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Henderson County Ky Aprile the 22th 1826

To your Excellency Joseph Desha

Being solicted by this poor unfortionate by Crime
Creature which I have in my Charge at this time
He who has ben Perttioning to your honor for
pardning and to be Restoard to a poor old parents
one more that would Red him with Joy and
he to bare them upp in there old age which they
will stand in need of in a short time
tho th Crime which he stands Convicted for
is desponate in its nature tho I am only one
weake indovidial that is a bout to describe th
Sercum stances to you I only make my statements
from there Confesions while in Jail and by th
Evidence that I heard given in at all th Conts
there is th Evidents of Christy & Lande that I Red in
petition to your honor that I believe from
there Confesions to me and th Evedents in Cont is
th truth by both of th Jentlemen they are
of good Corrector and standing all Except
this approy but is is believed they are Clear of
th Crime But Arther Brand I Cannot
gave his Evidence no weight his Confesions
to me and his oath in Cont is quite deffrent
and by other things that took place be twen
him and his brather at there meating in Jail
when his brather brought his Cloths he said to
him brather there are th same Cloths that I
had on that night that wattan was kelid
weare they wached Clean he told him he did
not no and arther took them up and looked
at ther I ast him what he was looking for
and he said he was looking if they was any
blood on them

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this poor unfortunate creature has never aled
his Ignorance to me but he has allways told me
that he went and help take watton and afte
thy had taken him thy Company was a going
to make him walk and Calvin Sugg said
he should not walk as he was tide he should
kide his horse and he did so he all so told
me that he did help whip wallon but
he allways said to me that he did not no
of the Death of him till the day after and
what makes me have a more favorable
a pinion of Cluins not cutting the throat
of watton that while thy was all In Jail
there was a fite between the Parteys and
Calvin said to me if it had not bin for
gilan & athens he would not bin In Jail
at this time and when he brake Jail and
got a way from me and when he Came back
I felt so much vexed at him when I was put
ting the Irons on him I said to him if you
are as Insoant as you say what did you
Run away from me for and Cast me so much
nony he said in presents of the balance of them
that was in Jail that I never would went if it
had not bin for this men that is here and
if thy would tell the truth thy would say
so too--and there was a knigf left in Jail by one
of the party that that was out on bail and when
I found it out and began to Se reate them and
Confin them in the dungins Calvin said now tell who
had it left as you persuaded me to brake Jail and
now the nife being found I want bear the blame

of all as there would ben none a ledged to me
if it had not ben for you all so Samuel
Gilan Confesed it was him that obtained the
knigh and I believe it was to kill him self
with pleas for gue my bad Peting &c this from
your unble Servant James Rouse Jailor
for Anderson County Ky

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Governor of Ky
Franklin County

To his Excellency the Gov of Ky

We the undersigned Petitioners would respectfully respresent That the undersigned Thomas Cole having conceived an attachment for a young lady in his neighbourhood and obtained her consent to marry him, and the union of the parties having met with opposition from the guardian of the young lady, your petitioner Thomas determined to go to a neighbouring County in company with the young lady in order to have a new guardian appointed or to adopt some other mode of obtaining Licence; with which view he started in company with the young lady and several of his brothers to go to Henry county

The party had not proceeded far before they were over taken by Cyrus Vancleve (the guardian) with a large party armed with a gun and other weapons for the purpose of retaking the young lady and defeating her intended marriage with your petitioner Thomas

The said Cyrus Vancleve & his party assailed the said Thomas with many severe blows which he did not resent but which were unvailing in driving him from his object. The said Cyrus Vancleve and his band then even proceeded to violence

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upon the person of the young Lady whom they likewise severely beat and abused; But finding that their brutal violence had no other effect than to confirm the young couple in their laudable determination to proceed in the fulfilment of the great & divine command the said Vanclove and his party drew off and left your petitioner in undisturbed possession of the field which he likewise very soon left for a more ~~a more~~ agreable theatre of action

Your petitioner Thomas through much trial and tribulation succeeded at length succeed in securing a help mate and returned to the neighbourhood in hopes that his difficulties on this head were at an end, but the said Cyrus Vanclove still active & restless in his malice, procured a warrant against him & his co petitioner Zachariah who was in company with him and by the predjudiced statements of his party succeeded in having them fined 20$ each for an alledged riot in running off & defending the young lady aforesd

Now your petitioners would humbly represent that they are very poor and owing to the difficulty of getting money proposed to go to gaol in lieu of paying the fine, but were informed by the magistrate that that would not discharge

the fine which would still hang over them, they induced their Father who is also a poor man to become their security in a Replevin Bond for the payment of the fine in three months, which are advised is unlawful and might on that account be quashed but knowing that the Lawyers (who burthen other men with burthens that they would not so much as touch with their little fingers) would charge as much as the fine for getting us rid of it we have determined to look to Executive mercy for Relief

Which we pray may be extended to us in as much as the ignorance or injustice of the subaltern in the Judicial phalanx has prevented us from avail ing ourselves of the alternative which the Legislature of our country had offered to our choice

In consideration of all which we pray that the said fines may be remitted

Jeremiah Crabb
Tucker Lively
Washington Halladay
Hiram Halladay

Stephen Drane
Walter Sparks
Jo E Moore
Jr Jr
Thomas his 2 mark Cole Sr

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Elisha Layne
Thos Doyel
Anthony Daily
David Maddox
Charles Torr
James Shepherd
Claiboine White
Pierce Griffin
George Blackwell
William Griffin
Andw S White
Thomas Goth
George Lazewell
Frances Wells
Jethan Herrington
Thomas Aldridge
John Lit senior
Jacob Lacwell
William Blackwell
George Blackwell Senr

