

Emma Cato ID1497 per Angelina 1844

Emma Katto or Cato aged 22

Portsmouth Quarter Sessions April 1843

Stealing from the person

10 years transportation

Gaol report – Character dishonest.

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This Petitioner prays for mitigation of the prisoner's sentence on the grounds of her youth and contrition for her first offence.

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble Petition of John and Ann Reed

Sheweth

That your petitioners are the aged and distressed parents of Emma Kitto now under sentence of Transportation for the term of 10 years to the penal Settlement abroad, being for a first offence tried at Portsmouth on the 11th April.

Your Petitioners humbly pray you will be pleased to mitigate the sentence in consideration of her youth being but twenty two years of

age and her first offence and grant the favour of her being placed in some Penitentiary at home, as her sincere repentance and regard for what had passed together with her uniformed good character till within the last six months . I trust will plead favourably in behalf of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioner John Reed has served in the Royal Navy thirty one years and has always received the best of characters from his Captains which makes this misfortune almost more than his age and infirmities can well bear.

Your Petitioners throw themselves on your Honours kindness and mercy and as in duty bound will ever pray.

We the undersigned beg to subscribe our names giving it as our opinion that the prayers of this Petition of granted would confer a blessing on the parents and restore the unfortunate young woman to a proper sense of duty:

William Watkins- House Keeper

Robert West – House Keeper

Benjamin Young – House Keeper

William White – House Keeper

And 34 other signatures all of whom are House Keepers
