Mills Point August 5th 1840

To his Excellency Charles A Wickliff acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Your petitioner would respectfully represent that at the April term of the Hickman circuit court in the 1838 Robt Lines Rivers native of the state of Tennessee and County of Obion was indicted for the murder of Robt A Ferguson. The circumstances under which R. L Rivers was indicted were these his Brother Dr Thos Rivers was leading his little son along the streets of Mills Point had been assassinated in cold blood by Ferguson who fired on him with a rifle from the upper windows of a House where he was concealed for the purpose ~~of~~ when Dr Rivers had no reason to believe that any attack was intended to be made on him and at a time to when the man who thus deliberately murdered him pretended to be on the most friendly terms with him and had been receiving favours at his hands only a few days before he perpetrated the cowardly assassination R. L. Rivers heard of his Brothers death only a few hours after it took place and immediately repaired to Mills Point where he found his Brothers family in a state of mind more easily imagined than described and under the excitements of the moment took into his own hands that justice which the law would have been more tardy in awarding

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Believing this to be a case in which the exective power of pardoning might with propriety be exercised we would respectfully ask (if not inconsistent with your own views of Justice) that you grant into Robt Jones Rivers a pardon for the offence with which he is indited in doing which we believe you will be releaving a good citizen from those penalties of the law which he has incurred rather by his indiscretion than by crime

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Monticello Ky
Aug 10th

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His Excellency
C A Wickliff Lieut Dr Acting
Governor of Venta Ky
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Monticello Ky August 9th 1840

His Excellency Dr Wickliff

Owing to the excitement and interest taken in our recent Elections we have not responded with sufficient promptitude to your Communication in relation to the Case of Pemberton - When Mr Hunt returned I understood that he had said you had refused any action in the Case until a judicial investigation should be had. I did not see your letter addressed to myself and others until some time after it reached here, since which time I have seen Mr Bullock the Attorney for the Commonwealth who is well acquainted with the facts of the Case and who will shortly as he says address you on this subject - I have ascertained that there is the most Conclusive evidence of previous Threats made by Pemberton

Pemberton is still lying out but it is believed that if his application for a pardon is refused he will surrender himself and submit to a Trial It is hoped your Excellency will forbear final action in this matter until you hear more fully about it Respectfully F P Stone

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Owen G Cates Esqr

Frankfort

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Mills point August 19th 1841

Dear Sir accompanying this Letter will be a petition to the governor for the release of Robt Jones River from the Indictment found against him by the grand Jury of this Commonwealth and probible General other Letters directed to the governor the whole designed to be intrusted to you will full confidence that you will use your utmost influence in his behalf the petition was got up in a hurry and circulated only in the point and Madrid bend no one refuses to sign it whenever it has been presented and his particular friends believe that it is not necessary to have a multitude of names to the petition we want him foot loose that he may be able to mix freely with the people in the District his is a powerful man and is doing much good to the whig Cause he will write you him self from Nashville he was to have done it from this place but he arrived in the night and left in the stage before day yours &c

G. Richardson

NB I wish you would write me shortly and say what condition or what disposition has been made the the Nolen Claim to Island No 8 one whether any thing could be made in a purchase of Nolens claim provided it could be got for the purchase money & if so whether you would like to take an interest in the same &c

G. Richardson

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1840 C A Weckloff

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Crafton's case

Petitioner rejected

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to be placed in the bundle of rejected petitions

His Excellency

Gov: Wickliffe

Frankfort

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Louisville August 24th 1840

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 21st inst: I have to say that ~~Crafton~~ the evidence against Crafton (not Grafton) was this - Crafton and the individual whose property C stole boarded at the same house, and slept in the same room. No one else slept in that room. The owner of the property left the room and the clothes which he had pulled off hanging in it, before breakfast. Crafton was seen to return to the room and taking his saddle bags from thence went to the bar room paid his bill and left the house - The owner of the stolen money having returned to his room to get it ~~his money~~ which had been left in his vest pocket, found it ~~stolen~~ stolen.

Pursuit was made after Crafton - It was found out where he was, and when C saw the officer and the keeper of the boarding approaching him he ran; when overtaken he denied ever having seen the keeper of the boarding house before, tho his former host recognized him.

The note was not found - I mean the $20 note which was charged to have been stolen. But there was found in the possession of Crafton a wooden pencil of a peculiar character - The owner of it had been employed in drawing with a pencil and had trimmed the end of it so as to make it fit his instrument, and the pencil had been in the possession of the same man for upwards of twelve months - This is the substance of the testimony I would add that neither the Court or myself entertained a doubt of Craftons guilt.

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There was nothing said about a silver pencil

Very respectfully

Yr obt Srvt

Nathl Wolfe

His Excellency

Gov: Wickliffe