

Petition of NATHANIAL WARE for a commutation of his wife's sentence

To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of Nathaniel Ware of the Parish of Alphington in the County of Devon, Husbandman.

Sheweth

That at the last Quarter Sessions for the County of Devon , ELIZABETH WARE the wife of your Petitioner was found GUILTY of having received a duck and some potatoes from an apprentice girl knowing them to have been stolen from her Master Mr Treland a farmer residing in the Parish of Kenton in Devon - That for such an offence the wife of your Petitioner was sentenced to be transported for seven years.

That from the extreme poverty of your Petitioner who has three children to support out of his weekly wages of eight shillings he was unable to bring forward any witnesses upon her trial to speak to her character as the persons with whom she had lived all resided at a considerable distance.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Lordship will be pleased to take such circumstances and the certificates of character herewith sent into your consideration and your Petitioner implores your Lordship to commute his wife's sentence to imprisonment in the Devon gaol or in the Penitentiary
And your Petitioner will ever pray

The mark of Nathaniel Ware

Dated the 26th day of November 1836

I ANN BAWDEN of the Parish of Bow in the county of Devon do hereby certify to your Lordship that ELIZABETH WARE mentioned in the Petition lived in my service upwards of three years during which she was honest and trustworthy and I believe such was her general character.

Ann Bawden

I JOHN ELLACOTT of Bow aforesaid Yeoman certify to your Lordship that she before mentioned ELIZABETH WARE lived in my service upwards of twelve months.

That she was honest and industrious and I never heard anything against her character before.

John Ellacott

I JOHN HALL of the Parish of Sandford in the County of Devon Yeoman certify to your Lordship that the before mentioned ELIZABETH WARE lived in my service upwards of four years during which I found her honest , careful and industrious and that I never heard anything against her before the present charge
James Hall

I SIMON WESTLAKE of the Parish of Jacobstow in Devon Yeoman and other Parishioners of Jaconstow whose names are hereby under written do certify to your Lordship that we for many years have known NATHANIEL WARE the Petitioner - that he is a honest and industrious man and bears a general good character and that I the said SIMON WESTLAKE do also certify to your Lordship that the said NATHANIEL WARE lived in my service for five years and during such time conducted himself to my entire satisfaction.

David Peake - Churchwarden

Bryant Duffy - Overseer

Simon Westlake - Overseer

William Peake - Yeoman

ELIZABETH WARE

DEVON 1836

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

SOURCE - HONE OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

PIECE NUMBER - 29

ITEM NUMBER - CX 32

ELIZABETH WARE - AGED 27

DEVON QUARTER SESSIONS OCTOBER 1836

RECEIVING STOLEN GOOD

7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

GAOL REPORT - NOTHING AGAINST HER BEFORE - MARRIED WITH 3 CHILDREN