

Elizabeth Boorman aged 22 per Emma Eugenia 1841

Kent Quarter Sessions – Maidstone July 1841

Stealing a purse and money

10 years transportation

Gaol Report – Addicted to drunkenness, a common prostitute at Chatham.

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Her father does not deny her guilt, or the Justice of her sentence but prays that she may be allowed to allowed to serve her sentence in a Penitentiary in this country.

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To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

[Channing Street]

12<sup>th</sup> July 1841

The humble Petition of William Boorman of the County of Kent, Blacksmith.

Sheweth

That some years since he had the misfortune to lose his wife and being left with 10 children he has ever since continued to labour at his trade as a Journeyman Blacksmith, endeavouring thereby to earn wherewith to maintain himself and his large family.

The nature of his employment however not affording him the proper means of bringing up and educating his daughters as he could wish, one of them ELIZABETH BOORMAN now only 22 years of age wandered from home and fell into dessolute company and was

recently taken accused and found guilty of robbing a marine soldier of the sum of £2 10s 0p. For which offence she was at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden for the Western Division of the County of Kent on the 1<sup>st</sup> July instant and sentenced to be transported beyond the seas for the term of 10 years.

Now it is not the intention of your Petitioner to deny the Justice of the sentence thus passed on his said daughter or to plead extenuating circumstances in her favour, but moved alone by pity and natural love and affection towards her and his dread of the forlorn condition in which she must find herself placed at the [ ] of the term of her sentence your Petitioner humbly but earnestly prays and supplicates of the clemency of Your Most Gracious Majesty that your Majesty will deign to commute such sentence, so that his unhappy daughter may expiate her crime by confinement in a Penitentiary at home instead of being transported beyond the seas out of the reach of her friends and relations.

And your Majesty's Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

William Boorman

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I am ready to attest to the good character of the Petitioner William Boorman having known him many years:

Thomas Withers – Surgeon

George Sheller

John Jennings

Thomas Wiltshire – Kings Head Inn Charring Cross

And 10 other signatures.

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County Prisons

Maidstone

Kent

13<sup>th</sup> July 1841

My Lord

The enclosed Petition had been sent to me as a Visiting Justice of the County prisons at Maidstone, with the request that I would forward it to your Lordship and I therefore thought it proper to do so – the memorial bearing the signatures of several respectable persons, with whom I am acquainted with.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordships most humble servant

William Baldwin

Visiting Justice

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