

Eliza Dixon ID 10924 per *Sea Queen* 1846

Eliza Dixon aged 16

Middlesex Sessions March 1846

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol report – Convicted before.

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The detention of the prisoner in this country is prayed for but no grounds are stated.

Whitehall

30th March 1846

William Shannon

Secretary Sir James Graham having carefully considered your application in behalf of Eliza Dixon:

I am directed to express to you his regret that here is not sufficient ground to justify him, consistently with his Public Duty, in advising Her Majesty to comply with the prayer thereof.

I am

Your most obedient and humble servant

H[] []

William Shannon

75 Hare Street

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Not known at this address

24th March 1846

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State

The Humble petition of William Shannon

Sheweth

That your Petitioner prayeth the merciful consideration of your Lordship to the case of a young woman named Eliza Dickson aged 19 years who at the last Quarter Sessions at Clerkenwell was sentenced to 7 years transportation for shoplifting.

And your Petitioner further prayeth that acknowledging the justice of the sentence passed upon her by that Honourable Court she may by your Lordships direction be allowed to pass the term of her sentence in this Country (instead of being transported to a foreign one) in any Penitentiary or Institution under the discipline of which at the end of her

term she may retrieve her previous character and become a reformed and useful member of society.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

William Shannon

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