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Description:	Prisoner name: William Barker. Court and date of trial: Leicester Assizes 24 March 1830. Crime: Sheep Stealing. Initial sentence: Death commuted to transportation for Life. Annotated (Outcome): Nil. Petitioner(s): Thomas Gilbert and 33 other inhabitants of the parish of Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire. Grounds for clemency (Petition Details): Previous good character, considered honest, sober and industrious. Has a wife and three children. Asks that his sentence is reduced to a short imprisonment with hard labour after which he would become a reformed member of society. Other papers: Letter from William Barker, in Dungog, New South Wales, 5 August 1847, to Reverend Greenway, Newbold Verdon. Asks the Reverend Greenway to use his influence to persuade Barker's family to come out to him. The country is very healthy and he will be able to provide for them. With character references from C L Brown, E M McKinlay and [illegible]. Petitions from Sophia Barker, wife of the prisoner, and the rector and other inhabitants of Newbold Verdon, asking that Barker is allowed to return, 28 June 1848. Copy of a despatch from Charles A Fitzroy, Governor, New South Wales, reporting that Barker has been granted a conditional pardon and has a good character. With a covering letter forwarding it to the Home Secretary, annotated that it is better for him to remain where he is.
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