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Transcript of petition by Elizabeth Peacock

To the Right Hono[ur]able Sir William

Boulton knight Lord Maior of

London

The humble Petic[i]on of Elizabeth Peacocke widdow

Humbly sheweth

That your Petic[i]on[e]r being left desolate & a disconsolate widdowe her husband & eldest sonne (in whome were her greatest hopes) being both lately dead, for a further addic[i]on to yo[u]r Pet[ic]ione]rs misery her dwelling house being the signe of ye horshooe on Snow Hill (a faire and lardge Inne wherein she had a Terme of 47 yeares to come & uppon w[hi]ch her said late husband (w[i]thin 4 yeares last past) had layd out and expended 800^l in building w[hi]ch was made appeare to [th]e Landlord thereof was utterly consumed by [th]e late dreadfull fire together with her whole stocke of hay coales & beere layd in for her winter provision & alsoe all [th]e furniture of her said house to a greate value Soe as your petic[i]one]r with 5 small children were lefte utterly destitute of an habitac[i]on not haveing any thing lefte when her said house was burn[e]d but onely 39^s in mony not soe much as A stoole to sitt uppon but was & is exposed to great misery & want

That your honno[u]r haveing beene piously pleased to allot your petic[i]one]r a peece of ground in Smithfeild roundes to build her a small habitac[i]on thereon w[hi]ch by her industry might afford her a subsistence, And your Petic[i]one]r (haveing had some small alloweance vizt onely 30^s from ye late Collec[c]i]on) with ye assistance of her freinds hath begunn to build thereupon but can[n]ot make any progresse therein, what monyes she had being already expended thereupon & her children & self likely to perish

May itt therefore please yo[u]r honno[u]r tenderly to looke
 uppon [th]e sad & deplorable condic[i]on of yo[u]r poore distressed
 Petic[i]one[r] & her fatherlesse children & amonst other yo[u]r
 pious distribuc[i]ons to bestowe uppon her some further
 supply out of ye monies nowe raised of [th]e Countreyes
 benevolence or otheriswe as to your honno[u]r shall seeme
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And your Petic[i]on[e]r and her poore
 children shall dayly pray for
 Your Honno[u]rs health & happinesse

Sir Tho[mas]: Plaier He very much presses the
nessesity of this poore woman & her
great loss Therefore I order her out
of the money sent up for such p[er]sons Tenn
Pound
2 ^d March 66 W[illia]m Bolton Maior

May it please yo[u]r lo[rdshi]pp
I have long knowne this petic[i]oner and her late husband,
being before the tyme of the fire my neighbo[u]rs, and living in
a very good and plentifull condition; And I know what is
suggested in this her petition to yo[u]r lo[rdshi]pp is very true, And
that shee and her poore children are now in a very sad and
deplorable case, and very fitt objects for yo[u]r lo[rdshi]pps com[m]iserat[i]on
and releife as is humbly heerby desired
Yo[u]r lo[rdshi]pps most humble
servant Edm[und] Peirce