

Eliza Baker ID2519 per *Baretto Junior* 1850

Eliza Baker aged 22

Middlesex Sessions – Clerkenwell, Stealing from the person

10 years transportation, Gaol report – Convicted before

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The prisoner pleaded guilty of stealing, knowing that she had been guilty of receiving the property. She state also she is recovering from Cholera and prays that her sentence may be commuted to imprisonment.

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To the Secretary of State The Right Honourable Sir George Grey

The humble Petition of Eliza Baker now a prisoner in the House of Correction in Westminster under sentence of transportation of 10 years.

Eliza baker aged 22 years was tried at the Clerkenwell Sessions in May last charged with stealing some Lace, a old hankerchief, and some pieces of [] of which she pleaded guilty. From the facts of having recovered the [] then to have been stolen Eliza Baker is now showing recovery from Cholera and from the period taken her sentence [][] less to the time of her being attached with this fearful [] her [] suffering were great in the extreme , so much so that her bodily health had undergone a considerable change until within the last two years she has resided

constantly with her present persons of great respectability and the strictest integrity, her father having been in the employment of a builder for 22 years she left home for the purpose of entering a situation and could [] then [] of an irreproachable character. It is with feelings of the deepest remorse that she reviews her past conduct and the prospect of being sent from her native land and in all probability be forever separated from the best of friends, hers [][]. This humble and [] appeal praying for a mitigation of her sentence.

She does not ask to go unpunished for the offence willingly and cheerfully would she submit to a long imprisonment if by so doing she might escape the horrid [] that has been decreed her and gladly would her parents welcome her back to her once happy family, if that mercy for which she now so fervently [] be not [] of her.
