Tates Creek May 4th 1825

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There are at least nine tenths of the subscribers to

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the petitions which are his near neighbours and the remainder from Richmond and vicinity —
I believe they are all respectable men
Should it please your honor to release Mr Zennell I believe it will meet the approbation of a large portion of Madison County
Your obedient servant
Honorable Joseph Leake Reuben Munday

Honorable Joseph Desha
Governor of
Kentucky

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To his Excellency Joseph Desha Gov. Kentucky

Your petitioner represents that at the June Term 1822 of Jefferson Court a Judgt. for $250 & Costs was rendered agt. him at the Suit of the Court — He states that on the 20. Dec. 1821 he became bound as security for the appearance of David Ogden, on the 16th day of the Jefferson Circuit Court which was then in Session, that is to say for his appearance on the 21st day of Nov. 1821 — That Sr. Ogden was arrested on a charge of Horse Stealing — That Sr. Ogden had for a long time previous to Sr. charge resided in Louisville, kept a livery stable & was a man of good Character — That he proved before the magistrates that he had purchased the horse, but as Court was then in Session the Justices ordered him to be bound for his appearance next day at Court, & committed him to Gail — He sent for yr. petitioner in Jail, who went to see him & was moved by his tears & entreaties & his solemn asseverations of innocence to enter his bail for his appearance next day — He did not appear according to his engagement & your petitioner was proceeded agt. upon his engagement & the agt. Judgt. was rendered — He states that no Exon has ever Spend upon the Judgt. — That Sr. Ogden has never since his elopement been heard of & he knows not what has become of him — There was a defect in the engagement which your petitioner believes would have exonerated him if he had defended it, he did not do so however, in as much as he was relied on by the Justice who took to draw it —

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He prays for a remission of 1st Lieut.
under the circumstances

Jas. W. Denny

J. W. Denney
Petition
Forf. remitted
May 5. 1825

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Jas. Dis Lad
Gov. Ky

Princeton Kentucky May 5 1825

To his excellency Joseph Desha Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky your Petitioner Bowen Tison would most respectfully represent to your excellency that some time during the last March Term for the County of Caldwell the sheriff of said County summoned him your petitioner to serve on a Petit Jury your petitioner would further state that he is very deaf and hard of hearing and he has for several years been exempt from all militia duty, and in fact he has not for several years served on a jury in consequence of his deafness. he states that after he was so summoned as aforesaid he returned to his home about 4 miles from the seat of Justice believing that said sheriff would not return his name on the panel to the clerk he states that he did not fail to attend as a juror for the purpose of treating with contempt the honourable judge, but for the purpose aforesaid only. he would further state that since the rising of said Court he finds that the sheriff has a capias profine against him to collect the sum of $8. as a fine inflicted by the Judge for his failing to attend as aforesaid, he states that he had no knowledge of any fine against him until after the rising of said Court. he states that the fine was entered against him without his having any opportunity to defend himself or to shew cause for his non attendance. he further states that although the sum may be thought trifling yet it will be serious to him or any person in his situation to pay he states that he is not reduced to poverty but his situation in life requires the interposition of your excellency which is the only tribunal and resort your petitioner therefore prays that said fine may be remitted and in duty bound he will most humbly pray &c

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Will Landes

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The common wealth of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct. This day the said Brown Tison personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true given under my hand and seal this the 6th day of May 1825

Will Lander J.P.C.C.

we the undersigned citizens of the County of Caldwell certify that we have for some time been acquainted with the petitioner Brown Tison and we know that said Tison is deaf and not a competent Pillitt Juror and we request that said fine may be remitted

Will Lander
A. B. Haworth
D. S. Young
J. W. H. Rackerby
P. B. McGoodwin

F. Hutchinson
J. F. Lander

N. B. Send a prieve as quick as posable

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His Excellency
Joseph Desha
Governor of
Kentucky
Frankfort.

