

Elizabeth Lees ID13177 per *Woodbridge* 1843

Elizabeth Lees aged 50

Birmingham Quarter Sessions 3rd March 1843

Larceny

Sentence – 7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character Bad – convicted before

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 108

The prisoner's son prays for a mitigation of her punishment but states noting in her favour

Refused

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To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department

The Humble Petition of Thomas Lees of No 14 House, Allens Buildings, Sherlock Street, in the Borough of Birmingham.

Sheweth

That the mother of your humble Petition was tried and convicted of felony at the Borough Sessions held in Birmingham on the 3rd day of

March 1843 before M D Hill Esquire the Recorder for the said Borough and ordered to be transported for the term of seven years.

That his said unfortunate mother is upwards of 50 years of age , 25 of those having been spent with her husband in the British Army and now having three sons serving Her Majesty in different Regiments.

That your humble Petitioner has himself served in the Army but was discharged on account of having very bad health and is now employed in the Birmingham Police Force.

That your humble Petitioner feels very anxious that his said unfortunate mother should remain in the country and not be banished to some foreign land.

Your humble Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that you will be pleased to take the case of his unfortunate mother into your serious consideration and recommend her to your most Gracious Majesty to commute her sentence for some term of imprisonment or other punishment as the justice of the case may require and not send her to some foreign land and separate her for ever from her family but allow her to serve whatever punishment may be allocated to her in this country.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Thomas Lees

Police Constable .

We the undersigned do most respectfully recommend the prayer of the above Petitioner.

Frederick Bowyer

Richard Deakin

Charles Percell – Vicar of Edgbaston