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Sept 19th - 1829

To the Right Honorable Robert Peel Secretary of State for the Home Department in Great Britian.

The humble petition of John Harris No 10 Marmont Street, Commercial Road.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That his unfortunate "WIFE" aged nearly sixty , was convicted and sentenced to her transportation for life upon a charge of manslaughter at the last Croydon Assizes.

Your humble petitioner most earnestly imployes that you may be please to intreat his most Excellant majesty the "KING" a commutation of sentence so far as that she may "live" and "die" in her mother country, wherever his gracious mercy may appoint and wherein she, by penitence and prayer she may return the almighty thanks for the Royal prerogative and clemancy.

Your humble petitioner does not [arrogate] the justice of the sentence but [recipical] feeling of a matrimonial life for nearly fifteen years and being [uncaparutated] together with his wife's age will answer the end of justice by administrating the releif required.

Your petitioner therefore prays that his Most gracious Majesty may be pleased to grant a "respite" until a proof of some respectable inhabitants of "Camberwell" shall say, that your humble petitioner is worthy of His Majesty's compassion.

For which your humble petitioner as for duty bound forever pray  
John Harris

The undersigned are inhabitants of Camberwell:

William Benson  
Charles Styles  
John Lucas

Jonathan Grantham  
Francis [Gane]  
Henry Neston  
John Oakes  
William Bull  
[Daisy] Harris  
Henry Cobham  
William Cobham  
John Parking  
George Harvey  
William Ellis  
J Rogers  
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10 Marmont Street, Whitechapel Middlesex - 1829

The Right Honorable Robert Peel  
Secretary of State for the Home Department  
of Great Britian

Honble Sir,

I JOHN HARRIS of No 10 Marmont Street Whitechapel in the county of Middlesex [A] a letter to your Honor beginning date 19 September 1829 in respect of my wife ANN HARRIS who was sentenced to transportation securing her natrual life for Manslaughter at the last Croydon Assizes praying for you to make [inter] to his Most Gracious Majesty the King that she might be allowed to remain in her native country during her natural life she being nearly 60 years of age.

It is with much regret that I find that she has been removed from [Housemonger] Lane Gaol to one of your Majesty's ships known by the name of ELIZA lying at Woolwich in the county of Kent awaiting to be transported to a foreign clime.

Therefore I beg your honor will be pleased to take my case into your most serious consideration and grant such steps to be taken on His Most Gracious Majesty may think such, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

John Harris