

Johanna Saunders ID6212 per *Henry* 1824

Johanna/Joanna Saunders aged 16

Yarmouth Sessions April 1824

Stealing from a shop

14 years transportation

Gaolers Report – Bad Character

Series – HO 17

Piece Number – 49

Item Number – HK 45

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Yarmouth

20<sup>th</sup> May 1824

To The Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of Joanna Saunders.

Most respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner was convicted of a small crime at the last Sessions of Oyer and Terminer held for the Borough of Great Yarmouth on the 21<sup>st</sup> April last, and sentenced to transportation for the space of fourteen years beyond the seas.

Your Petitioner humbly states that she is only sixteen years of age and her first offence and although very young is truly sensible of the enormity of her crime and is sincerely penitent. Your humble Petitioner presumes from the humane and benevolent disposition which your Majesty possesses, to throw herself at your Royal feet and prays that her sentence may be commuted so that she may not be sent out of the country from her disconsolate parents, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Joanna Saunders