

Elizabeth Levett and Maria Petit per Frances Charlotte - HO17/129/14

ELIZABETH LEVETT - AGED 20
CAMBRIDGE LENT ASSIZES MARCH 1832
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER - INDIFFERENT - BAD CONNECTIONS
ANSWERED 13 JUNE 1832

ELIZABETH LEVETT
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMBER - 129
ITEM NUMBER - ZQ 4

My Lord,

At the last Cambridge Assizes a young woman named ELIZABETH LEVETT received sentence of transportation for seven years - her crime (into which she was trap[ped] by an artful bad woman) shoplifting. Her father is an honest respectable man, now advanced in years - he does not for an instant presume to solicit the remission of her punishment, but it instead of being sent abroad she could be confined in a Penitentiary during the period of her sentence, he is persuade that there might be a fairer chance of her being reclaimed from her bad courses. He is confident more over that she is in no respect hardened in vice. Having been long acquainted with LEVETT and having employed him as a carpenter he has earnestly conjured me to log this request before your Lordshop which I beg leave to do with many apologies for intruding upon your time and I have the honour to be my Lord your Lordships obedient servant.

J Haggitt
one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Cambridge.

69 Wimpole Street
June 4th 1832

To the Honourable Sir John Gurney, Knight one of the Barons of His Majesty's of the Court of Exchequer

My Lord your Petitioners most humbly hope that your Lordship will take into your

merciful consideration the case of MARIA PETTETT who lays under 7 years saentence of transportation in the County Prison of Cambridge.

My Lord your humble Petitioners are given to understand that the prisoner PETTETT did not come to Cambridge in company with the prisoner WRIGHT but joined her accidentally in the town on the day that the cloak was stolen from Mr Elliston's shop the prisoner PETTETT seldom came to Cambridge and not been for 8 weeks previous to this unfortuate affair.

My Lord your humble Petitioners sincerely hope that your Lordship will with merciful clemency consider to mitigate the sentence to imprisonment of MARIA PETTETT. She being of such tender years only 16 and half and had not been accused of dishonesty before.

My Lord your humble Petitioners dutifully represent their oppinions to your Lordship which you expressed to the Jury while considering of their verdict as to the difference between WRIGHTS and PETTETS case.

My Lord your petitioners being informed of your Lordships undertiating Rule of Justice combined with mercy , causes us to hope you will listen to this humble [] petition nd with our hearts we ardently pray

William [Ellis] Prosecutor

Thomas Campain - Freeholder (his mark)

John Bendol - Freeholder - (his mark)

William Holman - Freeholder

Joseph Creek - Freeholder

Jospeh Hurry (his mark)

Dear Sir,

Further inquiries concerning that justice will be done in the case of the girls LEVETT and PETTETT convicts sentence at the last assizes, if that sentence commuted to confinement in the Penitentiary. Enclosed a rough recommendation that has been given to me with the prosecutors signatures and Mr Payne the Gaoler who covers this so you can afford that it is genuine

I am very truly yours

John Smith

Cambridge

26 July 1832

ELIZABETH LEVETT aged 20

MARIA PETTETT aged 16
CAMBRIDGE LENT ASSIZES MARCH 1832
STEALING GOODS FROM A SHOP
7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
GAOLERS TREPORT - CHARACTER - INDIFFERENT - BAD CONNECTIONS

We the undersigned do hereby certify that ELIZABETH LEVETT and MARIA PETTETT were never before any Magaistrate upon a charge whatsoever, and we verily believe they were led into the crime that they sow stand charged with, and we humbly hope that may be sent to the Penitentiary.

William Pulling - Chaplain to the Cambridge Gaol
John Payne - Keeper of the Cambridge Gaol
Samuel Wheeler - who has employed the above - LEVETT for upwards of 7 years and PETTETT for nearly three and always found them honest and good working girls
John Covill - Confectioner
Thomas Campain - Freeholder (his mark)
William Holmes - School Master
John Bendol - Freeholder (his mark)
Mr William Campain - Wheelwright
Mr William [Eocox] - Farmer
Richard Frost - Gardiner
John Williams - Farmer
John Hayman - Farmer
James Clack - Freeholder
Joseph Creek - Freeholder
Thomas Burgrass - Timber Merchant
William Bonstead - Six Bells Inn
Thomas Fuller - Carpenter