November the 2 1827

I doher by sertify that James Midkiff was Enroald on my list for the year 1825 and discharged his duty as a private for that year it bea ing first ~~[illegible]~~ fairly under sood by the commandant of the company whare hea had formaly mustered that hea shvold muster under mea that year given under my hand this the 2 day of November 1827 Wm Ward

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Mouth of Hickman. Jessamine County (Ky). Nov.r 3.d 1827.

Dear Gov.r I have taken the liberty of addressing you again in behalf of my unfortunate Brother John Hogan, and may I hope that I do not address you in vain. I do not wish to exhaust your patience in his behalf, but my duty as a Brother, friend and Fellow Citizen, propel me to leave no fair means untried in order to get him released from his confinement.

Four Months & upwards has he already been an exile, from his wife & children Mother, brother & Sister, (who are all the Blood relations now in existence, in this transitory world) also from Society, except a few individuals. And how much longer, short of 3 years & upwards remains for you alone to determine (and your successor.) And if you feel it a duty incumbent on you not to permit him to return to the bosom of his family friends &c. before the expiration of the term for which you have been elected to the chief magistracy of Ky. I fear that your successor will say that "Gov.r Desha refused to pardon him." and may in all probability take you for a modell in this respect particularly; inasmuch as your age and experience in

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the executive department, fully entitle you that honor and respect. Your successor in Office, will no doubt be much younger in age, as well as the duties that will necessarily devolve on him; of course it will be his duty as well as interest to follow your example generally, though he may differ in some respects.

At any rate I am apprehensive that an application to your successor (though I have not the most distant Idea who he will be) for a pardon for my Brother, would not ~~at~~ be as likely to prove successful, as an application to the present executive. This is one strong reason why I at this time, respectfully urge your excellency to extend that pardon to an unfortunate, and I have not the least doubt, a penitent individual, which his case requires. For from the information of my acquaintences who have visited him, and my own knowledge on this subject, if there ever was a man who sincerely regrets the crime he has committed, John Hogan is the man: I was informed a few days since by a person who visited him (an old neighbor of his) that he burst into a flood of tears, and observed, he never expected to see his aged Mother again, (meaning that before the four years expired for which he was sentenced, her Grey head would be sunk with "sorrow in the grave". And dear sir, I appeal to reason and not to the passions, when I say that his case is one of extreme hardness.

For a man in a state of debility occasioned by intemperance and who commits a crime while in that situation, to be confined in the penitentiary or executed for the offence, is a case of extreme hardness — and if any case requires the interposition

of the executive, his must be one. Had he have been confined in the hospital as a Lunatic, he would I think at that time have been in his proper Sphere. But even here, where his reason is restored; Sorrow Shame & repentance has had full power on him; and if he were now at liberty I would hardly be afraid to be answerable to my Country and my God, for any offence similar to the one I speak of - - But I fear a longer continuance would have a contrary effect with him, it might produce a "remorse of conscience" a "hardness of heart" which time could not remove.

I must conclude this letter for fear I weary your patience, but before I do, permit me to say, that a pardon extended to him at this time, or any time shortly, would, in some measure restore him to a more respectable standing in society - it would greatly heal a wound in his own family, and the family to which he is connected by marriage; and justice compels me to say that this is the first and only wound which either have ever received. And your compliance with this our petition (I speak the language of both families) would be remembered with gratitude until time shall separate us; believing that you have executed "Justice tempered with mercy," which are two indispensable attributes, necessary in a man filling the Station which you now occupy.

No man could describe the sensations I should experience, should you honor me with a few lines, informing me that I might come & bring a horse clothes &c. for my Brother, at any time between now and Christmas; I would obey the Summons with pleasure, mingled with gratitude for a favor which I fully hope, I shall never have to ask of you another.

I am respectfully, your Ex.y obt. Serv.t

William Hogan

L. Josha Esq.

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His Ex. y Joseph Desha. Esqr.

Frankfort (Ky)

Wm Hogan in behalf of
John Hogan a convict
for consideration

Nicholasville Ky
Nov. 5th 1827

Received 5th November 1826 10 6 of 33 Thomas Allen
Clk of Mercer Circuit Court One hundred
and fourteen dollars & 33 cents the amt
of an execution (damages excepted) and
also the Sergeants fees for collection
amounting to Seven dollars & fifty one
Cents

James W Taylor Sfm
Richard Taylor S.C.A.

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oct the 27th 1827

Gooner Desha

Dear Sir

I do certify that Robert Chapman

Join'd my independent Company in

the Spring 1826 & mustered in my

Company Ever Since Punctually.

John P Porter

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To His Excellency Jos. Desha Governor of Ky.

The petition of Robert Chapman states to your Excellency that he has been fined four Dollars for not mustering in the 106th Regt in 1826. How this has happened he cannot tell, and knew nothing of it until called upon by the Sheriff for the money. Your petitioner declares that he mustered regularly in Capt Porters company in said year, & refers your Excellency to the Capts certificate hereto annexed.

As your petitioner has been unjustly fined and has no recourse but to your clemency he trusts that upon an investigation of his case the fine will be remitted

Robert L Chapman

R L Chapman's
Petition
Rec'd Nov 5. 1827