

Elizabeth Sidnell ID13232 per *Woodbridge* 1843

Elizabeth Sidnell aged 59

Central Criminal Court June 1843

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol report – convicted before

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The prisoner's son and daughter state that distress drove to the commission of the crime, and on consideration of her age and infirmities pray for a mitigation of her sentence – engaging to provide for her when liberated.

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To The Right Honourable Sir James Graham The Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of James Sidnell and Eliza Frisby

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That your Petitioners to their grief and sorrow unfortunately has a mother named Elizabeth Sidnell who was tried at the Sessions held at the Central Criminal Court in the month of June charged with stealing a remnant of cotton print from outside the dwelling house of

Mr Thomas Read a Linen Draper of No 10 Sidney Place, Commercial Road and was found guilty of the crime and was sentenced to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioner's most humbly pray to inform you that it was distress that coursed their unfortunate mother to commit the present crime as well as once before and being 59 years of age was unable to gain employment being much affected with fits as well as other bodily complaints which renders her totally unable to earn her daily bread.

That your Petitioners humbly prey to inform you Honourable Sir, that they are poor industrious people and that should you be pleased to extend your clemency and mercy to their unfortunate and unhappy mother they would use their utmost existence to provide her a home and provide her with food which would be the means of deterring her from offending the Laws of her Country in future.

That your Petitioners under their distressing and sorrowful circumstances most humbly and earnestly implore you Right Honourable Sir to take the distressed and lamentable state their unfortunate and unhappy mother is plunged into as well as the unhappy situation of your Petitioners who mare nearly heartbroken with grief through their parents misconduct and does therefore and humbly and earnestly pray you will be pleased to take the case into your compassionate consideration and be pleased to use your influence with Her Majesty in order she might be pleased to extend Her Royal Clemency to their unhappy mother by commuting the lang and painful sentence that awaits her to some milder punishment so as she may not leave this country or by shortening her term of imprisonment in any way that to Her Most Gracious Majesty in her wisdom may seem fit and proper and for your compassionate consideration towards a poor and aged woman and her family

Your Petitioners as in duty will ever pray.

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John Whitehoue

And a further 10 signatures

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