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ELIZA BROWN

SURREY 1830

STEALING FROM A DWELLING HOUSE

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

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SURREY SUMMER ASSIZES 1830

SENTENCE COMMUTED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

GAOLERS REPORT - BAD CHARACTER

To the Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel, Baronet, His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble Petition of ELIZA BROWN a prisoner in Horsemonger Lane Gaol under the sentence of DEATH.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your unhappy Petitioner who is not quite 22 years of age, was tried at the last assizes for the county of Surrey held at Guildford on Thursday 12th day of August instant, on a charge of stealing a £10 note from the person of one William Sutton and being convicted thereof sentence of DEATH was recorded against your Petitioner and she was given to understand that she would be transported for LIFE. That your Petitioner will not venture to infringe the verdict of the Jury who tried her but humbly rests her claim to mercy upon her former good character, which had hitherto remained unblemished, and the only reason why witnesses were not called to prove it was the inability of your Petitioners friends to convey them from London to Guildford. That your petitioner is by trade a Hat Rimmer and worked for W Wadham of No 2 Clements Inn Passage The Strand and Mr Williams of Windmill Street Piccadilly both respectable Hatters and for several other persons until lately when she unfortunately quitted the path of virtue and altho' your Petitioner has lately led an immoral life, she was never before guilty of or charged with a dishonest act notwithstanding your Petitioner has been convicted of stealing the note in question from the person of the Prosecutor, she denies having done so and begs to explain that she found the note on the floor of a room of an

accommodation house, to which she had accompanied the Prosecutor and not knowing at the time but that it might have been left there by some other person your Petitioner admits having not only secreted it, but subsequently denied the possession of it.

That your Petitioner had a father and mother both living who deplore with the greatest anguish the awful situation of your Petitioner, whose removal even from this county they view with the greatest alarm.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly implores not only for herself but on behalf of her distressed parents on account of her former good character for honesty, together with all the other circumstances attending your unhappy Petitioner's case, that your Honour will be graciously pleased to recommend her to His Majesty's well known clemency so that her life may be spared and her imprisonment to whatever duration extended may be passed in the Penitentiary or any other prison in this county that may be decreed proper and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Eliza Brown.

William Creadock Sutton Prosecutor wished to recommend the prisoner ELIZA BROWN to mercy and do not wish by any means for her to be sent out of the country.

William [] Jams begs to state the Petitioner's work for me 3 years and always bore an honest character.

Thomas Williams of 161 Piccadilly and 4 Windmill Street Haymarket begs to say the prisoner ELIZA BROWN worked for him and never knew of any (By Keith: nothing more written)