J. Franklin Delany
Lex: 14 Oct 4[illegible]
asking that $50 paid
by him as a Pedlar
may be refunded

R. P. Letcher Esqr
Frankfort
Ky.

Lexington October 14 1840

R. P. Letcher Esq.

Dear sir

Not being personally acquainted with you, I am compelled from necessity to address you upon a subject of great importance to me, situated as I am. Being out of employment I thought I could make a living by going through the country selling goods, and consequently had to buy a licence for which I paid the clerk of Fayette county court Fifty Dollars. Since then I have received a letter from my parents in Philadelphia stating the severe illness of my Father, and wishing me to return home immediately. I applied to the said clerk of the County court who informed me "he had no authority to refund any money paid in as revenue to the state". I am therefore compelled to ask you to use your influence in assisting me to regain the money, to enable me to go home to see my aged parents after an absence of four years. Whatever assistance you can render me will be gratefully received by your

humble though distressed citizen

J. Franklin Delany

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(Copy)

Frankfort 19th Oct 1840.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th ~~Oct 1840~~ Inst is before me. I had the power to direct the payment of the $50 to you I would with great pleasure (under all the Circumstances) exercise it; but I have no Controul over the matter whatever. You will be under the necessity of applying to the Legislature for relief

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R P Letcher

(Signed)

J. Franklin Delany
Lexington K

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To
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Letter of advice

To His Excellency
Robt. P. Letcher
Frankfort

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Elizabeth Town Kentucky
1 Oct. 1840.

Dear Sir.

In the prosecution of my duties as Attorney for the Commonwealth, I some times ~~secured~~ recovering penalties against those who violate the laws against gaming and the Revenue Laws - These penalties, you know are appropriated by law toward paying Jury fees, and thereby lessen the burthen of Government and stop a treasury leak, and particularly at a time when we stand in great danger of having to resort to additional tax to defray the ordinary expenses of Government - And a portion of that expense incurred by attempts to bring those violators of the law to Justice -

Under this view of the subject, I confidently trust your Excellency will not interfere in such cases, unless you have some other assurance besides a mere petition of the party fined backed by such Subscribers as he may be able to procure

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to sign such petitions without caring a straw whether its prayer be answered or not.

That your Excellency will be importuned by such petitions I entertain no doubt. And you may be like the judge in the parable induced to grant relief, lest by their repeated applications they weary you. A few prompt refusals at the beginning would save your Excellency much trouble.

I will not trouble your Excellency with all the reasons that could be urged against a practice that your predecessors indulged to too great an extent. I need not say what a tendency it has to relax the penal Code of the Commonwealth; to corrupt the morals of the Country, and to destroy the Confidence of all good men in their Rulers, at the same time that it is increasing the Taxes expenses and the burthens of the people. It is no doubt more obvious to you than to me. But this much I will say, if your Excellency will not interfere I will not only endeavour to pay the

Expences of the Jury System, and leave something to government besides. But I pledge my self that I will notify your Excellency of every case which demands your interposition.

With much respect
Yr Excellency's
Obt Servt
Thos: M. Riley

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To his Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth of Ky
Frankfort

Manchester Ky. 5th October 1840—

Robert P. Letcher, Esq. Governor of the Comwlth. of Kentucky,

Dear Sir, as a lover of good order in Society, & earnestly desiring that ~~that~~ the morals of the Citizen of this County, particularly in which I live may be improved, and knowing that there are many offenders against the penal laws of said Comwlth, who are at this time convicted of violations of said laws, & many others at this time liable to the same, and whereas Petitions have heretofore been sent from this County to the Governor of this State, for remission of fines, and have in several instances obtained the same, whereby many others no doubt, have been encouraged to commit crimes, with an expectation that if they should be fined therefor, that they could send to the Governor & have the fine remitted. Therefore, believing as I do in your ability and Integrity to faithfully perform the duties confided to your trust; I ~~under~~ beseech you therefore, to examine carefully into all such cases as may come before you from this County, before you act there upon; and having your judgment fully made up, as ~~to~~ to the claims of mercy & justice; I shall rest fully satisfied that what is right will be done.—

I do not wish you to consider me, in my humble station, as intending to dictate to you, further that to remind you, that you are recognised by St. Paul as a minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.—

I come to a close, by ~~ex~~ expressing my earnest desire, that God may so preside over you by his grace, that you may fill up your station with honor ~~and~~ dignity, and so live, that when you bid adieu to this world, that you may be prepared for, and enter into immortal joys—

George Stivers.—

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Manchester Clay County

Rev. Geo. Sliver

To Letter

The Governor 5 Oct 1840.

Suggesting the propriety of scrutinizing all applications made to the Gov: for the remission of fines and forfeitures &c &c from Clay County. That executive clemency has heretofore been freely bestowed on offenders