To

His Excellency John Breathitt

Governor of the State of Kentucky

To His Excellency, John Breathitt, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky —

Your Remonstrants respectfully represent to your Excellency, that on the 27th day of Augt 1833. in the Mayors Court in the City of Louisville a certain James Cahagan, was upon the Verdict of a Jury in a prosecution of said Commonwealth against him, fined Sixty one Dollars, and in default of the payment thereof, to be confined in the work House of said City at hard labour until said fine should be discharged at fifty cents per day; That Your Remonstrants are informed that a Petition is in Circulation in said City to be presented to your Excellency praying you to remit the said fine - That Your Remonstrants beg leave to lay before you the following facts in Opposition to the granting the Prayer of the said Petition to wit — 1st That the said Cahagan knowcked down a certain Hugh Ledwick, who had been sometime sick, with a Hickory Club, weinghing about two pounds & a half and when down, beat him about twenty blows with said Club, and left him for dead, so that said Ledwick was carried to the Hospital, and has not recovered and it is doubtful whether he will recover — 2nd - That the Only Offence of said Ledwick for said Outrage was that, at the last Augt Election (1833) the said Ledwick exercised his invaluable right of suffrage by voting for Patrick H. Pope as a Canditate for Congress, and that after said violence the said Cahagan called out for James Curren, another "Pope-man" the Object of which on the part of said Cahagan to repeat the same Outrage on the said Curren — although the said Cahagan had no right to vote at said Election - He is well known to be a drunken, riotous and disorderly man, of the most depraved, wicked Character; and if the fine be remitted by your Excellency would only encourage him to other acts of violence and outrage - Wherefore Your Remonstrants pray that your Excellency will not interpose and exercise the power vested in you under the Constitution and laws of the land in favor of said Cahagan, in remitting the said fine, and penalty - And Your Remonstrants will ever pray &c —

Jno. Berry Jr.

Jas. the officer Wh arrested J. Cahagan for his conduct & outrage One of the greatest Shame Ever witnessed during about 7 years as an officer in the city of Louisville

Saml. Peony a witness.
John Gourmen a Juryman
Jno. Curry
John B. Anderson witness
R. D. Cunningham Jailer

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John Sullivan
Henry Collins
Jno. Crawford
Edward Hughes
Jas. Hamilton

Martin Murphy
Laurence Byrne
Francis Hughes
F. G. Averill
Thos. Elsop
Joseph Gouge
Terence Smith
William Fulton
David L. Beatty
Hugh Conway
Jacob A. Fleming
Peter McCaffry

Abraham Long a Juryman
Dennis Curley
Wisha Applegate
John Rose
Pat[illegible] Rogers
Edward Dowling

Supposing the facts to be as stated in the within petition we hope the Executive will not arrest the verdict in said case.

B. F. Harrison
H. D. Wilson
F. A. Edmondson
A. P. Elston
Henry C. Pope
W. D. Babbitt

I do certify the facts contained in the within
to be true
James Curran