with him 18 Months - Austin lives at 43 (to the best of his knowledge) Beconsvay Street in the Borough of Southwark and carries on Business as a Builder - Also knew a man named Dart and another man named Hill - Dart lives somewhere in the neighbourhood of Golden Lane - Hill lives somewhere near Lambeth Street and about 4 or 5 months ago was taken to the Police Office Lambeth Street on a charge of passing forged notes and discharged, he used to lodge with Howard at No 10 Langdon Street Cannon Street Road - Howard states he got into the Confidence of Hill and Austin, and that Hill received forged notes from Dart and these he handed over to Austin who paid his men with them - Austin used to have some every Week, he told Howard he paid 100 forged notes away in three Months, and that 10 of them were returned where the people and his men knew them which he exchanged - Among the Instances of notes returned Howard states, that one was from a Baker who lived near Austin, and another from the King's Head Public House in Green Bank Toley Street where every Saturday Night about 8 O'clock Austin pays his men at which time it would be best to detect or apprehend him - if he had changed the place of payment that should be resorted to. - Austin told Howard that he paid two forged notes at two different times, into a -

* all 6 months
since

Bankinghouse No. 60 Lombard Street on taking
up Bills accepted by Austin in favor of Mr. Roads
— these notes were discovered and a Clerk belonging to
the Bankinghouse twice waited on Austin before he
changed the notes. — Howard says that 6 or 7
Months ago he saw Bill give Austin a forged 5^l
Bank Note which the latter said he paid to the
Clerk of Mr. Roads a Brickmaker at Islington
— About the same time Austin changed a forged
one pound note at the Red Lion Red Lion passage
Fleet Street.

Howard further states that on the day Austin
paid the first forged note into the Bankinghouse (abt
6 months ago) he passed off several forged notes — he
that day went to a Shop in Newgate Street next door
to the Echo Office where he purchased two Silk
Handkerchiefs — on receiving the Goods he threw
down a good ten Pound Note which he had received
from a person named Bridger, a female in the Shop
said to Austin "this is a ten pound Note" — upon
which Austin as if he had committed a mistake
answered "Oh I have a one" — and then paid a
forged One pound Note having first written "Bridger"
on each Note. — The same day he passed another
forged Note at a Jew's named Solomon in Houndsditch
who keeps a double Shop opposite where the
Entrance is to the Jews Hair — he purchased there
two Silk Handkerchiefs — The same day Austin
purchased of a Quakeress who lives a little
higher up in Houndsditch and nearer Bishopgate
Street and keeps a Ready made Linen Shop or

23 Dec 1791

Bank

Statement of Isaac
Howard a Convict

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Marchouse, a Shirt and Handkerchief for 12 Shillings, he paid a forged 10 note & received the change — On the same day he purchased a Waistcoat for 9 Shillings at a clothes Shop on the right hand side going down Shoe Lane about 50 Yards from the Church kept by a Blind Man (as Howard believes Austin said) to whom he also paid a forged 1 £ note — Austin rents Houses in Toley Street of the College of Oxford & about four or five months ago he told Howard he paid 4 or 5 notes to the Receiver of Rents for the College — About 4 months back Austin purchased a Leg of Pork at a Pork Shop in Cable Street near the Royalty Theatre and paid a forged note giving his address "60 Roscoe Street" — from his Appearance the Man pressed him hard to allow him to send the Pork home, Austin however insisted to the contrary and tying the Pork up in a Handkerchief took it away himself — Austin has league'd with him a Man named William West who some times goes by the name of Smith — he formerly kept a School No 8 Chamber Street Goodman's Fields, but is now with his Father opposite the Episcopal Jews Chapel Hackney place — he passed off a forged note to Mr Hart at the "Merry Carpenters" Old Street Road to whom Howard wrote informing him of the Circumstance — West told Austin he passed a Note at a House of ill fame near the Blind Beggar in Whitechapel Road, at which House the Note was

changed the parties marking on it at the time "the Old Lady in the Court" - this note was discovered to be a Forgery, and the People at the House can state how the Transaction ended.

There is a Man who some time ago lived near the Peacock in Bethnal Green Road close by the Hackney Turnpike - Howard does not recollect his name - this Man about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ^{or 5} months ago passed a forged note at the Peacock for which he was taken to Worship Street Office but discharged on West's swearing he paid him the note - after his discharge it was discovered he had passed other forged notes and Armstrong and other Officers were on the look out for him - he removed to No. 2 William Street opposite the Bricklayers Arms in the Kent Road - this Man (who was a companion in crime with West) passed another forged note at a Leather Butcher nearly opposite the Pork Shop in Cable Street about 5 months ago - and Howard suspects he passed another to Reynolds who keeps a Bacon Shop in White Lion Street. Howard states - that Dost is known to the Bank, as well as Hill and as both concerned in forging or passing notes.

Austin is about 40 Years of Age - dark Complexion - dark Hair - 5 feet 10 inches in height - stout made and of a respectable Appearance - he made all his Property by being concerned in forged notes.

West is about 30 years old - dark hair
dark complexion - rather bald before & wears
a front - is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high -
slender make - genteel dress and appearance.

