

Elizabeth Sharp ID4690 per *Emma Eugenia* 1842

Elizabeth Sharp aged 20

Central Criminal Court June 1841

Larceny

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character not known

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The prisoner states that Prosecutrix was cohabitating with the prisoner's brother under whose influence she acted, but was not aware a felony was committed it being supposed that her brother and the Prosecutrix (who also signs the Petition) were married and prays that she may not be sent abroad.

Let me see the Report

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

Humbly Sheweth

That your unfortunate applicants this case was the Prosecutrix against Elizabeth Sharp tried at the last Sessions held at the Old Bailey who was sentenced to be transported for the term of 7 years, and who from enquiries made by me I have every reason to believe was totally innocent, but was led to commit the offence through the representation of her brother John Sharp with whom I had

unfortunately formed an acquaintance and entrusted my little property to him left to me by my late father fully confiding in him that he wanted to make me happy for life.

To my great grief and sorrow I find I have found that I have been most miserably disappointed but not wishing the innocent should suffer for the guilty, I hope your Lordship will cause inquiries to be made into this statement and be pleased to recommend Elizabeth Sharp deserving some mitigated of her sentence.

I remain your Lordships devoted servant

Mary Ann Haldon

Prosecutrix.

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

The humble Petition of John Sharpe the Elder of Oakham in the County of Rutlandshire – Ferrier.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner has a daughter of the name of Elizabeth (only 20 years of age) who was unfortunately committed for the trial for stealing some furniture from the Star Coffee House in Goswell Street Road was tried at the last sitting of the Central Criminal Court and was found guilty in her absence of any of her friends to character and sentence to be transported for the term of seven years.

That your Petitioner begs to call your Lordships attention to the certificate and signatures of the Prosecutrix from which it is evident that his unfortunate daughter was the dupe of the persons who committed the felony and was unaware that a felony was intended.

That your Petitioner begs to inform your Lordship that he has a family of nine children all of whom have hitherto borne a most exceptional character for honesty and he has had the honour for a

number of years of working for His Grace the Earl of Winchelsea with the highest satisfaction., that the son of your Petitioner John Sharp took the coffee house in question with the Prosecutrix's money who were both natives of Oakham and after that was [] and representing to his unfortunate sister that he was married to the Prosecutrix he induced her to leave her home and act as his servant in London and while doing so the furniture in the coffee house was removed away and your Petitioner's unfortunate daughter has been found guilty of stealing it and sentenced to be transported as above stated.

Your Petitioner trusts you will be pleased to consider this case and mitigate in part of the sentence and provide her being sentence in this country.

John Sharpe

I the undersigned the Prosecutrix against Elizabeth Sharp recommend this case to your Lordships , trusting your Lordship will be induced to mitigate a portion of the sentence passed upon her , firmly believing she was not aware of any felony being intended to be committed upon my goods, furniture and effects and would have no objection to give her employment if any circumstances would allow me to do so as I am satisfied she was the dupe of her brother.

Mary Ann Haldan living with Mrs Lee No 11 Great James Street

Prosecutrix

I have known the prisoner all my life and she has borne an impeachable character

Mary Lee

William Lee

Joseph Harborn
