

Elizabeth Pinkerton per New Grove 1835 - ID 9937

To the Right Honourable Lord Melbourne Secretary of State for the Home
Department

The Humble Petition of THOMAS ELLIOTT of Sudbury in the Couth of Suffolk -
Cordwainer

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That your Petitioner is the father of ELIZABETH PINKERTON (the wife of ROBERT PINKERTON) LATELY CONFICTED OF larceny in stealing a watch at the Old Bailey Sessions and sentenced to 14 years transportation

That your Petitioner has been informed by his daughter, and believes from her known good character that though she was found guilty of the offence for which she is now suffering, she is an innocent victim, having been the dupe of another person who in fact committed the offence.

That the daughter of the Petitioner is a married woman upwards of 30 years of age, her husband being a seaman in the East India Merchants Service and in foreign parts at the time of her committing the alleged offence, which upon enquiring into the real facts of the case, your Petitioner has no doubt would be found to be as above stated.

Your Petitioner therefore prays for a remission of the above sentence or such modification of it as the circumstances of the case when fully disclosed will warrant.

And your Petitioner will every pray

Thomas Elliott

We the undersigned have no reason to doubt the truth of the statement in the
Petition and beg to recommend the party to your favourable consideration

Thorp William [Fowler] - Minister

Robert Ransom - Churchwarden

A Syer - Mayor

[] [] - Town Clerk

William Spooner

J Angie - Surgeon

L McClean - Doctor

George Archer - Capital Burgess

And 6 other signatures

5 Bottom Row
14 July 1834

My Dear Sir,

In consequence of the serious indisposition of my friend Mr M A Taylor Member for Sudbury I have been requested by him to forward to you the accompanying petition to Lord Melbourne praying for the mitigation of the sentence passed on ELIZABETH PINKERTON at the Old Bailey Sessions.

Previous to her trial she always bore a good character and the persons who have signed the Petition are highly respectable.

The unfortunate woman strongly attests her innocence and states that another woman gave her the watch to pawn which she did, being totally innocent of it being stolen.

I hope you will have the kindness to direct that this case may be required into

I am My Dear Sir

very Faithfully yours

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ELIZABETH PINKERTON
OLD BAILEY 1834
STEALING FROM THE PERSON
14 YEARS TRANSPORTATION
SOURCE - HOME OFFICE CRIMINAL PETITIONS - SERIES 1
SERIES - HO 17
PIECE NUMBER - 74
ITEM NUMBER - NT 24

ELIZABETH PINKERTON - AGED 34
OLD BAILEY SESSIONS JULY 1834
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GAOLERS REPORT - CHARACTER - NOT KNOWN - DECENT CONNECTIONS