

Elizabeth McColough ID4653 per *Emma Eugenia* 1841

Elizabeth McColough aged 17

Central Criminal Court June 1841

Stealing from a dwelling house

10 years transportation

Gaol report – Character not known

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 59

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Mitigation is prayed for on the grounds that it is her first offence and that her character is good.

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To The Right Honourable the Marquis of Normanby Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of the undersigned Householders.

Sheweth

That Elizabeth McColough now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol of Newgate tried and convicted at the last Sessions at the Old Bailey and under the sentence of transportation for ten years.

That this is her first offence against the Laws of her Country.

That the prisoner had been known to your memorialists from her childhood and up to the time of her trial for the offence of which she is convicted, she bore a good character having lived as servant in their families.

That the prisoner is of the age of 16 years and who may yet prove a useful member of society should your Lordship be graciously pleased

to interpose and obtain the Royal Sanction of mitigation of punishment from transportation to a more lenient sentence .

That in the event of the Royal Clemency being extended by a short imprisonment your Memorialists are willing to take the prisoner again into one of their families with a view to restore her to society and her family.

Your memorialists therefore most humbly pray that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to take into consideration the unfortunate situation of the prisoner and her family and that your Lordship will be pleased to commute the sentence of transportation to that of imprisonment for a short period.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

J Glenn

A Fairbain – Merchant

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Frederick Bacon

And a further 6 signatures.

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