

Elizabeth Bartle ID12308 per Tory 1848

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The prisoner prays in consideration of her youth and good character that she may not be sent out of the country

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To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Humble Petition of ELIZABETH BARTELL late of Hatley Saint George in the county of Cambridge

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was formally in the employ of JAMES HARVEY COOPER of Gamlongay in the county of Cambridge. That your petitioner was committed to the County Goal of Cambridge on the..... day of August last upon a charge of having stolen one sovereign and one broach the property of her master the said JAMES HARVEY Cooper and at the Quarter Sessions holden for the county of Cambridge on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October last before the Honourable Elliott J Yorke Chairman was convicted and received sentence of transportation for seven years.

That your petition is only 15 years old and is a member of an honest and industrious family residing at Hatley Saint George in the said county of Cambridge and until the committal of the offence of which she was convicted had maintained a fair character for honesty and propriety of conduct.

That your Petitioner acknowledges the justness of the verdict but hopes that a mitigation of the sentence may be

graciously granted and that she may be permitted to remain in this country instead of being sent away to live amongst persons of the worst Character to endure the greatest misery and [ignoming] in a distant colony.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly implores your Honour to take her case into your consideration and that you will be pleased to grant to your most humble Petitioner such mitigation of her hard sentence as to your honour may seem fit.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

The mark of

Elizabeth Bartell.

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We the undersigned humbly certify that we believe the statement contained in the Petition to be true and in consideration of the youth and previous good character of the Petitioner and from the respectability of her family that she would be allowed an opportunity do all in her power to retrieve her character. We therefore entreat that your Honour will be pleased to recommend her to Her Majesty's mercy for a mitigation of her sentence.

James Harvey Cooper - Prosecutor

Susanna Cooper – Wife of the prosecutor

William Claydon – Witness in the trial

And 42 other signatures.

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Elizabeth Bartle aged 15

1847

Cambridge Quarter Sessions October 1847

Larceny by Servant

Sentence – 7 years transportation

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