Howard says that when confined in
Newgate two persons named Burg & Francis
(who are of bad character and concerned with
Austin) came to him saying that Austin begged
that he would not disclose anything - Burg
is now a Prisoner for Debt in the King's Bench
Prison.

Howard is now lame from two Paralytic
Attacks and says ~~and~~ he was induced to
plead guilty, that he might accompany
his wife to New South Wales.

This statement was made to
me by Howard on board the Leviathan
Shalk on the 23^d October 1820 - }

J. D. Lyth

Black to G. A. Callaway

Solicitor

Portsmouth

His Majesty Ship Leviathan

Portsmouth Harbour

Oct 8th 1820

Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing to you
which I hope you will excuse me in so doing
I am Sir now on Board a prison ship at Portsmouth
which my sentence is for 14 years - for having
In my Breach, forged Notes with Sir
I should be very much obliged to you if you
could - But make it any way convenient to -
Coming down to Portsmouth as I have -
Some thing to relate to you which I cant -
In Letter, of great consequence I was tried
At Warick March 1818 with I hope
Sir you wont fail in coming down if you
Please:-

I Remain Your Most
Humble & Obedient Servant

John Gregg -

Copy sent to Mr. Callaway Portsmouth
10th Oct. 1820

8 Oct 1825

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For John Jegg a Pair



Mr. Ruff II

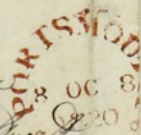
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Mr. Ruff

Post Office Officer

St. Paul Street

London



M.R

London 10 Oct. 1820

Sir,

On the other side we transmit you the copy of a Letter from In^o. Gregg a Convict on board the Leviathan in Portsmouth Harbour to Ruff an Officer of Bow St. who has handed it to us. — We will thank you to see Gregg, & if he is disposed to make any communication to take it down in writing & transmit it to us. —

We are &c.

H. F. V. H.

Mr. Callaway

Sol^r.

Portsmouth

10 Oct. 1800

Bank 87

to Mr. Callaway

25/10/2000

Portsmouth 15th October 1820.

Gentlemen

Enclosed I send you a Copy of the
Statement made by John Gregg, and shall be happy
at all times to attend to your Commands.

I am Gentlemen

Your very obed^t Serv^t

Geo. Aug^r Callaway

Mess^{rs} Hays Freshfield & Hays



Wm. Kaye
Wm. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors to the
Bank of England
London

16th Dec. 1820.

Bank

from J. A. Callaway

225/13/36

John Gregg a Convict confined on board His Majesty's
Hulk Leviathan in Portsmouth Harbour States that he is
a Native of Birmingham and about 41 Years of Age - is a
Wire Worker by Trade - was convicted at Warwick alias in
March last for having forged Bank Notes in his Prison
and sentenced to 14 Years Transportation - was employed at
his Trade until about four Months before his Conviction at
Birmingham - at that time he was lame and in great
distress and met with a Man named James Boot who
lives near the Five-way Turnpike Birmingham and after
some Conversations with him, Gregg engaged to be employed
by him in selling forged Bank Notes - Boot during the
time of their Connection supplied Gregg with 200 forged
Notes for one Pound each for the purpose of selling to persons
who were in the habit of uttering them - Boot charged
Gregg 8 £ pr hundred for them, and he sold them for what
he could get - Gregg had the first time from Boot 100
Notes - he went to him at his House between 9 & 10 O'
Clock in the Evening, and whilst there some person knocked
at the door and Boot went and received something from
the Person which Gregg understood to be forged Notes - then
he put in a Hole in the Privy (made by displacing a Brick
near the Seat) in a Tin Box - he told Gregg he would find
the Notes there and on going to the place it was as he had
said - he received the other Notes at 3 or 4 different times
at Boot's House and in a similar way to what he did the
first excepting that Boot once or twice delivered the
Notes from his hand - Boot told Gregg he was supplied
with the Notes by an Old Man who lived on Bank Common
about 6 or 7 Miles beyond Walsall in Stafford who had
plates for making them - Gregg does not know the Name
of this Old Man but states that he carries on Business
as a Farmer in a small Way - he has the Appearance

of a Quaker and has a Wife and one Son named "James" who is a Fine Young Man and has the Appearance of a Gentleman Farmer, - they keep no Servant but have connection with an Old Man and his Wife who live on the Common and make Bedones - these Persons hide the Plates and to make an Appearance of Poverty employ themselves in gathering Ling to make Bedones and have Parish Relief, they however have Assistance from the Old Man - the impressions from the Plates are taken off at the Old Man's but filled up at Wolverhampton, - how they are conveyed there he can't tell but supposes the Old People take them there when going with their Apts to sell Bedones - the Old Man's Son visits Boot at Birmingham to which place he comes in a Gig - Gregg cannot tell where he puts up, but supposes he leaves the Gig in the Environs of the Town, he however goes to the Bull's Head publichouse in Birmingham in a place called the "Old Inkleps" near Dudley Street - the Old Man sometimes visits Boot at his House which he rents of Mr. Peers a Lamp Manufacturer - Boot's Sister lived with him and so does a Mr. Healey. - Gregg had been with Boot to other persons who buy and sell forged Notes - Mr. Smith living at the bottom of Balsley Street Birmingham sells them - she is a lusty Woman and lives in a Private House - Mr. Davis also does so, she lives in Water Street Birmingham - There is a Man whose Name Gregg does not know, a Shoemaker and Nick named "Doctor" - he lives in Love Lane near the Canal Bridge and is a great Dealer in forged Notes - he has them from a Man named Ben Bamford who has a Plate, and also a press for making bad Money in Birmingham - he shifts about so that Gregg cannot tell the particular place of his dwelling - Gregg

