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EMMA COUSINS - AGED 22  
OLD BAILEY JUNE SESSIONS 1835  
TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE  
GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER BAD - TRIED BEFORE

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

The humble petition of EMMA COUSINS

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your petitioner is now a prisoner in His majesty's gaol at Newgate, under sentence of transportation for LIFE upon the accusation of stealing a Bank Note of the value of Ten Pounds that your petitioner was an inhabitant of the County of Hertford, and of respectable thought not affluent parents. - that she was in the month of September one Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty Four seduced from her humble home, under the promised of marriage by Mr George Stanton that the consequent state of destitution to which your petitioner was reduced in consequence of the falsification of his promise by the said George Stanton aforesaid compelled her to have recourse to her relations in the country from whom she received the Bank Note which she changed for Ten Pounds, although she is not aware to whom of her relations she is indebted for the money. That upon her trial your petitioner had no means of engaging professional assistance and had therefore no possible opportunity of stating the case properly and effectually before the Court and the Jury - and further your petitioner saith that the effects of her juvenile indiscretions and the [ ] your humble petitioner entertained of the offences she had committed under circumstances which overpowered her reason, have obliged those who had the care of her person, to place her in actual confinement as a person occasionally and to a considerable extent deficient in intellect, - And your petitioner respectfully implores that His majestys most gracious clemency may be interposed between her, and the fate that would inevitably await her, if she should be transported beyond the seas, your humble petitioner not expecting that the offence she had committed will be considered as less a crime against the interests of justice, that if it had been committed by a person more in the profession of her interests or less conscious of having forfeited her general claim to indulgence than your unfortunate petitioner.

And your Petitioner is in duty bound will ever pray

Emma Cousins

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We the undersigned Churchwardens, Overseers and Inhabitants of Codicote in the County of Herts beg to recommend the written names to your Lordships serious consideration having known her and her family for a number of years:

James Clark - Church Warden

William Linrup - Overseer

Thomas Stratton

William Stratton

John Blindell

Bernar Starr

George Stratton

James Morgan

George English

Charles parsons

Joseph Bigg

Thomas Bigg

Samuel Bigg

And a further 52 signatures