



Montgomery Decr 10th 1839

To His Excellency A B Moore
Presid.

Sir

At the Fall Termth the Circuit Court
of Walker County one ~~Wm~~ Bickestaff was convicted for playing cards with a slave
and was fined seventy five dollars (75[¢]) and sentenced to three months imprison-
ment in the county jail - the only evidence against him was his own statement
made in a drunken fit - he has a blind wife who is a most excellent woman.
Bickestaff is when sober an industrious man when drunk almost a maniac -
there was evidence before the court on a motion for a new trial that Bickestaff
did not know how to play cards.

Under all the circumstances I think the imprisonment should be remitted -

Very Respectfully
A. E. Van Duse Solicitor
Copyth Circuit

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For the reasons specified above
by the Solicitor & a communication in
the same effect had with Judge
Coleman to the same effect
I have remitted the ~~fine in the~~ imprisonment
Case except as to fine ~~collected~~

A. B. Moore

Wm Dickstauff
imprisonment
remitted
Dec 17 1859

Record

