Remonstrance agst
the Petition of
Beauchamp, Johnson &c

Paid 12½

John Breathitt
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort

Mail

Greensburgh Ky - August 31st 1833.

Dear Sir

I am informed that a petition to your excellency from this county to remit a judgment entered on a recognizance in a case of felony vs Miles, this judgment was rendered against Beauchamp Johnston &c) has been forwarded - This petition to your excellency I learn has been signed by Genl Allin & several other respectable men of our county - But I am confident if the facts of this case had been fully made known to Genl Allin he would have given no assistance to them whatever to procure a remission - The charge against Miles was for stealing several slaves of Capt Joseph Harrison of this county, the proof upon the examining trial was such that the court sent him on to further trial & he was then unable to find bail, and was committed to jail, some short time thereafter they the securities came to town & went his bail, with the determination no doubt of affording him an opportunity to escape he has fled - & cannot be now tried here for the offence - These men who are his bail it is but truth to say some of them at least are suspicious men & generally reckoned dishonest - That they had some participation

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in the affair is generally believed - Miles ~~at~~ made his home at the house of one of them as I have learnt before the alledged felony was committed - They have since the rendition of the judgments been endeavouring to, defraud the commonwealth out of the amount, by fraudulent conveyances of their property

It is but right as I think to make an example of these men, if they be not compelled to pay these judgments, then no felony in that quarter can be punished, and they are of frequent occurrence - I hope therefore you will not remit the fines - I would procure many subscribers to this petition but have not time, I doubt not that a thousand might be obtained in the county - at least be pleased to suspend further action upon the petition of Lee Beauchamp &c and answer this letter by letting me know that, you will hear a counter petition, if you shall not have granted the petition

yours respectfully

W. T. Willis

Paid 12½

His Excellency John Breathitt

Frankfort Ky

Greensburg Ky Septr 2nd 1833

Dear Sir

We are informed that a petition to your excellency from this County to remit a judgment recovered against Beauchamp. See Johnsons &c on a recognizance for felony has been forwarded. These persons were bail for a man by the name of Miles who stole several negroes from Capt. Joseph Harrison as was so well proven that an indictment was found agt. him and he committed to Jail, some time after which, they came in and bailed him, no doubt with the intention that he should escape the punishment he deserved. These persons are in fact all of suspitious character and it is generally believed that some if not all were party to the crime they live on Brush Creek in this County from which quarter we have more trials for fellony than in all others and they are very often schrewd from punishment in this way and we look upon it as absolutely necessary that (for the reformation of that section an attempt to do which is now gaining on) the course of law should not be interfeard with. Genl. Allen wrote the petition and signed it probably which they have forwarded or will forward and we are confident that if he had known the

Circumstances fully. he would not have given them any such assistance we believe that there are not thirty men in our County who would not remonstrate against S. petition and if it is necessary that remonstrances shall be had you will please suspend action until they can be had, please write upon the rect of this

Yours F. T. Murray

We whose names are hereto heartily concur in the above remonstrance

Saml J Cook
Thos S T. Moss
James Sweeney
Jas T. Carter
Wm Porter
F. T. Moore
Jno Hardin
Mason W. Sherrill

Jos. Beachamp
Petitioner —
Suspended —

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John Breathitt Esqr.

Governor of Ky
Frankfort

Greensburgh Sept. 16th 1833.

Dear Sir

I expect by this time you have received a Petition to remit penalties which have been incurred by Joseph Beauchamp, Johnson & Co. as securities for the appearance of a man apprehended for felony. I believe the petition states the facts.

I am personally acquainted with the Securities and know them to be poor men and as far as I know to be honest men. Some of them are so poor that if they have to pay $100 their families must suffer.

Your interposition in their favour in mitigating the rigor of the Law will be very gratifying to your

Friend & Ob Servt

James Allen

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