

Holmesfield
nr Sheffield

11 June '93

Mr. J. Crouch

Dear Sir

You may remember my
name as taking an interest
in the 'Walsall Anarchist' case
at Stafford Assizes more than
a year ago — when I gave
evidence in favor of the prisoner
Charles.

Many of us thought at
the time that tho' the prisoners

were probably technically
guilty, the sentence (of 10
years to Charles, Cails &
Mattola, and 5 years to
Deakin) was out of all
proportion to the offence; and
this view has been very generally
taken I think by the public.

I am writing now to ask
you whether you wd feel
inclined to sign a petition for
the mitigation of the sentences
to the Home Secy — & whether
you think the other Jurymen

wd be likely to sign the same.
A petition of this kind, signed
by the 12 jurors, wd I think
very likely be attended to.

At present I am ignorant
of the names of yr colleagues.
If you c^d supply me in the
course of a few days with
the names & addresses of
some (or all) of them, I
sh^d be very much obliged
— esp^{ly} of the foreman.

I am thinking of running
over to Prim^m about the

20th inst: and if you are
favorably inclined we might
then have a talk on the subject.
I c^d. show you the draft petition
wh. I have, and its exact
form could be discussed.

Meanwhile it wd. be useful
to me to have the names of the
jurors - in order to make
some preliminary communication
with them.

Trusting that you will
pardon my troubling you
I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
Edward Carpenter