used to dispose of the Notes he had, to various persons
- amongst them there was a Dealer in cattle who lives
under Clayhill near Ludlow-Salop, - he is a Big Man
abt 5 feet 10 inches high - 40 Yrs old - dark Complexion
- does not recollect his Name - there was another Man,
a Welchman, who keeps a Turnpike near Bucknock - does
not know his Name - he is about 26 Yrs of age 5 ft 5 in
high, light Complexion, pleasant good looking Man - he
told Gregg he hid the Notes in his Hayrick - he
came all the way from Bucknock to Birmingham
for the Notes - Gregg also sold to a Man belonging
to Manchester whose Name he does not recollect
- he was a Farmer and travelled the Country selling
Quilted Waistcoat Pices &c - he is between 50 & 60
and abt 5 ft 10 in height - dark Complexion and goes
by the Name of "Little John" - Gregg says there
is a Man a large dealer in forged Notes who brings
Fisk into Birmingham & employs 2 or 3 Waggoners
for that purpose - he comes in every week and puts
up at the "Peacock", Fother Green - dont know his
Name - he is a stout Man 5 ft 10 in high, dark
Complexion, betw 40 & 50 Years of age, and altho
he means a Trick is reputed to be a Man of
Considerable Property.

The above Statement was made
by Gregg to me on board the
Leviathan Hulk, on the 15th October
1820.

J. Blyth

Clerk to G. A. Ballaway
Solicitor Portsmouth

Bank

Oct. 1820

Saloon given by
John Gigg & Co. Ltd.

F25/13/37

Mr Lapper presents his respects
to Mrs Kaye & Frederick and
incloses herewith a letter
and Memorandum for
their information, which he
has received this morning
from one of the Agents of the
Leviathan Convict Ship
at Portsmouth.

Whitehall
17 July 1820

17 July 1820
Recd
for Mr Lapper
enclosed are the MSS
I should to have sent
a Memorandum of facts.

July 16th 1820

Sir)

I beg leave to forward to you
the inclosed Note of Samuel Lester, which
he gave to William Nickles, a Prisoner —
now on board the Levant. As Direction
to him where he may purchase Forged
Banks of England Notes. at Seven Shillings ^{each}
to any Amount.

Samuel Lester was convicted at
Bury St Edmunds on 8th March 1820 and
sentenced to be Transported for Life. for
having forged Notes in his possession together with
William Jackson & William Summards.

Sir Your Most Obedt-
& Humble Servt

P. B. Vincent

16 July
1820.

Bank

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for Mr. Poind

John Henry Copper Esq^r

London

F25/13/29

Charles Street Jury Lane
Coach & Harsees

William Bullock

Samuel Lester

To The Governor and Company
of the Bank of England

The humble Petition of
Abraham Wade a Prisoner
in His Majesty's Goal the
Castle of Lancaster now
under sentence of Death

Sheweth That your Petitioner was tried and
convicted here of uttering forged Bank of
England notes last sent apizes. That your
Petitioner received the sentence of death and
is now waiting the time appointed for his
execution, which is the 21st of this month.
Your Petitioner acknowledges the Justness of
his sentence, but having had the plea of
guilt offered him, and not being aware of
the consequence of not accepting it. humbly

implores your clemency - Your Petitioner is 67
years of age, has a wife and four children
who with your Petitioner humbly beg for a
mitigation of the awful sentence to banishment
for life - Oh save then the life of your unhappy
Petitioner, and your Petitioner will to the
remotest period of his existence for your ex-
tending mercy - Offer up his prayers for your
eternal and everlasting happiness.

And your Petitioner will
as in duty bound ever pray

His
Abraham X Wade
mark

Lancaster Castle
10th April 1821 -

10 August 1841

Bank

Petition of Abraham
Wade a Prisoner in
Lancaster Gaol

Petition of
Ab. Wade.

F25/13/41

Sir,

If the Board of England will
give me my Liberty, I will engage
to put Robinson once more in their
hands, before the coming of spring and to
do it without their assistance so —
Effectually, that "the ends of justice
shall be answered" —

am Sir your M^t
J. Barton —

Gloucester Castle
April 13 —



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J. Procter Esqr
New Bank Buildings
London

Received of
J. Procter

13 April 1825

F25/13/42

Public Office Bow Street
April 17th 1821

M^{rs} Burton

It is a duty incumbent upon me to state
to you the result of Thornleys trial at Bristol last
week, and to undeceive you as to any further
application in any Quarter on your behalf
and I must tell you I am in no small
degree hurt at both your conduct &
that of Waddons, I am an old experienced
officer, and Truth has been & will be
to my life and my motto - how you
could imagine yourself or Waddon could
impose upon me you can best explain
I ask Mrs Burton why she did not
disclose the true character of Waddon
& his wife and also the connexions
existing between them & Thornley
in the notorious business - this
would have spared the painfull

