

To the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Humble Petition of ELIZABETH HUGHES of the City of Exeter Widow on behalf of her daughter CHARLOTTE HUGHES now twenty two years of age..

Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners daughter CHARLOTTE HUGHES was indicted at the last Exeter Easter Sessions for a felony committed in the house of her master Mr CHAPPLE of the same city with whom she lived as a servant, the articles stolen and identified were valued at the sum of two shillings and six pence and the Jury accordingly found her GUILTY of the offence and she was sentenced by the Honourable the Recorder to transportation for the term of seven years, there were no particulars bearing of the Judge on her case.

That your Petitioner begs leave to state to your Honour that the daughter CHARLOTTE HUGHES is now in her last month of pregnancy which has greatly distressed Petitioners mind beyond all description at her leaving an infant behind her in an unprovided state. Petitioner had always instructed her children in the precepts of morality and religion in the fear of God and duty towards mankind with no exception until this unfortunate occurrence.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays your Honour that you will be pleased to intercede on her daughters behalf by laying her unfortunate case before Her Most Excellent

Majesty for a remittance of her sentence from transportation to imprisonment for any period of time Her Most Gracious Majesty may be pleased to direct in Her Royal Judgement and humanity or so long as Her Most Gracious Majesty shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Elizabeth Hughes.

12th July 1841

at Mrs Pengellys

3 Oakfiueld Place

Heavitree near Exeter.

Charlotte Hughes

Aged 21 years

Place – Exeter Quarter Sessions

April 1841

Larceny by Servant

Sentence – 7 years transportation

Series – HO 18

Source – Home Office Criminal Petitions – Series II

Piece Number – 57

Gaol Report – Lived in service many years. In prison before charged with felony. Connections very indifferent. Her

mother states the prisoner to be near her confinement and prays she may be imprisoned in this country for a limited period.
