To be forwarded

Inclose to Colo Stephen
Lee at Maysville

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THOMAS METCALFE,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The undersigned beg leave most respectfully to represent to your Excellency, that AZARIAH P. STEWART, lately an industrious mechanic and citizen of Maysville, was apprehended in the county of Fleming, in September last, upon a criminal charge of counterfeiting the current silver coin of the United States, and was committed to the jail of said county by a court of enquiry, from which he very shortly escaped, and is now an exiled resident of a sister State.

There was no evidence, so far as your petitioners are informed or believe, that the said Stewart was engaged in manufacturing any base or counterfeit coins, or that he had ever attempted their circulation or imposition upon the community: but the weakness and fallibility of his nature, and perhaps the too confiding character of his disposition, threw him among associates, and surrounded him with circumstances to superinduce a suspicion sufficiently reasonable to justify his committal upon the charge alleged against him. To these suspicions your petitioners would beg leave most respectfully to suggest for the consideration of your Excellency, his former industrious character—his situation in life as a husband and a father; but above all, his anxious and repeated wish to return to the place where he lived so long as an honest man should do, and build up a character which has been tarnished by the dark suspicions that now hang over it, and to relieve his name and the reputation of his wtfe and his children from the reflected odium and disgrace of a suspected ignominy, into which incautious associations have involved him. This opportunity can perhaps only be obtained by the interposition of your Executive clemency; and if, as your petitioners earnestly trust sufficient reasons may be found in the premises, to authorise the extension of your pardoning power to the said Stewart, while it will permit him to return to his family, his kindred and friends, it will restore to the commonwealth a citizen, whose future life and conduct, your petitioners most confidently believe, will retrieve and re-establish for himself a character, of which neither he or his friends will ever be ashamed.

January, 1832.

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The commonwealth of Kentucky Todd county and circuit Sct—— At the July term of the Todd Circuit Court in the year eighteen and thirty two a grand jury summoned sworn and charged to enquire in and for the body of the said county and commonwealth aforesaid to wit, on the twenty fourth day of July in the year aforesaid in the name and by the authority of said commonwealth upon their oath present that on the tenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two at the County and Circuit aforesaid Samuel Rendal late of said County Yeoman felloniously and unlawfully did assist aid and abet one George W. Terill late of said County yeoman in making forging and counterfeiting a certain writing commonly called a letter purporting to have been written in the State of Tennessee and written and signed by one William Griggs and on the back thereof directed to Mr. Thomas Stone Todd county Kentucky the tenor of said letter being in the words and figures following to wit,

"Jackson Tennessee January 10th 1832

Dear Sir }

my brother Thomas and me followed the scoundrels that stole our negroes into this county and got holt of them again, and they then swore we stole them from them and put us in jail in this place and here we have been for some time and no friend to help us and we could get no body to go our security for our appearance at court till we saw General Terill who is an old acquaintance and he agreed to bail us out of jail if we would give him a mortgage on the negroes left with you and Mr. Allinsworth this is the only way we have to get out of this filthy hole, General Terill has bound himself to bail us out as soon as he gets possession of the negroes

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and we have given him a mortgage but he is to give us back the negroes if we appear at court and we give him fifty dollars apiece to appear for us and defend us from the rascally charge and when we get out we will make them smoke we will come up into your country as soon as we get out. Your friend in haste

William Griggs.

Said Terrill having forged made and counterfeited said letter and said Kendal having aided countenanced and assisted him said Terrill in said forgery and counterfeiting thereby fraudulently to obtain the possession of a certain negro girl a slave named Mary Jane of the value of two hundred and fifty dollars the property of Thomas H Griggs being then in the possession Thomas Stone of the said County of Todd and Circuit aforesaid and fraudulently to deprive said Stone of the possession of said Slave said letter although purporting to have been written in the State of Tennessee in truth and in fact was written made forged and counterfeited by him said Terrill by the aid advice assistance and abetting of said Kendal in the said County of Todd and the Commonwealth aforesaid; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth aforesaid 2nd Count. And the jurors aforesaid further represent on their oath aforesaid that the said Kendal afterwards to wit on the fifteenth day of January in the year aforesaid eighteen hundred and thirty two in the said county of Todd and the commonwealth aforesaid did feloniously assist and abet and countenance the said Terrill aid in uttering and publishing as true the aforesaid false forged and counterfeited letter and writing as the true writing and letter of said William Griggs

whereas in truth and in fact the said Tenill and the said Kendal well knew and understood the said letter and writing to be counterfeit and forged and then and there well knew said letter and writing not to be the true writing and letter of him said William Griggs by whom it purported to have been written said Tenill and said Kendal fraudulently designing and intending by uttering publishing and delivering said false forged and counterfeit letter and writing to obtain the possession of a certain negro girl slave named Mary Jane of the value of two hundred and fifty dollars the property of Thomas H Griggs being then in the possession of Thomas Stone of the county aforesaid contrary to the form of the statute in that case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth aforesaid.

James W. Ewing for
Alex R. Macey att. for the
Comth aforesaid

Information given by
William Griggs Wm A Griggs
Thomas Donley and James Allensworth
of said County

A copy test John B. Knight D.C.
for Willis L. Reeves Clk.

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His Excl Thos Metcalfe
Frankfort
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Maysville 19th January 1832

D Sir

I write for the purpose of informing you of the standing of one of our citizens who it appears has been accused of A Disposition to commit an outrage against the Laws of our country but as far as I am informed had not put the cunning Intention in to practice to the Injury of any one but himself Mr A P Stewart the person for whom I Address you is of Respectable connection he has been long A Resident of this place I have known him from A boy until the last transaction for which he is accused his Character as an Honorest & Industrious man is rarely Surpassed I have myself Loaned him Money & been his Security for money to the amt of nearly $1000 at A time all of which has been

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his Wife is one of the Excellent of the Earth he has two or three Little Daughters he is their only Dependance for A Support he is the only Son of an aged Widowed Mother whose Grief is more than A Frail Shattered Tenninim can well bear Mr Stewart now wishes to return to his native place that he may have it in his Power to Prove to the world to his Newmirous Friends & his enemies that he Still is what he always was (untill this unfortunate occurrence) an Honnest man I hope Sir should his case come before you in your Officia Cappacity that you will in the exerise of your Clemnency permit him to Return where he will be taken by the hand by manny of the most Respectabe and thinking part of our Community I have no hipsetancy in Saying he will act so as entirely to restore his Charactor please excuse the liberty I have taken in this address Respectfully

His Excel Thos Metcalf

your most obt Servt
Johnston Armstrong