Co's examination & personal disclosure by
Wadson himself in the Court, and also saved
the Bank a Considerable & fruitless expence
I need not add, that Thornely was acquitted &
very properly too on the Evidence of such
a witness, so far as to myself as to the
Bank, if you have any thing more to
Commune do it to them - I will not
receive any more letters from you at
the same time I beg to inform Mrs Barton
that I do not write in anger, I pity your
Condition, but I cannot but express my
Indignation at being led into errors &
have my Character the least shade of
Suspicion cast upon it, that you could make
disclosure in writing of the utmost Importance
to the Bank & proben at large the late
trial has fully convinced me your mistakes
for withholding it is best known to yourself
Yr Obedient



M^{rs} J Burton

[Large decorative flourish]

his Majesty's Castle

Whester
Somerset

Recd &
Mr. W. W. W. W.
W. W. W. W.

17 September 1821

25/10/43

Robertson Carter

May 9

Sir, I long have I hesitated fearing to give offence but at last have
ventured to address you, feeling that the Law of Nature allows to
every human Being (however their Situation, the privilege of justifying
themselves when they are wrongfully accused? not for the purpose
of endeavouring to put any one with respect to my Liberty, I ought
but merely to vindicate myself from the aspersions Mr Helyland
in the enclosed hath cast upon me, that Wadson knows of Thence
pursuits I was aware otherwise he could not possibly have engaged
to detect them, but that he on his wife was connected with
him in the way that Mr Helyland seems to express I am quite
ignorant of, nor can I ever be persuaded that Wadson deserved
the odium thrown on him, I consider myself bound by every tie
of gratitude for the part he took in the late transactions, nor that
I doubt that the plan would fail of success, and that it did, shall ever
attribute to mismanagement, as to the Expense that Mr Helyland
thinks of I proposed to a Gentleman in the presence of the Governor
that Wadson should have of me what money was wanting in the
occasion therefore it cannot appear that I wish to impose on the Banks
of England by engaging them, in a needless pursuit, or on Mr
Helyland's Discredit, that I am abtunding on your time I
know but believe me Sir it will be a meritorious act to hear the
justification of an unfortunate and so far as regards Mr Helyland's
Letter an injured Woman, from my Situation my Veracity may be
doubted but I can appeal to the Searcher of hearts that I have made

of no deception in any information I have given concerning myself
Prison or Thowley and if the Board Directors will trouble themselves
to consider the Confession I made before trial they cannot for a
moment conceive that I substituted falsehood for truth as the statement
I then made must operate much to my disadvantage, but I pay
to Great a regard to truth as Mr Holyland and consider myself
have fallen above the petty of those that entertain so vile an
opinion of me, as to my conduct since here Mr Wode will do
me justice I know, I was told that on the commencement of the
plain respecting Thowley a request was made for me not be
sent off if I am rightly informed and such a request was
made to the Secretary of State I must particularly desire that the
prohibition may be removed, to keep me longer here will give
me into the lowest abyss of misery the I am not for removal
from that at present, allow me to present to your imagination
four fatherless children their mother situated as I am the little
property I had nearly exhausted from impositions practised on
me since my confinement, every passing hour passing with the
fate prospects of one or other of my children the recollection
of whom drives me to Madness, to desperation, to describe
my feelings I can only say that in mercy hear my prayer
may I be sent with my family to my place of destination
by the first ship that sails it is now my most ardent wish, mine
are fine healthy children my own health good —

There occur circumstances in human life by which individuals
now are situated are constrained to pass by the formalities of
Custom and assume a tone that may appear too familiar or
wanting in respect, this is the predicament in which I now
stand and I have no excuse to offer but my situation and a wish to
clear my self of Mr Helylands accusations, I shall be most
thankful for it to know to those who are now the arbiters of
my destiny that it is my particular wish for the sentence
awarded me to be carried into immediate effect and for the
privilege of taking my children (for from them I cannot be
separated) I will devote the remainder of my life to government
I care not how hard I work nothing will be a hardship
to me if permitted to be with my little helpless family —

With many respects I remain Sir —
Yours most Obedt J Burton

9 May 1821

Wm R Davis
Fecunia Boston



Notter Lane
2 p P. Paid

Charles Keys Esq

Solicitor to the Bank of England
London

Wm Davis

44/13/44
F25/13

To the Governor and Company of
the Bank of England.

The humble Petition of Robert Wood a
Prisoner confined in His Majesty's Gaol of
Chelmsford in the County of Essex charged
with uttering two forged and counterfeit Bank
Notes purporting to be the Notes of you the said
Governor and Company of the Bank of England

Sheweth

That your petitioner is fully aware of
the Enormity of the Crime with which he stands
charged and the total impossibility of his giving
such Evidence of the manner in which he became
possessed of the said two false forged and counter-
feited Bank Notes (from the circumstance of his
not knowing the residence of the Persons from
whom he received them) as to preclude the inference
in Law that by a plurality of utterings a Guilty
Knowledge must be presumed.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly
prays that he may be permitted
to plead Guilty to any Indictment
which may be proffered against him
for having in his possession the
said forged and counterfeit Notes
without lawful excuse which will
subject him to the punishment of
Transportation for fourteen Years
whereby he humbly hopes and
trusts that the ends of Justice will
be as fully answered as by his
Capital Conviction and punishment

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

Chelmsford Gaol

26 July 1821

The Mark of Rob^d Wood

Witness George Wright

Chelmsford Gaol Turnkey

Aug 1821
Bank of England

Petition of
Robert Wood

Mr Westwood

F25/13/45.

