Wm. Mallory
1st Lieut. 1812

June 14th 1815

Dear Sir, as it is satisfactory to the mind, to believe that we have done right in any case, so also, is it very gratifying to think that others believe so too, this being the case, I am about to inform you what seems to have been the general opinion of the people in Mason with respect to the Reprieve of Sam, & Anthony, belonging to Mr Robinson, and my Father. At first, some few individuals about Washington seem'd much mortified, having been very sanguine, and calculated very highly on their influence; they hated very much to be disappointed, but the most of them I believe since have become well satisfied — I have heard several say who sign'd the Counter petition that they were well pleas'd when they heard they were pardon'd: and I believe there was never more general satisfaction given in a case of the kind, and more especially since they have heard of their good conduct since their liberation there has been several letters wrote by jentlemen in Nashvill, and the neighbourhood, stateing how well they have conducted and that they would command a good price in cash was I dispos'd to sell them, Mr Thos Casdland was one, a jentleman of vacacity, and one, with whome I expect you are well acquainted, they were hired with his Uncle Hobson in the neighbourhood of Nashvill —

Sh12-76

I candedly believe there never was a case of the kind where lenity was more properly bestow'd, and I feel truly gratifi'd that I interfer'd in their behalf; and I feel truly thankfull to God, and pleas'd with yourself for their deli-verance — I should have written before letting you know what appear'd to the oppinion concerning of it, but I waited to see whether their conduct not enable me to say somthing in their favour I have lately return'd from Nashvill, where they were kind and have reason to be well pleas'd with them, from the man-ner in which they have behaved I am sir with the highest regard, and sincerest respect Yrs &c

Wm Holton Jr

NB My Father wishes in most great full terms to be remember'd to you, I believe you have his warmest wishes for your present, and future happyness

W. H.