

Frances Potts per Lord Sidmouth 1822 - HO17/117/10

FRANCES POTTS

OLD BAILEY - 1822

ROBBING HER EMPLOYER

7 YEARS TRANSPORTATION

SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS -SERIES 1

SERIES - HO 17

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To The Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Home Department

The humble petition of FRANCES POTTS no a prisoner in His Majesty's Gaol Newgate

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner was tried at the Old Bailey in the May Sessions last for stealing sundry articles of wearing apparel, and being convicted for the same received the sentence of seven years transportation.

That your Petitioner acknowledges the justness of her sentence and feels due contrition for the crime she has committed but humbly hopes your Honour will of your known goodness and humanity be pleased to take this her case into consideration as it is her first offence and make such representation to His Majesty as you may think meet in procuring a mitigation of sentence and begs leave to suggest her wish of being placed in the Penitentiary or any other prison His Majesty in his most wise judgment may be pleased to direct, trusting thereby from the punishment that may be inflicted on her she may in some measure atone for the offence she has committed.

Your Petitioner begs leave further to state she has always obtained an honest livelihood by servitude and borne an irreproachable character life to the present misfortunate affair that it is not so much on her own account she pleads but for an aged parent who most bitterly deplores the fate of her unhappy daughter who should her sentence be enforced her grey hairs will be brought down with sorrow to the grave - should she Honourable Sir thro' the powerful influence you possess at some future period be restored to society and to those relations who are truly respectable and willing to receive her she trusts every act of her life in the future should be guided by the strictest rectitude.

and as in duty bound will ever pray

your honorable and most humble and penitent Petitioner

Frances Potts

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The Petitioner was an inhabitant of Grantham which she left about a year ago, this is her first offence and she is about 22 years of age.

The Petitioners for her punishment of transportation to be changed to the Penitentiary

Her[Brother] Mr Potts working in Berkly lives in a small place joining into Lincoln Inn Fields.

Her crime was embezzling some wearing apparel of her mistress.