

Elizabeth Wesley ID11802 per Stately 1849

Elizabeth Wesley aged 22

Central Criminal Court

September 1848

Stealing from the person

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Convicted before

Series – HO 18

Piece Number – 262

Sailed for V.D.L. in the Stately

The prisoner's Aunt declares her innocence

To the Right Honourable Sir George Grey

Honourable Sir

I humbly and most respectfully beg leave to address you and supplicate your powerful humane and kind interest in behalf of my hapless and unfortunate niece that is now on her voyage to Hobart Town, a convict onboard the ship Stately sentenced to seven years transportation at Clekenwell Sessions, to the above term, and since her conviction all the

authorities she has been under namely at Millbank prison and also onboard the ship Stately she is now in, will and do speak most [] in her behalf and favour I also return my sincere thanks for the kindness she now receives and had received from the officers appointed over her, that I trust she will ever meet and deserve of all whose charge she is under, but now Sir it remains my pleasing task her to state that she is innocent of the crime of felony that she is suffering for and it was but one sixpence decused that she and another female were both sentenced for, and had I have known it in time might have obtained Counsel for her that I presume would have procured her liberty but thus was she [] [] to the vengeance of the Law, that I [] [] to observe is too often the case in similar instances – thus proving that the Law is not as it should be namely at all times tempered with Justice and she a poor motherless orphan has declared onboard as she was about to set sail she [] her innocence and exclaiming in the presence of her Creator and thereafter judge forgiveness for those of her persecutors and oppressors that he the all wise and sovereign true judge alone will avenge and punish and in his own important power alone, I submit her [] then her heartbroken and sorrowed parents and father brother sister and cousins all earnestly, supplicate and pray the cause of this misjudge and sorrowful orphan girl as I hope her present name merits may hope to claim in your representation and recommendation her case to our beloved Lady Sovereign Her Most Gracious majesty The Queen and as it is nature to transgress remembering it is an [attribute] divine to forgive, and will be adding one of the brightest and brilliant [] to her imperial but mortal know that I trust and pray may be long []

] and retained by that illustrious noble lady sovereign and our united prayers and tears now invoked as a holy violence to Heaven that the mercy thus she [] to her may be hereafter rewarded by the King of Kings , Queens and Emperors and that the consoling declamation may be the mercy (two lines that cannot be made sense of)

Is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of your very humble afflicted and most distressed servant

Susan Robbins – widow and Aunt to the above named girl onboard the Stately and her name is Elizabeth Wesley and humbly prays and waits your kind and favourable answer.

Susan Robbins

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