

Elizabeth Crouch ID12966 per *William Bryan* 1833

Elizabeth Crouch aged 21

Old Bailey February Sessions 1833

Stealing a pair of shoes

7 years transportation

Gaolers Report – In prison before. Disorderly – Prostitute

Series – HO 17

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To The Right Honourable Lord Melborne Secretary of State for the
Home Department

The humble Petition of Elizabeth Crouch

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Lordships Petitioner was convicted (at the last Old Bailey Sessions) of Petty Larceny for stealing a pair of boots, and received sentence of transportation for 7 years. That your Petitioner is 21 years of age and up to that unguarded moment maintained a good character for honesty and sobriety, from every situation she has fulfilled as a servant, and committed the crime through deep distress.

Your Lordship's Petitioner not wishing to leave this country having an aged mother (a widow) to whom your Petitioner when in a situation was a great succour to her aged parent.

Most humbly craves your Lordship's kind interference to obtain a commutation of sentence to the Penitentiary for your humble Petitioner it being her first offence and she being prompt by deep distress.

And your humble Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

We the undersigned do recommend the above Petitioner to your Lordships kind consideration, in considering her in every respect a fit and proper object for your Lordships humane interference.

T Peate – Prosecutor

John Young – Publican to whom she served for 15 months

James Hope – Publican

William Caple – Servitude for 1 year and 1 month, who is willing to take her into service when ever at liberty.