M.

London 28th July 1821

Sir,

Res^d & Rob^t Wood

We inclose two Specs in this Prosecution
& will thank you to send Copies of them to

Samuel Thomas of Brook Street	Sam Shrimpton of the
Gilliam St ^h to Mr. Sud	Buell Inn - Grays -
Brewer of Romford	Jas. Felton of the -
Catharine Draper of the Huntsman	Cherry Tree - Hornchurch
& Hounds - Cabelstey	Joseph Brewer - Baker
William Draper - her son	at the Crown - Havering
	Hice &
	William Vandervold
	Constable of Rainham

Vandervold the Constable had better take charge
of all the Witnesses & be with them at Chelmsford
by 9 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday the 7th
Instant & on his arrival you will direct him
to call upon us at the Black Boy. —

We will thank you to acknowledge the Receipt
of the Subpoenas and inform us when the Witnesses
are served —

We are &c
H. F. F. H.

Wasey Skerry Esq
Sol^r

Romford
Essex

28 July 1821

Bank
Rex Wood
W. W. Henry Esq.

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12 Aug 1828

Bank
as is word
from J. T. Cox Esq.

Messrs. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors
Bank Building

F25/13/47

Harwood
Aug. 12th 1828

Sir

It appears from the statement
of the Expenses of the Widow Draper
and her son relating to the apprehension
and trial of Robert Wood for
Forgery, that your Agent at (Chelmsford)
did not give her sufficient money
to cover those expenses and loss
of her sons time in his business
I should hope, when the Bank
Directors are informed, how
expensively acted and instrumental
these People were in following
up & securing so great a Public
Depredator, that they will make
her some further compensation
beyond her bare expenses. - W^m Wood
Messrs. Kaye & Freshfield Esq. Cox

Cash Paid by Mrs Draper during the
pursuit, apprehension and Conviction
of Robert Wood at Chelmsford

Paid for Horse & Cart & Expenses in pursuit & apprehension. —	0. 13. 9
Paid for my Son & Constable sitting up with the Prisoner all night previous to going before the Magistrate. — — —	0. 12. 6
3 attendances of my Son before the Magistrate — Paid Wages of his time —	15. 0
— Paid for Coach to London to identify wrote before the Justices —	6 —
for 5 Dinners & Beer for Mr. Middle Constable, Prisoner, my Son & Gardener	3 1. 11 —
Coach hire to Chelmsford & back to attend the Trial. Self & Son	3 — 1. 2
Paid at the Term at Chelmsford —	3. 4. 0
2 Days lost time to my Son at his Business	3 1. 0. 0
2 Days lost time to myself — being obliged to hire a Person to look after my business	1. 0. 0
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Rec^d £ 10. 0. 0
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The Humble Petition of Catharine Draper
of Conbstay Essex

Sheweth

that your petitioner has on all
occasions most Willingly come forward an Act of
the Bank of England in detestable Utterance of forged
notes that your petitioner and son, was several days
in pursuit of a man named Rabit Wood who was an
utterer, of forged £5 & £10 notes and after making
enquiries for miles round the County your petitioner
and son succeeded in apprehending him without
a Constable he was examined three times before
J^{es} Cox Esq^r and fully committed to Chelmsford
for trial your petitioner and son attended
prisoners examinations and also his trial at
Chelmsford Assizes and by your taking it into
your consideration your petitioner well ever pray

C Draper



The

Gouvernor and Comp^y

Bank of England

Robert Wood
C. Craper
requesting some
remuneration
for apprehending
Robert Wood
ordered to be prosecuted
25 April last for
uttering 2 forged
£5 notes some of
£10. in Exet

MARLOW
[24]



Wm. 1822
Bank of England
for Mr. Craper

cas/13/49

Sir Pardon the Liberty I have Taken in writing
to you to inform that I have been the Dupe of
A Hartford villan who was a Companion of
James Gardner who suffered the last May for selling
These distributive Bad Notes but ~~had~~ Never could
be Perverted on me Till that unfortnight Monday
Night which he gave me the Bad Ten pound Note
and Shood me the Brothell ware him and wife had
Been the Sunday Night before and gave a Bad five
pound Note and if I would go with the Ten I should have
the Half of it I Bee came Acquainted with these
Men who live in a Publick House where they
both used and I Lodged in the Same to my Misfortune
His Name is John Frier and there is a Notther dealer in
this wicked Practice with in the Name James Smith

Who lives in Vine Street Sharnes St and A Busen of the
the Same Name in Chaple St Oxford Road and Maney
Others of there A Twentars wick I now Suffer for and
Labor under Rumatick Pains in my Limbes and very
Sory to hear that my Aged Mother 80 years old
lies very ill as I have the youngest Son and the
furst that ever disgrast the famley and am now
40 years of Age and can Prove at the furst Boot
Makers Shops in London to the very Flour that
I have folowd my Employment for my Living
I have Worked Last for M^r W^m Noughton Mount St
M^r Roby St James St and M^r Tallow Coventry
and M^r Burn Richdilly wick well ancor for my Charlot
ever Since I have been in London and the man that as been
My Shown as lived in this wicket Prack to this 3 years
as is wife as 2 Women that goes with him owing the large

~~thing~~ Pasing thro Bad Nots Strong. Jurneter to furnich
a House for to make into A Brothell and he lives in
Marabone near the New Roode and goes to the ^{Ship} in
Wardor St. Seha and booles him self ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Ship~~ ^{Ship} in
Pardon this liberty I have Takeon your humbell.

