

To his Excellency A. B. Moore Governor of Alabama;

The undersigned respectfully recommend that a pardon be granted to Mr Hudson who was found guilty of manslaughter in the 2nd degree at the last Spring Term of Chambers Circuit Court:—The undersigned understand & believe the leading facts as disclosed by the evidence on the trial of the case, to be as follows, to wit: That the slave alleged to have been killed by Mr Hudson, was the property of Mr Fuller; that Mr Hudson was at the time the overseer of Mr Thomas Carlisle; that ~~the~~ the plantation of Mr Fuller adjoined or was near to that of Mr Carlisle; that the slave killed was a stout negro fellow & of bad character; that one of the plantation regulations of Mr Carlisle was that slaves of other persons should not visit his negroes or be with them on his place without first obtaining his consent; that the negro killed had long before the killing been expressly forbidden by his own master, by Mr Carlisle & by Mr Hudson not to come on the plantation or among the negroes of Mr Carlisle; that said negro had not long before he was killed violated said prohibition & come upon Mr Carlisle's plantation & been impudent towards Mr Hudson & succeeded in preventing Mr Hudson from punishing him; that after this impudence & prevention the negro was found among the negroes of Mr Carlisle in or near the negro houses of Mr Carlisle shortly after dark, by Mr Hudson who as usual was walking with his gun round & about the negro houses to see whether things on the plantation & among the negroes were going on right; that on being so found the negro was killed near a negro house of Mr Carlisle, the shot striking him just above one of his ears and ranging downwards, that no white person was present at the killing; that a day or two after the killing, Mr Hudson

surrendered to an officer I gave a statement
of the circumstances attending the killing;
that this statement was not offered
by the State on the trial, but on
objection by the prosecuting attorneys
was excluded from the jury when
offered by the defendant; - that the
jury trying the case was a jury of
intelligence - & that a recommendation
by a majority of them and by the
presiding judge, ought to be most
favorably regarded by your excellency;
that Hudson is a man of family
& is believed to be without property
at this time; and that the majesty
of the law is sufficiently vindicated
by the confinement already inflicted
on him. Very respectfully.

Robert Mitchell
A. S. Carlisle
W. W. Meadors



Executive Department
14 Dec 1859

Elisha Hudson was convicted at
the Spring Term of the Circuit Court of
Chambers County of Mousborough in
the second degree and was sentenced
to six months imprisonment in the
county jail - The jury who convicted
him and the Judge who presided
at the trial as well as the Senator
and Representatives from said
said County have urged me to remit
the balance of the term of his imprison-
ment for reasons specified in their
petition - For those reasons & others the
balance of the term of said imprison-
ment is remitted

T B Atwood

Elisha Hudson
balance of im-
prisonment re-
mitted
Dec 17th 1859



Accepted