Morgan Co

Jno: P. Posters
Petition

Swearing —

$ 25 Shillings

Wezt Liberty Ky Paid 12½

June 7 Mr Robert P. Letcher Esq
Frankford Ky

20 Shillings
Remitted.

15th June R P Letcher
1842

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Morgan Cty Ky Apl. 28th 1842

To Robert P Letcher Esq. Governer of Kentucky

Your petitioners humbly sheweth that John P Porter has a large family and a very weakly companion and has lately been fined Twenty-five Shillings for profane swearing with a consierable cost annexed amounting to the sum of $14.00 and he the sd Porter being quit a poor man not having property enough to pay the sd fine and costs without leaving his family to suffer we pray that if in your wisdom and goodness, you should think proper you would remit the same

We are respectfully yours &c.

J P Kendall
John Humphrey
F Hunter
F Adkins
Lou Brown
William Kendall
Travis D Kendall
W. H. Vansant
William S. Black
J Birchfield
J adkins
Daniel Waggoner
John W Tacket
D rolle
A day
J swanson
Stephen Bishop
W. W. Gray
martin O'Neill
J F Wilborn
John Walsh

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Wm Walsh
Travis Way
moses prunet
~~Joseph~~ Cyrus Perry
John bon nely
R. Elam

Commonwealth

Vs } Copy of
E Farriz } Judgt.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Washington Circuit
April Term 1842.

Pleas before the Hon. Samuel Luke Cole Judge of the Washington Circuit Court at the Court House in Springfield on the 29th day of April 1842.

The Commonwealth
against
Thomas C Farris &
Elijah Farris Defts

On a Scire facias

This day came the Attorney for the Commonwealth and the Defendant Elijah Farris by his Attorney filed a demurrer herein, And the Attorney for the Commonwealth filed a joinder thereto, and the Court being advised of and Considering demurrer, overruled the same, and the Court being advised of and concerning the premises do order that the Plaintiff have execution against the said Elijah Farris for the sum of Two thousand dollars the amount of the Recognizance forfeited herein and that he pay the Costs herein for which he may be taken &c. And the residue of this cause as to Thomas C Farris is Continued

Copy Attest C. C. Kelly clk
by John Dyer D.C.

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His Ex: R. P. Letcher Esq
Frankfort
Ky

Henderson Apl. 29th 1842

His Exc'y R. P. Letcher Esqr Govr &c

Dr Sir

Several years since an Indictment was found by the Grand Jury of this County vs John Barnett for Stabbing &c. He was held to Bail and James Corter & Young Sowell entered as his Sureties in the recognizance. After appearing in Court and Swearing Successfully for continuances at Several Terms, he finally absconded, the Comtty Atto: ordered a Sci: fa: against his bail and obtained a judgment for $300 and $9.13½ cts costs. I have but little doubt that Barnett was induced to abscond by the influence of his neighbors. He was a most troublesome and Turbulent man in a neighborhood, and with all a drunken Sot, and from his Success in Swearing for Continuances, there was but little hope of his coming to trial speedily and in the meanwhile unless he absconded under circumstances which would forever prevent his return he would remain in the neighborhood to the great peril of the peace of the neighborhood and of the fat hogs, beeves &c which might stray without the enclosures of their owners. As the best means of avoiding these difficulties for the present and preventing their recurrence in future, he was persuaded or frightened into running away, as is believed, to another State. Corter his other Surety has also absconded without carrying with him or leaving behind him any means of paying even a part of the debt, the whole

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of which is thus thrown on Sowell. He is a poor and hard working man, with a large family dependent upon him - owns no land. And I believe, not enough property of any kind even at a fair valuation to pay the debt. Unless therefore he is relieved by your Excellency, he must be either hopelessly ruined, or, following in "the footsteps of his predecessor Barnett" abscond. Under all the circumstances of his case, I do, in sober earnest, believe that his is a strong case for Executive clemency, and, if consistent with your views, I do hope that your Ex:y will remit the whole, or at least a large portion of the judgement against him.

I am Sir

Very Resp^lly

Your friend &c

Edm^d H Hopkins