

Elizabeth Doyle per Providence 1825

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ELIZABETH DOYLE . Old Bailey Assizes 1825. Larceny in a dwelling House.

To NEWMAN KNOWLYS Esquire
Recorder of the City of London

The humble petition of ELIZABETH DOYLE aged 21 now under sentence of Death in His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate.

Sheweth

That your petitioner was Servant in a family of respectability but by misfortune has been led to commit the Crime she is now convicted of.

That your petitioner has an aged mother a widow who resides in Dublin and has also two brothers who are now serving the King in the 17th Regiment of Foot and no other relation whatever to assist her in her melancholy case. Your petitioners mother has come up to London from Dublin on foot and is in the greatest distress.

Your petitioner therefor humbly prays your Lordship will take her petition into serious consideration and investigate her punishment as far as he can in his power and your petitioner will ever pray.

Elizabeth Doyle.

I beg to leave to recommend the above named person to your Lordship for Mercy

John Slade on behalf of his mother with whom the above person lived for some months and who conducted herself during that period in every respect as an honest and good servant.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble petition of ELIZABETH DOYLE a convict under sentence of Death in Newgate.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was at the session held for the County of Middlesex at Justice Hall in the Old Baily in the month of April instant (1825) Tried upon an inditment charging her with stealing goods of the value of Ten Pounds the property of the prosecutor her Master in his Dwelling House convicted thereupon and received Judgment of Death for the same.

Your Petitioner most humbly craves leave to represent unto your most gracious Majesty that she is a Native of Ireland of the age of twenty one years and hath been in this country but a short time and never until the fatal moment which hath reduced your miserable Petitioner to her present deplorable state had she been charged with or guilty of any offence against the Laws of her Country but always supported and deserved an industrious honest character which could have been proved by very many respectable persons could she have procured their attendence in this County at her Trial.

That your wretched Petitioner now feels the utmost contrition and deepened sorrow for the offence of which she hath been found guilty and well hopes that her youth and contrition will have weight with your most gracious and in your Majestys great humanity sufficient to spare her forfeited life and your Petitioner will ever for the remainder of that life conduct herself in the strict path of rectitude and virtue and every way a deserving object of such great mercy and goodness.

Your petitioner therefor most humble employes your most gracious Majesty to be pleased to take her case into your Majesty's most tender consideration and be graciously pleased to spare her forfeited life upon such condition as to your gracious Majesty shall in your Majestys great wisdom and mercy be graciously pleased to extend, and your Petitioner in obedience and in duty bound will ever pray.

E Collison Prosecuter beg to recomendth [comments] and present to your Majesty's gracious mercy.

John Slade on behalf of his mother with whom the above mentioned prisoner lived at Hampstead immediately before she entered into the Porsecuters service and who for several months conducted herself so honestly and in other respects so correctly that upon any application for her character without hesitation the best could have been given.