In proceedings were held before Stephen H Moddox Esqr Justice of the Peace in & for Shelby County
April 1826
Wm G. Mc Grady
Pettiar
Jd L. Cole

To His Excellency

The Governor of Kentucky

The undersigned Petitioners would respectfully represent to your Excellency, that at the late March term of the Anderson Circuit Court Samuel Calvin Sugg was found guilty of, and sentenced to be hung for, the murder of Elijah Walton – It is not the wish or intention of your petitioners to justify, nor palliate that crime, nor to censure the court or jury – Yet from the testimony upon that and the several other trials of persons indicted for that murder, from all the facts, circumstances, character, situation disposition and ~~understandings~~ intelligence of the persons implicated, they ~~believe~~ are convinced, some others were equally if not more guilty than the said Sugg, and under this belief they feel themselves justified, may constrained to intercede with your excellency to exercise the constitutional power vested in your office, and save from execution, this unfortunate victim! and restore to an aged and fond Father and Mother their only and lost son

Your petitioners state to your Excellency that eight persons were indicted for the murder of Walton, six have been acquitted, one became his own executioner, and the whole force of the law seems to have been reserved, has been awarded and will perhaps pronounced by your Excellency

be executed upon Samuel Calvin Sugg alone
- from the testimony we do not doubt nor does nor
can any one doubt that some of those acquitted
were equally guilty with said Sugg - but they
having more art and address and vastly more
understanding than said Sugg contrived to affix on
him in the trials of themselves the principal
guilt in the transaction - and upon all those
trials which took place before his the minds
of the juries and of the public were contin=
=ually directed to him as the perpetrator of the crime
- public justice seemed to demand the conviction
of some one, and his accomplices in guilt uniformly
pointed him out as the victim that was to suffer
- his want of understanding and great ignorance
and his confinement in jail aided them in giving
this direction to public opinion, made him the
easy dupe of his accomplices, and he is now made
to ~~the~~ expiate not only his own sins but theirs also
Altho his conviction has been produced by the testimo=
=ny of his accomplices, equally, if not more guilty
than himself, your petitioners will state nothing
against it -, but as he has been confined
to close prison for more than eighteen months
in which he has suffered ~~seriously~~ by the
intensity of the cold, more than death has been tried convicted
and had the sentence pronounced on him
by the Court, your petitioners do believe that

it will be all sufficient to correct and reform him as his general character has been that of a good natured well disposed person, not addicted to quarrels or broils — and ~~since his conviction~~ it is the opinion of your Petitioners that he is not the person that ought to be made the principal sufferer, that from his age about 23 his character and ignorance he could not have been the mover or instigator of the crime, that he has now been made the scape goat for the deed of others — Your Petitioners would further represent to your Excellency that the Father of said S. C. Lugg was indicted for the same crime, after long confine=ment was acquitted and justly acquitted — but in his old age he has been imprisoned, exhausted his little property in the defence of himself and son, and after all then to loose that only son is a ~~prospect~~ prospect that strikes terror in the minds of ~~all~~ your Petitioners — what must ~~be to him~~ such prospect be to an aged Father to an aged Mother — we pray your excellency to pardon

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Wm Givens
John Givens
Ro. Robertson
Stephen Ashby Jr
James Ramsey senior
Kedar Breece
William R Givens Jr

Alexander Ferguson
James M Sloan
Milton S Newman
James H Ramsey
Ephraim P Sloan
Jesse Harrelson
James Hawylane
Nathl Ashby
Henry Stubblefield
Charles Cavanah
Joseph Grey Sen

Henry Goes
John R Dunning
Sam Montgomery
Newton Hedden
Jno Martin
Thos Givens senr
Absalom Wide
Amos Williss
Champen S. Cox
Samuel Ball
John Wright
Fleming Curneal
Howel B. Cox
Bushard D Winstead
James Laird Sen
Samuel Leepen
James W Clery
Peyton Cox

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N. R. Wier
A. M. Henry
Nathaniel Givnes
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Mel Martin
B. R. Bacon
Rowley D. Smith
Ethanan W. Smith
Hiram H. Smith
Wiley Parker
Fontain Richards
Isaac Witherspoon
Rowley D. Dulin
James Gore
Joseph Henry
James Givens

J. Givens
Theopholus Permenter
William Permenter
Jos. Dickens
A. Wier
Samuel Whitesides
Samuel W. Corbitt
Nathaniel Hewes
Wm Martin
Fedr. Imbaden
David Cannaly
John Henderson
Abr. Harman
David Laurie
John J. Gwenn
Lemuel Martin
A. Ramsey
Abner Bruce
R. B. Savage

R. A. Moore

Wm Moore
Aron Blew
Lewis Richard
Richard Jones
John Cary
Peter Mooney
Nathaniel Pond
Olijah Grammoy
Robert Williams
John Sutton
Albert Walker
Moses Sutton
John Lyles
James Russel
James McCain
John McCain

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John R Gregsby
Samuel Marks
Jeremiah Chapel ~~Ch from J Selby~~
Wm Wright
Samuel N Melton
Josiah Melton
Abaham Spelton
Josiah Shelton
Addam Smith
Hiram Walker
Thos Richards
Tyre H Pitman
Levi Stone
Isaiah Marks
James Farmer
John Burklow
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Robert Gilchrist

Albert Jones
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Petition
To obtain a Pardon
for Saml Calvin Sugg
Sentenced for the Murder
of — Walton