

To The Right Honourable Lord Melbourne  
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
For the Home Department &c &c &c

The Humble Petition of Thos. Scrivens who was  
convicted and sentenced to seven years  
Transportation last Hicks Hall Sessions -

That your Lordships Humble Petitioner is by  
Trade a Paper Hanger and up to the present unfortunate  
Circumstance Has borne Impeachable Character For  
Industry Honesty Sobriety and Integrity -

That your Petitioner has a wife and two small  
Children the one three years old & the other eighteen  
Months whom your Lordships Humble Petitioner  
wishes might be sent to the same Destination where your  
Petitioner goes to - As your Petitioner feels confident in  
the Event of their being Passed over He could support  
them in case of getting of the Stores or placed in any  
Situation whatever - That your Lordships Petitioner  
Humbly Prays you will condescend to allow Petitioner's  
wife and Children to be Forwarded as Petitioner is not  
able himself to defray the Expenses having been in  
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irreproachable character for industry honesty sobriety and integrity.

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Petitioner's wife and children to be forwarded, as Petitioner is not  
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And Family - Your Lordships Humble Petitioner  
therefore hopes your Lordships kind and well known  
humanity will extend in this present unfortunate  
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And your Petitioner will ever feel as if  
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Thos. Scrivens

Thomas Scrivens  
Mellisham Lane

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Your Lordships Humble Petitioner  
*Thos Scrivens*