Hardinsburg 22d Octr 1824

To His Excellency Joseph Desha Governor of Kentucky

The undersigned would respectfully State that in the Month of November 1822 three men to wit Beumont Thornton & Martin were apprehended near this place for a robbery Committed on a Certain Laban Jones. That at the next term of the Circuit Court in April following they were tried and Sentenced to the Penitentiary. Beumont for 5 years Thornton for 4 years and Martin for 3 years Now altho your petitioners are well assured and do know that the Sentence passed on Martin as well as the other two was strictly in accordance with Law and Evidence. Yet that there is some Extenuating Circumstances attached to the case of Martin that makes him in the opinion of your Petitioners a fit Subject of your Excellencys Clemency & pardon. It was in Evidence on the trial that Martin at the time of being taken Evinced the strongest Marks of Contrition and Sorrow and offered no resistance; and Continued afterwards to deport himself in the most orderly Manner during his imprisonment and on trial. Whilst the other two by their Conduct gave evidence of a most Hardened and Wicked disposition. Your petitioners would further State that altho it did not appear in Evidence before the Court. that they have good cause to believe that Beumont & Thornton left

Louisville together with an intention of roking on the highway that they afterwards fell in with Martin and travelled with him and that at the time they were preparing to rob Jones he consented but that it was not in him a premeditated act; and it is impossible to say what influence the threats or menaces of such hardened and daring offenders as Beaumont & Thornton might have over the more weak and timed mind of Martin; he has now suffered nearly two years confinement the first 6 months in a cold and glooming Dungeon without fire during a most inclement winter. With only a few cast cloths the charity of the citizens to cover him. the other year and a half at hard labor in the penitentiary. Upon a review of his case we do trust that your Excellency will think with us that he is a fit subject of Executive mercy and will remit the Ballance of his term of service and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

John H. McHenry
Henry Prather
Jesse W. Kincheloe
W. Stuart
Saml. McClarty
John T. Lewis
John McClarty

Jno. McBrown
William K. Seaton
Calvin Hendrick Snr.
John Murray
R. W. Dennison
Stanley Singleton
David P. Lewis
Saml. K. Cox

David Morton
R. Pullian
W. Green
Benjamin Lazy
Jno A Brown
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Lorenzo D. Hop
A Rowan
Byr Hardin
Alney McLean
C. W. Webber
Henry Pirtle
Wm Morton
Vivion Daniel
W. B. C. Brown
Mark Hardin
Robert Huston
Henry Dugern
Edmund Wett
Wm A Scutan

Oscar Brown
John M. Kiely
Samuel C. Jennings
John D. Garnett
Wm Eidson
Jesse Willson
Wm Murray
Littleton Martin
Vicesimus Chapin
Lewis Moorman
Alfred Owen
Lewis Kincheloe
Wayman St Clair
Isaac St Clair
M. Haughey
William Ritchie
William E. Mathews
John Low

Martin

Convict in Penty

Petition

1824

To his Excellency Joseph Desha Governor of Kentucky. The Petition of David Reinsohn living in Louisville, in the 1st. Regt. of Militia, respectfully represents that the Collector of said Regt. is pressing him for the payment of certain fines ~~levied~~ assessed against him, viz $8. for the year 1821. and $3 for the year 1822, for not doing duty as a militia man in said Regt. Your petitioner further states that he is a native of Hamburg in Germany, that he has now become naturalized, and therefore conceives that he is not subject to ~~Military~~ requisitions. that neither the policy nor justice of this government can require such service from persons who it may be propitious, conceive themselves under previous obligations to some other state or sovereign, altho your petitioner does not so conceive, yet as he is not yet entitled to the privileges of citizenship he thinks it would be both unjust & oppressive to exact the services of a militia man, or the fines assessed for his refusal. He therefore asks of your Excellency to remit said fines and as in duty bound &c.

D. Reinsohn

Louisville Octo: 22d. 1824

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State of Kentucky
Jefferson County Sct } This day D. Henson came
personally before me a Justice of the Peace for
the County afd. and made oath to the ~~[illegible]~~
Correctness of the within statement. Given
under my hand this 23d. day of Octo 1824

W Field JPK

David Heinsohn
Petition
1824

To his Excellency Joseph Desha Esqr

Govr. of the State of Kentucky

May it please your Excellency: some time in the month of June last Elizabeth wife of Jesse Woodyard of Grant County Respectable inhabitants of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, was fined in the sum of five Dollars and some Cents and Costs, through a malicious prosecution, heightened by false and Exaggerated Suggestions of Testimony together with the cunning insinuations and prejudiced interest taken by the magistrate before whom the Jury convened; a true Statement however your Petitioners would humbly beg leave to relate to your Excellency which is as follows vyz that the said Elizabeth Woodyard having occasion to go to her brothers house, on her return having been met on the public Highway by a Certain Mrs Fugate in Company with her Husband William Fugate. The said Mrs Fugate then and there commenced offering abuse and personal violence to her the said Elizabeth which rendered self defence in her the said Elizabeth absolutely necessary and to wind up all to the great climax of astonishment. The said Mrs Fugate complained and obtained a warrant against her the said Elizabeth, and for want of Testimony to prove the true state of the case the said Elizabeth was fined in the above mentioned sum which appears to your Petitioners to be a grievance, on Jesse Woodyard the husband of the said Elizabeth, he being a sober Honest and an industrious man, and having a large family whose Sustenance depends on his labour we therefore beg that your Excellency wood interpose remit and Exhonerate the said Woodyard from the said fine and your Petitioners will ever be in duty bound to pray

Signed Jesse Woodyard

Grant County 27th
October 1824

Nathl. Henderson S.G.C.

Bennett Williams
Asa Vattandigham
Robt Crook
W W Porter
Nathan W Reed

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Ephraim Pongate
Thos Gallinach
Henry Nordon
Wm Woodyard L P G C
James Ashcraft
Henry Woodyard
William Mavres
Lewis Gegory J B C G
Philip Gaugh
W. T. McCaund
Danl Lewards
Wm Crook
Daniel Billetter
John Crook
Willis Maxberry
Elias Billitter
Jeremiah Crook
Richard Oaver
Saml Pongate
Jesse Crook
Bennett Crook

Eliz: Woodyard
Petition
Rejected
Nov. 13. 1826.

His Excellency
Joseph Duke Esq
Gov: State of Ky
Frankfort

Expired

State of Kentucky Green County Sct

To his excellency Joseph Desha Governer of Ky. Your petitioner Thomas Pratt would most respectfully represent & state that in the year 1823 he belonged Capt Willis meletia company and that early in the spring of said year befor any musters took place he joined Capt Curry's volenteer infantry company in which comy he mustered regularly for that year which will morefully appear by certificate here inclosed no[illegible]thstanding he was returned & fined by the courmarteal by Capt Willis for not mustering in his company in said year of 1823 and your petitioner wold further state that at the time said fine was assesed he was out of the state in Newarleans & was therefore precluded from making his defence before the court & as he is remedilesse at law he prays your excellency to remit the same & as in duly bound he will ever pray

Thomas Pratt

Oct. 27th 1824

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To his excellency Joseph Desha
Governor of Ky
Frankfort

Rejected

Thomas Pratt
Petition
Rejected