Servent Simon Evans

Portsmouth Dock on Bord Leviaton
february 2th

2 Feb 7 1821.

Bank

to Simon Evans, Esq^r

Charles Pollock Esq^r Governor
of the Bank of England
London

F25/13/50

in
Mr. Glover

Waldstone Deal
24th Feb. 1821.

Sir.

Pardon the liberty I have herein taken
for soliciting your interference in my behalf. - I am
one of those unfortunate individuals, who was taken in
courtly at Sandwich for uttering forged Notes.

My present awful situation I feel with all
its force, and am truly repentant for having offended
against the laws of my Country; and wish to make every
reparation within my power; so that on return the Govt.
of your establishment may stand their ground towards me.

Should the North British, and Company, of
the Bank of England, think proper for you, to wait on
me, I feel confident my information will ensure their most
gracious indulgence and protection, and that the Country
at large will be most essentially benefited. - Your
representation of the above statement to the said North British,
will be for ever imprinted upon my grateful heart, and
acknowledged by myself - and unfortunate Wife. I remain
My dear Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
James Holman -

~~Enclosed~~

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London 27 Feb. 1821

Gentⁿ,

We have received a Letter from —
James Holman who is confined in your County
Gaol on a charge of uttering forged Bank Notes
expressing a wish to give some information —
We will thank you to see him & take
down in writing whatever he may wish to
communicate, cautioning him however that no
promise of favor is on that account held
out to him —

We are &c

H. F. V. P.

Messrs Barr Hoar & Barr

Solic^{rs}

Maistone

27 February 29

Barrat
for Solomon
to Burr & Burr

F25/13/52

112.
Maidstone Gaol.

March 14th. 1821.

Gentlemen /

Since my last letter to you, I have been considering the great advantage that would be derived, not only the Bank of England, but the Public in general, by having communication with a person who has a knowledge of the Agrippas of crimes particularly those which I have related in my former correspondence, and what Sherin state viz Manufacturers of Base Coin, Forged Stamps &c.

I make no doubt but this information as well as the former can be accomplished, it therefore remains with you - and the Hon^{ble} Governor Company of the Bank of England, whether dependance can be placed in such individual

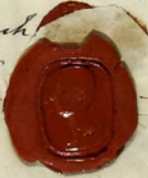
I remain

Your very Obed^t & Humble Serv^t
James Holman.

14th March 1853

Bank

for Mr
J. J. Colman
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F25/13/53

My dear George Thompson
Your letter
Bank of England
London

MIDSTON
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To the Honorable the Governors and Directors of the Bank of
England

The Humble Petition of James Holman
late of the Borough of Southwark in the County of Surrey
Tobacconist but now a prisoner in the County Gaol
at Maidstone Kent

Sheweth

That your petitioner was born of respectable
parents, who educated your petitioner, and brought him up
with the prospect of his becoming a worthy and useful member
of Society by placing him with Mr. Webb of the Borough aforesaid
Tobacconist as a Shopman and upon Mr. Webb retiring from
Business, your petitioner commenced the Business of a
Tobacconist for himself at Saint Margarets Hill in the
Borough aforesaid

That your petitioner was unsuccessful
in Business owing to his having connected himself with
persons whose Circumstances afforded them an opportunity
of living in a Superior Style to your petitioner, and your
petitioner therefore became involved and was at length
compelled to quit his Business which had been the total
ruin of him and led him to the commission of the Crime with
which he stands charged

That your petitioner was committed early
in the month of February to take his Trial at the approaching
Maidstone Assizes for uttering forged and Counterfeited
Bank notes a Crime for which the Laws of this Country
punish with death which your petitioner is anxious (not
only on account of himself but for the sake of the Reputation
of an affectionate and virtuous wife) to avert

And therefore most humbly prays that the
Governors and Directors of the Bank aforesaid
will be pleased to seriously consider his Case
and permit him to plead guilty to the minor
offence, and prevent the forfeiture of your
petitioners Life so that he may yet live to make
reparation for his offences

And your petitioner will as in Duty bound
ever pray &c

James Holman.

