

Ld. Stourmont

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St James's Place No. 1780.

I venture to trouble your Majesty with an application made to me in favour of Thomas Humphries who remains for execution on Wednesday next, because there is a countenance which was not known when the Recorder made his report to your Majesty. It was then understood that Humphries was guilty of two robberies, but there is now strong reason to believe that he was innocent of the first, the man who was really guilty of that robbery having actually confessed it, tho' he afterwards withdrew his confession ^{on} being informed that it might affect his life. I understand that this Humphries bore a very good character in the Regiment. (First Regt. of Guards) he is only 23. and from the sum of his father's

Mr Edward Astley seems to have had an
Education above his Rank. He says that
when he got out of Prison he was wholly
destitute, and that it was absolute necessity
that drove him to commit the robbery for
which he is now under sentence of death
The particulars with which I trouble your
Majesty I know only from Lady Astley's
Report of them to me.