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To His Excellancy Genl. Joseph D'isha Governor of Kentucky —

The Petition of an Humble individual who has been most villainously (tho. for his politics) slandered & ill treated, & suffer him to make a plain, fair, true & unvarnished statement of facts which have occurred respecting a trial for which he will be compelled to stand unless your Mercy will extend to & relieve him.

a number of gamblers infested our Town, had broken up several of this Petitioners acquaintances who had families, stript them of all they had; all, deplored their loss & situation, but none dare oppose their (the gamblers) proceedings; under this state of things, your petitioner with the citizens generally thought a stop ought to be put to such demoralizing & unlawful robbery, a proposition was made to him by an officer, that if this Petitioner would suffer his name to be used as a prosecutor, he the officer would furnish evidence sufficient to prove the guilt on several of those gentlemen for dealing at Faro, under the late statute, in that Case made & provided — This Petitioner assented & several were accordingly taken, brought before two Justices & sent on to farther trial, one of them, however, could not as he stated pay the fine or give

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security & that he would be compelled to go
to Jail, he was brought to my house, late at night
raining hard, I was awoke from my bed & af-
-ter being informed of his situation, I was at
a stand what course to pursue, my object
in the first onset was to enforce the Laws &
to rid society of those midnight family de-
-stroyers, on the other hand the idea to think
I should be the cause of putting & keeping in Jail
a fellow being was too foreign from my feelings
& sentiments on that subject — I could not &
did not do it — The Constable who had him
in charge, an intelligent & respectable young
man, advised me & informed me inasmuch as
"I was the prosecutor & alone liable for the Costs
"I had the right of putting a stop to, or compro-
-mising the suit, that two others of the same
"kind had been done so, & one of them ad-
-vised by a Lawyer, that nothing had been
"said respecting either of them & that if it
"had been against the Law a Lawyer ought
"to know it;" that Lawyer was Saml. M. Brown
Esq. — I did compromise the suit, some little
noise was made by those gambler and their
friends I became informed of it, I had
the same person before two Magistrates & he
was acquitted — I got out a second

warrant he was again taken, brought before two Magistrates found guilty & sent on for further trial, at the Circuit Court he was again found guilty & he paid the fine — I would not receive a cent for my part — relinquished my one undivided moiety on the indictment & our Town is now completely cleared of the Faro gentlemen — I forgot to state, the money which was paid to me on the Compromise was afterwards returned — I assure you Excellancy I did not know there was such a Law in existence as operated upon me in this Case, it was passed about 24 years ago — but, my fellow Citizen permit me to tell you why I have been selected as their victim, a Lawyer an old Judge man, and a relation of another Lawyer, to wit: Saml. R. Richardson who is also another old Judge man, informed me that the latter had informed him, he had determined to put Benj.a I. Harrison down, that he always took an active part in the elections & to brake down his influence, he (Richardson) would injure his respectability & character, & this was one of the modes to be pursued, to carry his Hellish object — what! my venerable old Soldier, have we come to this? a man who has a large & respectable family, a man who was born, raised & educated on the sod

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of Kentucky, a man who has filled the offices of Deputy Sheriff for 3 or 4 years — Town Tax Collector 4 years — now a Notary Public, Paymaster to the 1st Regt Ky Militia & some other minor offices, a man who has filled & now fills the social duties of Father, Son, Brother, neighbor, friend &c. &c. his character should be prostrated merely because he differed in opinion with such a character as S. D. Richardson? a tyrant in disposition; God forbid it — if so, be it so — My deceased father fought for the blessings we now enjoy, he instilled those feelings in my bosom & I hope God will deprive me of life, before he deprives me of liberty —

I forgot to state that on my trial, as I have been informed 11 of the jury were for me & 1 against me — I refer you to my friend Maj. J. W. Denny as to the truth of these statements, I am willing to make affidavit to them; moreover, I can obtain the certificate of gentlemen to prove them — but as Maj. Denny was my Lawyer on my trial & heard all the testimony, he, I thought would be sufficient & your son who on a former occasion proved himself to be my friend is anxious to depart, I thought it was not necessary to detain him for the purpose of obtaining Letters from the