

Louisa Cuthbert ID5560 per *Garland Grove* 1843

The Vicar of her parish cannot address anything in her behalf but prays she may be sent to the Penitentiary on account of her father who is a hard working , honest man but nearly broken hearted.

The Vicarage

Bridfield

Nr Woodbridge

28th July 1842

Honourable Sir

As Vicar of the parish of Bridfield Suffolk I feel it is a duty to address you most respectfully in the behalf of the father of Louisa Cuthbert lately convicted of theft at the Suffolk Assizes and sentenced to be transported to Van Diemen's Land. The suffering of this poor honest industrious man shall not endue us to be a party to the least misrepresentation. If anything favourable respecting her character could have been alleged it would have been spoken at the time of her trial. The poor father is conscious as her prosecutor that severe punishment is necessary in her case both as an example to others and as the only probable means of her amendment. We do not entreat therefore for any instigation of her punishment but only the commutation and that for the sake of his poor affected mean, you will mercifully intercede with her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to commute the punishment of transportation for one of equal severity in this Kingdom either in the Penitentiary or some other place of confinement and labour for her father who is a hardworking honest Gardener, being almost heartbroken at the prospect of parting with her as he conceives forever, will be the individual chiefly punished by the inflection of the just sentence awarded at her trial.

I have the honour to be

With great respect

Sir

Your obedient and humble servant

George Crabbe

Vicar of Bridfield.

Louisa Cuthbert aged 23

Ipswich Borough Sessions June 1842

Larceny from a house

7 years transportation

Gaol Report – Character – bad. Convicted before

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Transport

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