



### Rioter - John Alexander

| Surname  | Given Names | Alternate Spellings to Surname |         |                 | Age   | Place & Date of Trial        |             |           |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|  |             |                                |         |                 |       | Place                        | Year        | Date      |
| Alexander  | John Noyes  |                                |         |                 | 28    | Wiltshire Lent Assizes       | 1831        | 5th March |
| Committed by   |             |                                |         |                 |       | Charged Upon the Oath of     |             |           |
| Surname  | Given Names | Title                          | Surname | Given Names     | Title | Surname                      | Given Names | Title     |
|  |             |                                |         |                 |       |                              |             |           |
| Details of Charge  |             |                                |         |                 |       | Date of Offence              |             |           |
|  |             |                                |         |                 |       | Year                         | Date        |           |
| Indicted for knowingly sending a certain letter to Ann Chandler, at Pewsey, and with menaces demanding £10 of her. |             |                                |         |                 |       |                              |             |           |
| Property Owned By  |             | Abode of Victim                |         | Date of Warrant |       | Gaol Where Held              |             |           |
| Surname  | Given Names | Title                          |         | Year            | Date  |                              |             |           |
|  |             |                                |         |                 |       | County Gaol, Fisherton Anger |             |           |

| Details of Sentence         |                    |   | Transportation Details       |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Verdict                     | Sentence           | For How Long  | Holding Hulk & Date Embarked |                |           | Transportation Vessel Name | Date of Departure and Arrival |                    | Destination                                     |  |
|                             |                    |   | Vessel                       | Year           | Date      |                            | Year                          | Date               |   |  |
| Guilty                      | Transportation     | Life  |                              |                |           | Lord William Bentinck      |                               |                    | Van Diemens Land                                |  |
| Physical Details of Convict |                    |   |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Height                      | Complexion         | Head  | Hair                         | Whiskers       | Visage    | Forehead                   | Eyebrows                      | Eyes               | Nose  |  |
| 5' 8¾"                      | Dark               | Medium Size   | Black                        | Black          | Long      | Low                        | Dark brown                    | Grey               | Small   |  |
| Mouth                       | Chin               | Remarks   |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Small                       | Round              | None  |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Personal Details of Convict |                    |   |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Date and Place of Birth     |                    |   | Date & Place of Baptism      |                |           | Names of Parents           |                               |                    |   |  |
| Place                       | Year               | Date  | Year                         | Date           | Place     | Father                     | Mother                        | Mother Maiden Name | Notes   |  |
|                             |                    |   | 1804                         | 18th September | Pewsey    | Joseph                     | Ann                           | Noyes              | Parents married at Pewsey on 10th November 1803 |  |
| Marital Status              | Number of Children | Religion  | Literacy                     | Trade          | Character |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Single                      |                    |   |                              | Maltster       |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Conduct Record              |                    |   |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| Year                        | Date               | Reason & Outcome  |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| 1831                        |                    | Gaolers Report - Behaved well in Gaol - Nil issues - Good |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
|                             |                    | Hulk Report - Good  |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |
| 1834                        | 4th March          | Roadknight/Neglect of duty - 21 days solitary confinement |                              |                |           |                            |                               |                    |   |  |

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| 1834 | 12th May      | Roadknight/Neglect of duty and general idleness - Recommended to be worked at Sorrel Road Party and not to be returned to his Masters Service   |
| 1834 | 4th June      | Road Party/Absconding - 3 months hard labour in Chains and to be returned to his Party, Bridgewater recommended   |
| 1836 | 15th January  | Evans/Stealing about 3 Pecks of ground Malt of the value of 7/6 the property of Mr. Evans - 12 months hard labour in Bridgewater Chain Gang - Vide Lieutenant Governors Decision 28th January 1836  |
| 1836 | 14th April    | Meara/Absent without leave - 10 days hard labour  |
| 1836 | 31st August   | Chain Gang/Making use of abusive language to the Medical attendant - Cell on Bread & Water 7 days   |
| 1838 | 10th August   | Meara/Insolence - 7 days Cells  |
| 1839 | 12th January  | Meara/Disobedience of orders - 7 days Cells   |
| 1839 | 4th March     | Meara/Disorderly conduct - discharged   |
| 1839 | 3rd April     | Meara/Disobedience of orders & Insolence - 6 months hard labour on the Roads, Reibys Ford and returned to his service Vide Lieutenant Governors Decision 12th April 1839  |
| 1839 | 16th October  | Boden/Absent without leave & insolent - 2 months hard labour in Chains returned to Government & recommended to be assigned in the interior. C Town Chain Gang then for assignment in the Interior only Vide Lieutenant Governors Decision 18th October 1839 |
| 1841 | 7th October   | Ticket of Leave   |
| 1842 | 18th March    | Allison/Misconduct in going to Mr. Taylor's Hut on Saturday last without permission and giving drink to his men - 6 months imprisonment and hard labour and deprived of his Ticket to Leave   |
| 1842 | 1st April     | Approved Broad Marsh Party conduct to be reported Vide Lieutenant Governors Decision  |
| 1842 | 23rd July     | Glen...../Disobedience of orders - 24 hours Solitary  |
| 1842 | 24th November | Gibson/Neglect of Duty - Admonished   |
| 1843 | 1st March     | Gibson/Misconduct - 3 months hard labour. Town surveyors Gang Launceston Vide Lieutenant Governor's Decision 14th April 1843  |
| 1844 | 12th April    | 2nd Class Ticket of Leave - 10th May 1844   |
| 1845 | 28th October  | Recommended for a Conditional Pardon - approved 31st October 1846   |

