

Eliza Hall ID5766 per *Gilbert Henderson* 1840

Eliza Hall aged 19

Central Criminal Court August 1839

Housebreaking and larceny

10 years transportation

Gaol report – Character not known

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Refer to the Jury for an opinion

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To The Secretary of State Lord John Russel.

The humble Petition of James Hall

Old Foot Barrack Yard

Knightsbridge

22nd August 1839

My Lord

Humbly Sheweth

That my daughter Eliza Hall as being unfortunate to get in bad company with Elizabeth Watson who stole from a house to the value of 10/- was before the Judge on Wednesday last week and being her first offence the Noble Judge enquired if she had any friends in Court to speak for her, and My Lord myself being very bad at the time with

the bowel complaint I could not attend so having no friends in Court the Judge stated he should let her off with a short punishment she might come there again so she was sentenced to 10 years transportation it was the second time with the other on my oath My Lord my daughter was never before any Magistrate until this occasion being led into bad company, your Petitioner My Lord humbly begs you will this once extend your gracious mercy for a mild a punishment as you thinks fit, she is 20 years of age and lost her good mother last March 12 months ago or this would never have happened ,do My Lord look over this and your Petitioner will ever pray.

(signed) James Hall – Butler

16 Herford Street

26th September 1839

To The Right Honourable Fox-Maule

Sir

In compliance with the desire The Marquis of Normanby did me the honour to express I have perused the enclosed application in behalf of Eliza Hall convicted at the last August Sessions of the Central Criminal Court of Housebreaking and sentenced to ten years transportation.

On referring to the case (which is reported in the Sessions Paper, page 602) I find the prisoner Eliza Hall was taken with the property in her possession and afterwards broke out of prison. There was not any evidence of the previous character of the prisoner at the trial and the Petition transmitted to Secretary of State does not appear to supply the deficiency and I regret to add, I am not prepared to say that any sufficient grounds have been suggested for the mitigation of the sentence.

I am Sir

Your most obedient and humble servant

Charles [Daw]

Recorder of London.

Whitehall

7th October 1839

To James Hall

The Marquis of Normanby having carefully considered your application in behalf of Eliza Hall: I am directed to express to you his Lordships regret that there is no sufficient ground to justify him, consistently with his Public Duty, in advising Her Majesty to comply with the prayer thereof.

I am

You most obedient and humble servant

F Maule.

Removed 9th October 1839