We the undersigned being severally and respectively ^{Inhabitants} residing at the places set opposite our respective names do hereby certify that we have read the foregoing petition and believe the same to be true and humbly beg leave to recommend the petitioners to the favor and mercy of the governors and directors of the Bank of England believing him to be an object deserving of that extension of favor and mercy prayed for in the prayer of the foregoing petition

Will^m Gird^r H. 66 No 34 Harleyford Place Kennington
Rich^d Mathur 130 High St. Southwark
Jas Freeman 209 High Street Borough
Abm Pether 114 High Street Borough
Mr & Mrs Robert 115 Bor^r High St
Alfred Roper 113 Bor^r High Street
W & E Hill 107 High St. Southwark
Ward & Davis 106 & Bor^r High St
John Bunton 103 Borough High Street
M. Barry 88 Bor^r High St
Thos Harvey 86 Borough High St
W. Widdowson 1126 High (Borough)
Laurence Watley 1125 High St Bor^r
Philip Rymer 1123 High St
Sophy Overton 117 High St Bor^r
John James 128 High St Bor^r
W & C Rawlins Dover Road
Ashton 16 Union Street Southwark.
John Crosby 136 High St Bor^r
Edw & Coe 135 High St Borough
George Peters Aldgate.
Thos Wiggins 129 High Street Southwark
Mrs W. 130 Blackman Street Bor^r
Thos Wicks 137 Blackman Road
Whickman 89 High St Borough
G Saunders 142 Bor^r
Harry Silvester Bor^r High Street
Daniel & Thomas Olney 140 High Street Bor^r
Joseph Chantler Laytons Buildings

Bank

Petition of
James Holman
a prisoner in the County Gaol
at Maidstone

pas 13/54

Norwich Castle
March 8th 21

Gent^l

I think it my Duty
to inform you that George Fryer
confined in the City Gaol under your
Prosecution - the partner of James
Upcroft who made his escape some
short time since & in Company with
two others made his escape yesterday
he was afterwards taken at a noted house
from the information of one of the other
prisoners in the Gaol - our Magistrate
were very anxious for the apprehension
of Fryer he being at the head of a
Desperate Gang of house breakers - I
despair

for his safety in the above Gaol with
the others also under your prosecution
Fryer and Upcroft were the companions
of Bernard Clarke (real name Bamberg)
and James Wright who were removed
by H. C. from Farnouth. I
made an application at your office
short time since to know if you
intended to remove these men from
the City Gaol but one of your young
men stated you were not aware
of any person ever being removed - I
mentioned the subject to Mr. Edgell -
Clerk of Assize who directly gave me
the name of Ann Stiles who was
removed by you - I am Gent^l

Your very obed^t Servant
W. Johnson

— These men made an attempt to
escape about a fortnight since
and were very heavily Ironed but
to no purpose —



NORWICH

Messrs Kay & Co
Bank of England
Sole
London

St. Mark 1841
Bank of England
for Mr. Kay
London

1841/13/55

20 GUINEAS REWARD.

WHEREAS on Friday evening last, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock, JAMES UPCROFT, late of the City of Norwich, Publican, charged with Felony, made his escape from the Bridewell of the said City;

5 feet 8 inches high
The said JAMES UPCROFT is about 28 Years of age, pale Complexion, dark or hazle Eyes, dark Hair, is much pock-pitted, and rather slender. Had on a blue frock Coat, Corduroy small-clothes, black Woollen Waistcoat, white Neck-handkerchief, and brown top boots.

Whoever will give such information as may lead to the Apprehension of the said JAMES UPCROFT, or shall cause him to be lodged in any of his Majesty's Gaols, shall receive the above Reward, by applying to GEO. BAMBRIDGE, Governor of the said Bridewell.

GEORGE BAMBRIDGE.

Norwich, Dec. 23, 1820.

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London 14th March 1821

Sir,

We are favoured with your letter of Yesterday - Having a great many prosecutions to conduct at the present assizes in various parts of the County, it will not be practicable for us to remove the prisoners ment^d in your letter to the County Gaol & to try them at the ensuing assizes, but if you will send up copies of their Commitments, we will as soon as the assizes are over obtain Writs of Habeas Corpus to remove them to the County Gaol -

We are &c.

R. F. & K.

John Shipper Esq
Undersheriff.
e Warwick

14th March 1891

Barnst
Norwich Prison
to Mr Skipper

F25/13/57

Cluster Castle 28 Feb 1821

Dear Friend

"One of the Prisoners has been with me this morning and says he can inform me where there is a plant of Plates for making Bank Notes and about 4000 ready manufactured. The Plates are for £1. £5 £10 £20 Notes — likewise a plate for the Leeds Bank Notes. Along with the above ~~are~~ ^{are} some gold Watchers & about 20th in good Notes. The Person wishes to know if any reward will be allowed by the Bank of England if he is the means of discovering the above

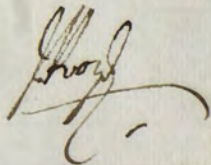
Your answer as soon as convenient will oblige
Yours truly J. E. Hudson
in haste

Stockport 3.^d Mar. 1821

Genl.

