

Margaret Smith ID3333 per *Cadet* 1848

Margaret Smith aged 18

Plymouth Quarter Sessions December 1846, Larceny by a servant

7 years transportation, Gaol report – Not Known

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In Van Diemens Land

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The prisoner's mother states that she committed the crime at the instigation of her husband and prays that the remainder of her sentence may be remitted.

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To The Queen's most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Margaret Rennie of No 2 Bull Hill Plymouth.

Most humbly Sheweth

That her daughter Margaret Smith 18 years of age was tried and convicted at Plymouth Quarter Sessions in December 1846 for stealing culinary articles from Mrs Mitchell her Mistress while in her service and sentenced to seven years transportation – leaving her child under her charge to provide and clothe it, her husband being a soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fusiliers serving now in the Mauritius and whose bad advice was the main and only cause of Petitioner's daughters delinquency in advising and persuading her to take the articles to pledge them for as much money as would enable him to go home to receive a legacy and when he would return he would give her the money to redeem them again.

And whereas your Petitioner being a poor feeble woman with her health greatly impaired from the circumstance having no dependence nor support only by such labour as she may occasionally obtain as a Char Woman to support herself and grandchild two years of age.

And further having had communications from her poor deluded, penitent daughter at George Washington Waker [ Esq ].Liverpool Street , Hobart Town Van Diemens Land very humbly praying her to Petition Her Most Gracious Majesty (who God may long preserve) to be most graciously pleased to commute the remainder of her punishment and for her return to her native country.

And your Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

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Ann Hatchard

Maria Mitchell

Caroline Wells

Margaret Holland

William Dicker

And a further 28 signatures.

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