

Sarah Smith per Nautilus 1838 - ID 9617

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To the Right Honourable Lord John Russell Her Majesty's Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Petition of JOSEPH SMITH of No 7 Flower and Dean Street Spitalfields.

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That the Petitioner, s wife SARAH SMITH was tried and convicted at the late Sessions of the Central Criminal Court and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

That she has been the Petitioners wife for 24 years and the mother of nine children, seven of whom are now alive, and never had a blot on her character before, during the whole course of her life both at home and abroad, when she accompanied Petitioner who was 21 years in His Majesty's Service, and 18 year of that period, and up to his discharge a Non Commissioned Officer.

That the Petitioner ascribes his wife's present unfortunate situation entirely to the effect of intoxication in which she has recently too often indulged herself, from the circumstances of her eldest son being in a Consumption and lately dead and the rest of the children afflicted with different sicknesses four of them being only now recovering from a protracted illness of Typhus Fever.

That under these circumstances your Petitioner most humbly appeals to your Lordships sympathy for a commutation of the sentence passed on his unfortunate wife to such a period of confinement in the Penitentiary, as in your Lordships humane view of the case, may be considered just and proper, and Petitioner will be truly grateful for your Lordships goodness because it will restore his unfortunate wife to the bosom of her family, to again become the Instructress of her children, and as she always has been ( until the late unfortunate event) in different quarters of the Globe, a well conducted useful member of society.

May it please your Lordship to take this petition into your favourable consideration and Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Joseph Smith  
(Late) Serjeant  
His Majesty's 66th Regiment of Foot

No7 Flower and Dean Street  
Spittlefields  
London.

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OLD BAILEY - 1837

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