On the other side I give you
the copy of a letter from the keeper
of Chester Castle, to whom I have
written to say the man shall
be rewarded equal to his
deserts - & I desired Mr

Hudson to get some
particulars inquired.
Whilst I addressed you
on the subject - I shall be
obeyed by your answer &
remain
Your very obed^t faithful
servant





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Sir,

We approve the answer you have returned
to The Governor of Bristol castle: - if such implements
are in existence it is most desirable that they should
be kept out of the hands of persons who would
use them to defraud the public -

We are &c

H. J. & K.

London 3rd March 1821

I Send by
Stockport
Cheshire

5th March 1821

Bank of

to J. Lloyd Esq^r

65/13/59

Gentlemen/

I send you a Letter respecting the £1 Southamton
note which you desired me to retain it is from a
M^r Johnson an Attorney confined as a Prisoner for
Debt in Manchester Gaol - Please to tell me what I
am to do, for the Note is of no Value or use to me,
and only under your directions I have kept it

I take this opportunity of presenting to you
that the Compensation of the two Pounds which I
Received for loss of time and trouble, was much below
what I conceive I was fairly entitled to, for I lost
3 days time incidental to the Prisoners Apprehension
& Commitment beside attending the Offices of
course was highly detrimental to my Business,
which is that of a victualler and I have no one to look
after it but myself - I used every exertion in the Business
and I first apprehended the Prisoner so that the Constable
who is to receive satisfaction had but little trouble -
Under these Circumstances I do humbly hope you will
be pleased to grant me some further Compensation

I am Gentlemen
Your humble Servant

Eli Mills

Robin hood and
Little John
Broad Street
Portsmouth

13, March, 1721

Mr. E. A. Mills

Muston side - Sheriff, land
- Winchester

8th March 1826

Sir

James Stedley insists upon your immediately
giving up the £5 - Southampton vote - You certainly
have no right whatever to hold it - and your withholding
it may ~~be~~ be attended with circumstances extremely
unpleasant. I should dislike exceedingly being accessory to
any thing ~~not~~ injurious to you, I have always and still do
entertain a very friendly disposition towards you - I shall
feel obliged if you will in a few days give me your determination
whether you will give up the vote or not - if you give it up
you will send it to me - I cannot say but I am surprised
after ^{Mr} [redacted] has shown the Opinion of ^{Mr} [redacted] saying you had no other
to [redacted] - that you still do so

Yours Obedtly

J. A. Johnson

Messrs J. & R. Freshfield & Key
Solicitors to the
Bank of England
London

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10th March 1860
Messrs J. & R. Freshfield & Key
Solicitors to the
Bank of England
London

F25/13/60

London 14th March 1828

Sir,

If you consider the £5 Southampton Note of no use to you, we recommend your giving it to Silbee to save further trouble. Our object in recommending you to detain it was to protect yourself against the loss you sustained by the transaction. —

When all the Papers are finished we shall report the case agt. Silbee together with all the other prosecutions, to the Directors of the Bank, they authorize us to give you any further compensation you shall be informed of it in due course —

We are &c
W. F. W.

Mr. Eli Mills
Robinhood & Little John
Broad Street
Portsmouth

14. March 1861

Present
to the
M. E. Mills

F25/13/61

Winchester Gaol
10th March 1821.

Gentlemen

I most humbly entreat that you will be
pleased to communicate to the Governor and Company of the
Bank of England, that I am most gratefully obliged to
them for having exercised their mercy towards me on my
recent Conviction — I beg to assure them as well as
yourselves, that I feel that I am indebted to them and
you, for a life which has been generously spared —
I hope my future Conduct will prove that the Contrition
I feel, is such as will lead to sincere Repentance
and Atonement.

I am an old sickly man, and from having
a severe rupture, cannot endure the miseries of Confinement
equal to others who are free from infirmities; for which
reason (if it is consistent with propriety) I shall feel
an additional mercy conferred on me, if I could be removed
to the Hulks at Portsmouth, where my wife and Children
could supply me with such trifling assistance, as may
alleviate my distresses.

I am Gentlemen
Your very grateful humble servant
Joseph Woods

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1821
J. Woods
W. Woods & Co
Bank of England
London

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London

F25/13/62

For the Solicitor of
the Bank of England
to be delivered at the
Bank in London
with all speed

Bank T 30.11.1840
Per Wm. Lloyd

F25/13/63

Sheerness November 30th 1840
Gentlemen of the Bank of England I
take this opportunity of stating the truth
Concerning the Parties as Mr Masterman
the mate of the warrior Convict Hulk
woolard and Mr John English of
Hecknam who as stated to you
whither ~~for~~ this last fortnight and
you may depend upon what I have stated
to be correct and I am now going to
state to you my evidence to you
my self and I hope that you will
give it a liberal hearing and if you do
I shall do that for you that no other
man will do and the Mens names are
these Thomas Spooner of Birmingham
and George Phillips of Ockley and the
first time was on Thursday August 29th
between the hours of 12 & 1 at night and
the second was on Thursday September 5th Between
10 a 11 at night and the third time was on Thursday
October 3rd between 9 a 10 at night and the fourth
time was on Wednesday October 30th Between 4 a 5 in
the Evening

and the number of notes which was
got up was about 20 five pound notes
each time and the was parted between me
and a man of the name of Thomas Butler
who is a circulating them for the Partys
at this time and the was all got up in
Spoons and Spooner was the man
that printed them and Phillips forged
the Clarks Signature and Gentlemen
if you send me a formal answer to
this I will communicate to you something
for your good in your own town of
London of a party that gives you a great
deal of trouble in the course of the twelve
months and I can put you in a way to
apprehend them but I hope that you
will write me answer back to this by
Thursday next for I am now on board
the Convict Ship Durance at sea near
but if you think that you can

convict the Parties from the statement
which I have now stated you may depend
of it being correct Gentlemen be so kind
as to answer this whether you will take
my Exedance or not as you can detain
me for the purpose of giving Exedance
against them

from your humble
Servant William St. John

