

Susan Clements ID3238 per *Cadet* 1848

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Mitigation of the Prisoner's sentence is prayed for on account of her good character.

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To Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of John Butt of [Ewick] in the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle Devon – Paper Maker.

28<sup>th</sup> March 1847

Sheweth

That your Petitioner's daughter Susan Clements was at the Sessions of the Peace held at Exeter the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March before Francis Newman Rogers Esq. Recorder convicted of stealing two pairs of women's boots in the Market Place at Exeter and sentenced to be transported for the term of seven years.

That the said Susan Clements had never been before tried or convicted of any offence and produced evidence of having hitherto sustained an honest character and the Learned recorder upon inquiring of the Policeman if he knew the Prisoner was answered that he had known her a long time, but never heard anything against her except that she did not live with her husband.

Your Petitioner most humbly begs to state that the occasion of the said Susan Clements not living with her husband is that her husband is addicted to habits of drunkenness and left her many years ago, and your Petitioners said daughter has ever since supported herself by her own industry.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays you will be pleased to take the severity of the sentence passed on your Petitioners daughter into your humane consideration and recommend her to the merciful consideration of Her Most Gracious Majesty, that she might not be sent away from her native land.

And your Petitioner will ever pray

John Butt

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aged 29

Exeter Quarter Sessions March 1847

Larceny

7 years transportation

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