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GAOLERS REPORT - NOT KNOWN HERE.

The Right Honourable Robert Peel His Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department

We the undersigned humbly approach your Sir in behalf of SARAH SMITH who stands convicted at the Old Bailey (this April Sessions) of robbing a man of £6 and is sentenced to be transported for LIFE.

Permit us to state Sir that the case of this young woman is truly unfortunate and the surprise of her friends at hearing of her situation is beyond description, as her conduct has always been exemplary, filling situation with credit to herself and satisfaction to her employers, until she was seduced from the paths of virtue by some base witch who having obtained her wishes abandoned her to her fate, shame no doubt prevented her from returning to society and distress led her to the confession of the act for which she is convicted.

The same feeling that led her to the confession of crime also compelled her to keep her situation secret from her friends, as she has a poor widowed mother (to whom she has been one of the best daughters) who at this moment little thinks how she is situated and hear it when she may it will be a death blow to her. We have Sir, laid before you a statement of facts anmd had we have known it sooner we would have attended at her trial and stated them oath, but Sir we hope that you will take her case into your gracious consideration and with your well known humanity commute her sentence in some measure so that this unhappy creature may not be sent out of the country during her life.

And we as in duty bound will ever pray.

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