To his excellency Joseph Desha esqr Gov.
of Kentucky

Your petitioners respectfully beg
leave to represent to Your excellency; that they
are citizens of Warren County; where many
of them have lived for a long time, and have
made an intimate acquaintance with Mr.
Joseph Moon and his wife; who, are now
very old, at least seventy years of age, and
that they are in very indigent circumstan-
ces and allmost without the means to procure
the Common ~~and~~ necessaries to live on. That
the aged couple are emigrants from
some other state, & without relations who
could ameliorate their distressed situation.
That they have all way demeaned them
selves as honest respectable citizens, whose
distress are great beyond even conjecture.
That they have only one son, whom they love
to excess, who was a dutiful child, the prop
of their old age, who by a due course of
law, has been arrested from an affectionate
wife and an old father and Mother, and
is now confined in the dreary walls of the
Penetentiary. Your petitioners are well aware
that justice should be done, but from the many
solicitations, and allmost importunities of the old

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man & woman weeping and sorrowing, and imploring the interference of your petitioners, they have at length thought proper & respectfully to request your excellency to mingle mercy with justice & set at liberty Elisha Moon now a culprit in the Penatentionary, and let him return and dry up the tears of his aged parents, who must ere long bid farwell to the troubles of this world & visit that country from whose born no traveller returns!"

Your petitioners farther state that Elisha Moon, was apprehended in the fall of 1823, and put in jail, where he remained untill the next Feby. term of our Circuit Court, at which court he was tried for stealing of a horse, and was by the verdict of the jury convicted, and by the Honorable Henry C. Brodnax judge of said Court sentenced to the Penatentiary, & has served in the Penatentiary ever since.

The evidence which was introduced a gaeinst said Moon, was if not extraordinary, at least peculiar. The horse was stole & traded of about ~~three~~ Two years before Moon was apprehended and tried. The Witnesses stated that they had never seen the prisoner before he traded said Horse, and that he went by some other name, and that they never saw him at any time afterwards, untill he was apprehended. Yet they were certain the prisoner at the bar was the man who traded said horse. Moon was young and growing to maturity about this time, and must be changeable

in his features, altho the witnesses were men of strict honour and undoubted verasity yet there are possibilities of them being mistaken and Moon made to suffer innocently. It is confidently believed that a gentleman of Yr age and experiance will deily appreciate the weight of such testamony. Moon was poor and unable to employ good council and therefore the court assigned him J. Branchamp as council who was young in law matters &c upon motion to the court for new trial it was refused by Judge Brodnax a man without feelings or charity towards the human family generally, whoes character it is believed your excellency is well acquainted with.

Your petitioners are advised & do verily believe that Elisha Moon allways supported as good a character as any other man who was as obscure an individual as said Moon he at least fought some of the battles of his country as a vollenteer, was a dutiful son, and used common and ordinary industry and maintained his family and aged parents free from want, bearing the appalation of an honest man among his neighbours. Altho the aged parents of this unfortunate man hath many times (with tears in their eyes) urged us to petition for the release of said Moon we have hitherto refused but upon mature reflection with a full and perfect knowledge that said Moon has been in confinement were since the fall of 1823 untill now which has no doubt gone greatly to teach

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Jo. Brown

Wm. H. Fort
Allen Dodd

him the necessity and propriety of being honest should he have been guilty. Your petitioners are strongly of an opinion that men may innocently suffer, and do think they one of at least a probable case of innocence. Your petitioners view with deep and sincere regret that it may be the misfortune of honest and innocent men to be seized & made suffer the penalty of the law for charges of infamous crimes.

Your petitioners in good conscience pray Y.Y. excellency in mercy to reprieve said Elisha Moon from the further confinement ~~labour~~ in the Penitentiary, and in duty bound Your petitioners will ever pray V.C. V.C.

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E. Hume
J. Challen
J.B. Drake
John Lucas
E. Roy Hubbard
H. Dixon
Edmund Dunn
Hal. Dixon
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R. Lt. Goode

Laurence Smith
John Doyel
David Picke
George Wright
John Huffman
Henry Huffman
William Ras Bell
John Stanley
Jacob Ras Bell
Jonath Stanley
Thomas Stanley
Matthew Wood

E H Gatewood
R. A. Moffett
Walker Boston

Robert Clayton
Foster Clayton
Robert Brandel

M H Dixon
Reuben C. Funk
W Bell
Edward Baker
Samuel Isaacks
Jesse Wommack
Augustus Leflet
Heron Bord
Alner Dunn
Charles McDonald
William Brown
David Anderson
James Beck
Davis Vernon
Henry Ewing
Robert Harrison
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James Davis
Azel Simpson
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Washington Sims
William Baker
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To his Excellency the Governor of Kentucky

Your Petitioner Jacob Bale complaining showeth to your excellency that he was fined by a court of appeals in November 1823 in the sum of $3. for failing to attend three Musters during that year in Capt Grayhams Company in the 16th Regiment, that during the whole of said Spring Summer and fall he was in a low state of health and not able to attend musters and do duty, that he thought the circumstances of his sickness was so notorious-ly know that he would not be returned for such failure. That he had no notice of his being returned to the court martial or being fined until two late to resort to an appeal, Consequently has now to apply to your excellency for Justice

Your petitioner states that he is a poor man, and has to support a large family by his own labor. That he has always shewn a willingness to do military duty when able - and served a Campain under Governor Shelby as a Volentar when quite a boy - he therefore prays your excellency to remit said fines

Jacob Bale

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Petition

rejected