

Showeth,—

That your Petitioner invokes your Excellency's clemency to take into favourable consideration his youth and the temptations incident to an early career in life, when left uncontrolled by parental influence or good example, to run a giddy headstrong course of life, and become involved in the commission of a crime for which he is now under penal sentence of servitude.

Your Petitioner implores your Excellency to pause but for a moment on the five years now nearly expired of penal service he has gone through, and, in the exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy, your Petitioner supplicates your Excellency will be graciously pleased to restore him again to society, a sadder but a wiser man than he once was.

And having the unasked recommendations of those he injured, humbly approaches your Excellency with a prayer that you will grant to him a ticket-of-leave.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Signatures of the prosecutors,

(Signed), JNO. REID,  
" EDWARD BAKER.

REID'S FLAT, LACHLAN RIVER, April 6, 1859.

MEADOW, LACHLAN RIVER, April 6, 1859.

I respectfully beg to append my name to the prayer of the above petition. Should his Excellency be mercifully disposed to grant this young man a ticket-of-leave, I shall be most ready to receive him into my employment, and do what in my power lies to influence his future life for good.

(Signed), WILLIAM TAYLOR.

REID'S FLAT, *via* WHEEO, April 19, 1859.

I beg leave respectfully to transmit the accompanying petition, and to recommend the same to the favourable consideration of the Government.

(Signed), HENRY NEWHAM.

(No. 2.)

The Inspector-General of Police.—C.C., B.C., 27th April.

*Memo.*—The Visiting Magistrate of Cockatoo Island will have the goodness to report, for the information of the Government, what has been the conduct of Francis Clarke since he has been on Cockatoo Island, and, with the task-work he is likely to make, at what period he will become eligible to receive a ticket-of-leave.—Jno. McLerie, Inspector-General of Police. Convict Department, 2nd May, 1859. B.C. to the Visiting Magistrate, Cockatoo Island, 2nd May.

Mr. Taylor will compute this.—D.F., 9th May, 1859.

The task-work to the Credit of Francis Clarke, to the 30th April, 1859, is 701½ days.

His probation will be eight years from the 17th March, 1854.

He will be eligible for a ticket-of-leave in or about December next, if he is not punished in the meantime.—Charles Ormsby, Superintendent Cockatoo Island, 12th May, 1859.

The Petitioner, Francis Clarke, a native of the Colony, was received here on the 10th April, 1854, under two sentences to the roads, the first of seven years' roads, the second of seven years' roads to commence at the expiration of the first sentence, passed upon him at the Circuit Court at Goulburn, on the 17th March, 1854, for horse-stealing; since which period his conduct has been as follows, viz. :—