

Margaret Brown ID4563 per *Emma Eugenia* 1841

Margaret Brown (aka Eliza) aged 31

Portsmouth Quarter Sessions July 1841

7 Years transportation

Stealing from a dwelling house

Gaol Report – Dishonest and artful. Convicted before. Mother in the Workhouse.

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The prisoner prays on account of the smallness of the offence and her being the sole support of an aged mother, she may be sent to the Penitentiary

Note to the Gaoler

1st Application

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

The Humble Petition of Michael Flanagan

Royal Hospital

Greenwich

9th September 1841

May it please your Honour

Sheweth

That your Petitioner has served his country with credit for the period of 28 years and filled the situation of Steward under Admiral Sir Edward Buller, Sir Charles Buller and Admiral Charles Tyler from whom he had received testimonials of good character.

That your Petitioner's only daughter ELIZA BROWN was convicted at the last Midsummer Assizes at Portsmouth of stealing in a dwelling house two woman's caps and is sentenced to transportation for seven years and expected shortly to be sent out of the country in pursuance of her sentence.

That your petitioner's daughter was the only comfort and support of his aged and afflicted wife who in addition to other infirmities is totally blind which makes the bereavement of her only daughter weigh heavily upon her.

That your Petitioner humbly prays that the smallness of the offence may plead for a mitigation of her sentence and that she may be restored to her afflicted parents in such time as a merciful consideration of her case and in your bountiful clemency may think fit.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Michael Flanagan.

2nd Application

To the same effect as the former Petition

20th September 1841
