

1st. Previous to his apprehension he was obtaining his living as a storekeeper in Queensland for nearly two years, having abandoned his former career of wickedness, and had left the Colony, fully determined to lead a life of honest industry. Proofs of the good character he had gained could have been produced at his trial; and it is well known that gold, both by escort and private individuals, has been placed under his care with confidence and safety during that time.

2nd. That only four months after his conviction there was a desperate outbreak of prisoners in the gaol, in which he took no part whatever. His conduct on that occasion was so noticed by the Inspector-General of Police that he assured the prisoner that he would see the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Foster) and have a record of it made for the future benefit of the prisoner. To this record your Petitioners would humbly refer your Excellency, the late Dr. West having told the prisoner that it had been made.

3rd. That the prisoner has assiduously endeavoured to make himself as useful as possible in the work appointed for him, and has invented a contrivance which has greatly improved the making of the selvage on the matting, which was previously very defective and much complained of.

4th. That the prisoner has always given every satisfaction to the Sheriff as well as the Governor of the Gaol, and other officers and overseers, during the whole time, now the ninth year of his imprisonment.

5th. That your Petitioners beg also humbly to direct your Excellency's attention to the fact that his Honour the Chief Justice has more than once publicly remarked that although during the time there was so much bushranging he should always inflict the severest penalty of the law, nevertheless, we might perhaps be permitted respectfully to suggest that your Excellency would not be unwilling to exercise your prerogative of mercy, now the crime of bushranging has been happily and effectually suppressed.

6th. That the prisoner's health has already suffered so much from his long confinement as to cause him to be almost constantly under the hands of a doctor for disease of the heart and other serious symptoms, which have obliged him for a time to be placed in the hospital of the gaol, and have totally incapacitated him from continuous work.

Lastly. That your Petitioners feel certain that if your Excellency be pleased to grant him a pardon, he will thus be afforded the opportunity of redeeming the past; and from your Petitioners' knowledge of his character, they can confidently assure your Excellency that they believe he will never again commit himself; and from the very confident and feeling manner in which his Honour Sir Alfred Stephen has on many occasions addressed himself to Petitioners' brother, and remarked upon his reformation, they hope that he will recommend the prayer of this Petition to the most favourable consideration of your Excellency.

Praying the Lord may guide to a wise and judicious conclusion in disposing of this Petition, your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c

(Signed),

ARCHINA GRIFFITHS.

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CHARLOTTE DEACON CALE.

We, the Undersigned, beg most respectfully to recommend the foregoing Petition* to your Excellency's merciful consideration, the more especially from the desire to reform evidenced by the prisoner before capture, and his conduct since his incarceration, and trust that your Excellency may be pleased, under all the circumstances of the case, to deem the period of sentence already expired sufficient for the ends of justice.

(Signed),

WILLIAM B. DALLEY.

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RICHARD DRIVER.