**Musters and Tickets to Leave**

| Date |             | Type                                     | Assigned to           | Archive Reference |
|------|-------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Year | Date        |  |                       |                   |
| 1832 |             | Muster                                   | Mr. W. Roadknight     | TNA HO10/48 f8    |
| 1833 |             | Muster                                   | Mr. W. Roadknight     | TNA HO10/48 f7    |
| 1835 |             | Muster                                   | Mr. James Evans       | TNA HO10/50 f5    |
| 1841 |             | Ticket of Leave                          | Lord William Bentinck | TNA HO10/51 f4    |
| 1841 | 7th October | Ticket of Leave                          |                       | AOTAS CON31/2 p72 |
| 1844 | 12th April  | Second Class Ticket of Leave Recommended |                       |                   |

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|-----------|-------------|---|--|------------------|
| 1844      | 10th<br>May | Ticket of Leave Approved  |  |                  |
| 1845-1846 |             | Ticket of Leave held for 1 year; <b>Time in Colony</b> 13 years 3 months; - Having been upwards of Thirteen Years in the Colony and given good proof of confirmed reformation. His conduct as Ticket of Leave holder has been unexceptional |  | TNA HO10/59 f421 |

#### Details of Siblings

| Given Names | Date & Place of Birth |      |       | Date and Place of Baptism |                   |        | Date & Place of Burial |      |       |
|-------------|-----------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|------|-------|
|             | Year                  | Date | Place | Year                      | Date              | Place  | Year                   | Date | Place |
| George      |                       |      |       | 1807                      | 15th<br>September | Pewsey |                        |      |       |

#### Marriages

|          | Surname  | Given Names | Date & Place of Marriage |        |        | Notes  |
|----------|----------|-------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--|
|          |          |             | Year                     | Date   | Place  |  |
| 1st Wife | Roberts  | Mary        | 1827                     | 29-Oct | Wyllye | Mary was a widow with 2 children   |
| 2nd Wife | Williams | Ann         | 1844                     | 11-Jun | Hobart | Possibly transported aboard the New Grove for stealing in 1834. Sentenced to 14 years transportation |

#### Names of Petitioners Who Backed the Accused for Mercy at Trial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Surname     | Given Names | Title | Surname    | Given Names      | Title |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|------------|------------------|-------|
| Allen   | James       |       | Culley      | William     |       | Kent       | Richard          |       |
| Amor    | Thomas      |       | Dark        | Emanuel     |       | Lawes      | Noah             |       |
| Andrew  | J.          |       | Dear        | John        |       | Manning    | Willam<br>Sutton |       |
| Banning | John        |       | Feltham     | William     |       | Maslen     | Thomas           |       |
| Banning | William     |       | Gerard      | George      |       | Newling    | W. R.            |       |
| Barker  | James H.    |       | Gerrard     | J.          |       | Noyes      | James            |       |
| Barker  | William     |       | Griffiths   | J.          |       | Noyes      | Thomas           |       |
| Bateman | James       |       | Grubb       | William     |       | Pickering  | John             |       |
| Beaven  | John        |       | Hall        | John        |       | Proudman   | .. F.            |       |
| Beaven  | William     |       | Harnesworth | James       |       | Riddington | C. W.            |       |
| Bolt    | W.          |       | Hewitt      | William     |       | Sammes     | William          |       |
| Bolter  | John        |       | Hilliear    | F.          |       | Self       | James            |       |

|                            |             |  |             |              |              |            |         |  |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------|--|
| Brown                      | William     |  | Hilliear    | John         |              | Simper     | Stephen |  |
| Burbery                    | Henry       |  | Holmes      | George       |              | Sparkes    | William |  |
| Carey                      | William     |  | Holmes      | James        |              | Springford | Charles |  |
| Chandler                   | Ann         | Prosecutrix                              | Holmes      | William      |              | Stagg      | William |  |
| Chandler                   | Daniel      |  | Hood        | William      |              | Twinny     | Henry   |  |
| Chandler                   | John        |  | Horton      | Henry        |              | Wood       | John    |  |
| Clarke                     | J.          |  | Jarvis      | W.           |              | Woodmancy  |         |  |
| Crump                      | Charles     |  | Kent        | George       |              |            |         |  |
|                            |             |  |             |              |              |            |         |  |
| <b>Date of Free Pardon</b> |             | <b>Subject Place &amp; Date of Death</b> |             |              |              |            |         |  |
| <b>Year</b>                | <b>Date</b> | <b>Year</b>                              | <b>Date</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Notes</b> |            |         |  |
| 1845-1846                  |             |  |             |              |              |            |         |  |

Source Material includes:-  
 Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 10 March 1831  
 The National Archives - HO17/83 Ppl & HO/10  
 Archives Office of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia - CON31/2 p72

### Letters of Petitions & Support

My Lord

Will your Lordship condescend to present the inclosed petition, to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

I am my Lord  
 Your Lordships  
 Most Obedient Servant  
 Joseph Alexander

No. 64 Jewin Street

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Aldersgate Street  
City [London]  
April 18th 1831

To the King's most excellent Majesty

In the case of John Alexander now a convict in Isherton Gaol, Wilts, under sentence of transportation for life, for sending a threatening letter to Ann Chandler.

We the undersigned, most humbly implore your Majesty to extend your royal Clemency, to the above convict. The young man had always maintained a good Character, and the deed for which he is now under sentence, was rather the effect of indiscretion, than any malicious motive. The Prosecutrix was allied to him, and was also his Godmother and for whom he had always entertained the highest respect and veneration. To mitigate as much as possible the griefs of his afflicted family, and to hold out to them the prospect, that by a commutation of his punishment, he may not be lost to their sight for ever, is our humble and earnest request and your petitioners as in duty bound

Shall ever Pray

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