

Eleanor Shrieves per Lord Sidmouth 1822 - HO 17/92/2

OLD BAILEY 1822

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SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

PIECE NUMBER - 92

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To the Right Honourable Robert Peel one of His Majesty's Principle Secretaries of State.

May it please your Honour

The humble petition of ISAAC SHRIEVES the unhappy father of ELEANOR SHRIEVES now under sentence of DEATH in Newgate.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioners daughter was convicted at the last Old bailey Sessions for setting fire to the dwelling house of John Revett Esquire of Deans Place Somers Town.

That your petitioner humbly begs to represent his unfortunate daughter was never before charged with a criminal offence and that he has reason to believe she was instigated to the commission of the heavy crime she stands convicted of by the evil advice of some wicked malicious person.

That your Petitioners daughter has formally lived servant to Mr Revett the Prosecutor for nearly two years - during which time her conduct and disposition was free from blame.

Your petitioner most humbly begs to represent to your Honour he has served His King and Country as a Private in the Royal Artillery upwards of seven years, that he was wounded in the West Indies during the War whilst serving under the command of Sir Ralth Abercromby and that afterwards your Petitioner served in the Army under the command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York in Holland.

That your petitioner in humbly beseeching your Honour merciful consideration in behalf of his deluded unfortunate child ventures most earnest to entract your attention to the strong recommendation of the Jury given at the trial - in which they were cordially joined by the Prosecutor.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly implores your Honour favourable consideration of the case of his unfortunate daughter and that your Honour in your merciful goodness may be pleased to intercede with His most

Gracious Majesty to spare her life.

And your petitioner as in duty and gratitude bound will ever pray.

Isaac Shreives

No 4
Change Court
The Strand
14th May 1822

I beg leave most earnestly to imploer the Royal Clemency in behalf of the Petitioners daughter so that her life may be spared.

John Revett
Prosecutor

Dears Place
14th May 1822

John Shallard - 17 Pall Mall - Tailor who employs the father of the prisoner
Thomas Jones - 27 Charles Street - St James
Joseph Liversidge Tuck - 19 Charles Street - St James
George Furby 11 Russell Court - Drury Lane
Joel Richards - 22 Russell Court - Drury Lane
John Elsworth - 122 Drury Lane
John Wilton - 4 Grays Inn Passage

Sir Robert Taylor presents his compliments to Mr [Hobhouse] and is directed by The Duke of York to request he will lay before Mr Secretary Peel. a Petition which has been addressed to His Royal Highness by CHARLOTTE SHRIEVES, whose daughter is under sentence of DEATH for setting the dwelling house of her master on fire.

Horseguards
25th April 1822

ELEANOR SHRIEVES

OLD BAILY - APRIL SESSIONS 1822

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TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF YORK

To His Royal Highness The Duke of York

May it please your Royal Highness to attend to the petition of a suffering mother whose daughter is cast for DEATH - for setting the dwelling house of her master on fire - your Petitioners father served under the Duke of Kent at Giberalter thirty five years in the 64th Regiment {his name was Robert Evans} and was killed in action in the East Indies. Her husband belonged to the 1st Battallion of the Royal Aretillery - her main object is to save the life of her daughter - she is aware her daughter has subjected herself to the offended laws of her country - but this being the first offence she hopes His Royal Highness will take into consideration the services of her father and the feeling of a mother and interest for her life.

Is the humble petition of your Grace's most obedient humble servant Charlotte Shrees wife of Isaac Shrees

22 Shorts Garden
Drury Lane

NB

The young woman who is now cast for DEATH was taken by the French when only six months old in the Retreat from Altamare and was lost to her mother for three days. The Regiment was commanded by your Royal Highness.

Sir Herbert Taylor is directed by The Duke of York and acknowledges the receipt of Charlotte Shrieves petition and to acquaint her, that she should address herself upon the subject of it the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to whom his Royal Highness has referred her petition.

Horseguards
25th April 1822