



Ellyton May 3th 1858

Govr. A B Moore

Dear Sir

I enclose a petition for the relief of Barney Fuller who was convicted at the last term of Tuscaloosa Circ. Court for playing at cards with a slave. The petition was doubtless prepared at my suggestion, as I remarked from the bench, that I would join in a petition to you for his relief.

For several reasons (some of which are set forth in the petition) I think this case is one that will desecrate the exercise of Executive clemency. I should only have imprisoned him thirty days, if I had possessed the power to do so. I would therefore recommend that you remit the unexpired term of imprisonment. It will be seen that the petition is signed by W. Martin the Solicitor, as well as by most of the members of the bar, and officers of the Court.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Martin