

Valladaega, Ala Oct 20th 1859

I hereby certify, that I am a practising Physician, and for many years have been intimately acquainted with Lewis Bishop, who ~~was~~ recently imprisoned in the our County Jail for the killing of James Maxwell. That I have practised in Mr Bishop's family, and have long been familiar with his temperament and ~~physi~~ constitutional peculiarities, and from our knowledge of these, before and since, his incarceration, I do not hesitate to give it as my medical opinion, that his health will be greatly impaired, perhaps, his life jeopardized by longer confinement. I would further testify that he is a confirmed cripple, and for many years a dyspeptic, — condition ^{absolutely} ~~regarding~~ all the exercise in the open air, that he is capable of taking.

W. Taylor, M.D.

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this 20th Oct. 1859.

Wm H. Thornton

Judge of Probate.