

Amelia Hough ID13153 per *Woodbridge* 1843

In Van Diemen's Land

The prisoners parents pray that she may be granted a pardon in order to enable her to accompany the Governor of Van Diemen's Land who is about to quit the Colony and in whose family she is employed as a Domestic Servant.

Van Diemen's land

May it please your Lordship

We your humble applicants beg leave to inform your Lordship that we have a daughter (whose name is Amelia Hough) a convict at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land and from her good conduct during the passage and for some time after she was admitted into the service of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir J E E Willmot, we also beg leave to say that we have just received a letter from our said daughter a portion of which said letter we most humble pray your Lordships merciful consideration and assent to:

My dear Father and Mother, Miss Loftis having informed His Excellency that I had received a letter from you her very kindly asked me if my friends were all well, I thanked him for his enquiries at the same time asked His Excellency if he could

please to read the letter which her did, and when her came to that part where you expressed a hope of my pardon, he sent for me into the drawing room, and told me that he would most willingly do it if it laid within his power but it did not altogether, he told me that when I wrote to you again that, if you would intercede for me to the Government at home. My Lord Stanley would then send out to him (Sir E Willmot) and he would then do all that possibly lay in his power for me as Sir Willmott does not expect to stay more than 18 months in Hobart Town expecting to go to Sydney as Governor.

I shall [] to leave the family having experienced so much kindness from them but I cannot go unless I have my liberty. I have (by the time you receive this letter) been in His Excellency's service two years and I hope I shall never forget their kindness.

May it please your Lordship to pardon us in thus so far trespassing upon your time and notice, but we humbly hope we most humbly pray your Lordship to be pleased to give your assent to our feeble application on the fact of our unfortunate daughter believing that a thorough reformation had taken place from the fact of her now holding a very confidential situation in the family of that most honoured gentleman , we therefore most humbly beg your Lordships pardon for thus presuming at the same time again humbly praying your Lordships merciful assent.

We beg to subscribe ourselves your Lordships most obedient and humble servants.

Thomas and Elizabeth Swinfield [Twinfield]

Camp Hill Cottage

Nr Nuneaton

Warwickshire.

Downing Street

26 May 1846

Sir

I am direct by Mr Secretary Gladstone to transmit to you the accompanying application which had been received at this Office from *Thomas and Elizabeth Swinfield* respecting the convict whose name is Amelia Hough, and I am to request that you would acquaint Secretary Sir James Graham that the Applicant had been informed that the enquiry ought to have been addressed to the Home Office and that it had been communicated to that Office in order that the necessary answer may be returned to it

I am

Sir

Your most obedient servant

James Stephen

Downing Street

26th May 1846

Mr Stephen

Transmit application for the pardon of Amelia Hough a
convict in Van Dieman's Land.

The particulars of this case cannot be traced

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Larceny

14 years transportation

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