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To his Excellency General Joseph Desha
Governor of Kentucky Your Petitioner Andr
- son Johnson through the agency of his
friends beg leave to represent to your Excellency
that in July 1824 he was in the county of
Brackenridge convicted of the ~~[illegible]~~ a
odious and detestable offence of Felony in
Stealing a horse, and as a punishment was
Sentenced to undergo a confinement in
the Jail and Penitentiary of this commonwealth
of Kentucky for the term of five years
now your petitioner will represent to your
Excellency that he was a resident of Green
County and was passing down the country
through the county of Brackenridge and
being young and unexpierenced fell into
company and while in State of extreme
intoxication he was incautiously led to take
the horse and rode off unconcerned thro
a thick Settled country & not having his proper
Recollection about him, thought it no harm
to ride the horse a short distance as he
intended after he rode a short distance to turn
the Horse loose and drive him towards the
place where he took him from, not having
the least intention of wronging the owner
out of his property

But as intention is all that constitutes the crime that what he done is at most but a trespass and for the case of the feelings of his parents as they are much distress'd upon the subject and as we believe that punishment unjustly inflicted is often productive of evil consiguences We Join in the prayer and petition with Anderson Johnson for his release ~~and~~ a from confinement and a remittance of the balance of his time given under our hands this 7th of May 1825

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richard Elkins
James Etherton

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but being intoxicated was led to the hardyhood
of borrowing the Horse without leave that it
all happened from Ignorance and unthoughtful
-ness and he being an entire Stranger and
without money or friends & his character
not known he was found guilty as above
stated: now may it please your Excellency
as your petitioned has had a pretty
severe tower from July 1824 to present
time and all for a mere wanton act without
any intention of committing a felony to
remit the balance of his confinement
and discharge him from the future punish-
-ment of Labour and disgrace.

Anderson Johnson

We whose names are hereunto annexed
having for some time been acquainted
with the petitioner and his Father and never
having heard or known any thing of
them but that of strict honesty and honour
and of industrious habits and that his
Father is an honest industrious & honorable
man and has endeavoured to inculcate
those principles in all of his children
and as we believe that the Petitioner from
his statements, had no intention of committing
a felony in Stealing a Horse

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Green county to wit

To his Excellency General Joseph Desha
Governor of Kentucky your petitioner
Anderson Johnson through the agency of
his friends beg leave to represent to Your
Excellency that in July 1824 he was in the
county of Breckenridge (we understand
from information) and was convicted of
Felonious & detestable offence of taking &
Felony in stealing of a horse and as a
Punishment was sentenced to undergo a confinement in the Jail and
Penitentiary of this commonwealth
of Kentucky for the term of five years
Now your petitioner will represent to Your
Excellency that he was a resident of Green
county and was passing down the country
through Breckenridge county and being
young and unexperienced fell in company
and while in a state of extreme intoxication
he was incautiously led to get upon the horse
and rode off unconcerned through a thick
settled country not having his proper recollection
about him thought he would ride the horse a
small distance and then turn him out
as he had no intention of depriving the
owner of his property

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But intend after riding a short distance
to turn the horse loose and start him toward
where he be taken him from, not having the
least intention of ranging the owner out of his
property but being intoxicated was led to
the hardy hood of borrowing the horse to
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inadvertance and he being an entire stranger
and without money or friends and his
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for a long time been acquainted with the petitioner
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david elkins
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steven shaggs
henry shaggs
drewry tomson
cotta spain
[illegible] underwood
ratliff tomson
avery warren
Wm [illegible]
Reuben ratliff
William [illegible]
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John reaves
John [illegible]

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Anderson Johnson
& Conrad in the
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