

Elizabeth Smith per Harmony 1828 ID - S145H

16 Foley Street  
Regent Square  
8 May 1828

Mr Bartholomew  
In favour of SUSANNA THOMPSON  
and  
ELIZABETH SMITH

Sir

I have taken the liberty of addressing you, but I hope that the subject of my[  
concern] will readily make you excuse the indiscretion of this application.  
At the last Easter Sessions at the Old bailey two females of the names of  
SUSANNAH THOMPSON and ELIZABETH SMITH were capitally convicted for a robbery  
committed in my house (No 16 Foley Place) on the 2nd February last. In  
prosecuting them I fulfilled a duty I owed to society, but as I consider that the  
ends of justice will be fully answered, if their lives are spared. May I be allowed to  
implore that you will mercifully condescend to recommend the prisoners to His  
Majesty's humane consideration in order that the sentence may be commuted from  
DEATH to transportation for LIFE. I should not however feel secure unless the  
prisoners were sent out of the country for life, and for ever moved from the bad  
connections they have found here.

I have the honour to remain

Sir

Your most obedient servant  
Valentine Bartholomew

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To the Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel one of His Majesty's Principle Secretary of  
State

The humble Petition of ELIZABETH SMITH now a felon in Newgate

Much Honour Sir

Your humble Petitioner prayeth that you will be pleased to allow her to beg her  
hard and sad case before you.

Your Petitioner was on the [ ] [ ] of WILLIAM WOOD , tried and received the awful  
sentence of DEATH of the robbing of her Master Mr Bartholomew's house No 16  
Foley Place , but His Majesty has been graciously pleased to spare her life.  
Your Petitioner, most solemnly declares her innocence before God and Man,

WILLIAM WOOD she never seen but twice in her life, until she was taken up, the first time she seen him was at SUSAN THOMPSON'S house , and she introduced him to her, ,as the steward of a ship just returned from a long voyage with a son of his, and she said WOOD was a highly respectable young man, and the [ ] [ ] husband of her daughter SUSANNAH THOMPSON, the next time your Petitioner saw WILLIAM WOOD was at her Master's house he came there with SUSANNAH THOMPSON and [ ] for SUSAN THOMPSON who was at work for her Master, your Petitioner told them they would find their mother in the kitchen, [ ] did your Petitioner, as she hopes for everlasting peace in the [head] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] any more, until she saw him at the office nor did she ever hear or know that he was a returned transport, until the Officer who took her up told her of it.

Your Petitioner became acquainted with SUSAN THOMPSON through a son of hers with whom your Petitioner [ ] [ ] [ ] and from her stating that she and her family was wanting [ ] your Petitioner out of compassion recommended her to her Master Mr Bartholomew as Charwoman, and the week the robbery took place she was at work there , on Saturday the house was robbed , as your Petitioner had a deal of work to do she ask SUSAN THOMPSON to come and help her for an hour or two, whilst her Master and Mistress was out - she came but had not been long before her daughter SUSANNAH THOMPSON came and told her mother she must go immediately into the city to get some money or she should loose her goods, the mother went, and the daughter started to iron while she was gone in about an hour she returned , said she had [ ] and him to go for the money soon, she then asked your Petitioner to send for some beer as she was faint, your Petitioner gave her half a crown she went and brought a point and a half of porter, your Petitioner gave the mother and daughter bread and cheese and they kept her in talk about Salisbury for some time at length SUSAN THOMPSON said it was time to go, and your Petitioner went to let her out and found the [strut ] door open, on which she [ ] (after she had shut the door) , SUSANNAH THOMPSON to look over the house with her, very room were the same appearance as when her Master and Mistress went out and she felt satisfied - nor did she know or suspect any thing that had been taken - SUSAN THOMPSON was in the habit of going into my room in the house and know where anything was keep, and she must have laid the plan with WILLIAM WOOD, and when went out, for the porter, she must have let him in, and she and her daughter keep your Petitioner in talk until he had accomplished his case and wicked design, and he left the [strut] door open, that he might get clean off with the thing, for your Petitioner is as innocent of the robbery as a babe unborn, and she wishes that the Almighty God may make her days miserable upon Earth and doom her to everlasting misery in the world to come, if she knew, or had any hand, or part, whatever in the robbery of her Master Mr Bartholomew's house.

Convinced of her own innocence your Petitioner humbly prayeth that you will be pleased to have mercy, pity and compassion upon her and keep her in her own country as she feels certain she cannot survive being banished for ever, from her

mother, Brothers, Sisters, and all her respected relations, her aged and truly affected mother is a widow and has a family of nine children who have been raised religiously and ever have and still do live in respectability nor have any part of her family ever [ ] from the strict path of virtue, O Sir, for her [ ] parent [ ] the sake of her Brother and Sister and her respectable family have many years unhappy and ill-fated Petitioner and grant her and her wretched and broken hearted family's prayers, O Sir, keep her in her country and on her bend knees she bless and pray for you, as will the daily prayers and blessing of her broken hearted Mother and family, O Sir, give them peace and the great Father of all will bless you for the act of mercy and pity, for her knows your Petitioner is innocent of the crime for which she is suffering, your Petitioner has a good home and her best of Mother will most thankfully secure her - and with putting up a prayer to the Great God of all that you will be pleased to consider her hard and most cruel case, and with a ferment hope that you will be graciously pleased to grant her petition, and keep her in her country, you Petitioner humbly begs leave to subscribe herself, much honour Sir you very humble and dutiful but most wretched servant  
Elizabeth Smith

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OLD BAILEY 1828  
STEALING FROM A DWELLING HOUSE  
TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE  
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