

Lebanon, Ala., Aug. 16th 1839.

His Excellency,

A. B. Moore,

Dear Sir;

Some months since, I enclosed to you a petition, in behalf of R. M. Hulgan, of this place, signed by S. B. Hale, Presiding Judge, & R. J. Lowe, Esq^r, acting Sol^r. & by numerous citizens of this County, praying Your Excellency to remit two certain fines imposed on him at the last spring term of the Circuit Court, for retailing to students. It was briefly stated in said petition that in one of said cases it was stated in said petition that the indictment was for selling ~~only~~ one pint of wine to Wm. Smith, for his mother, in case of sickness, & the other for selling whiskey to Green Bogle, who bought it for a sick horse, but in neither of said cases, was written orders given by their parents. Under all these circumstances the petitioners thought it was a case asking for

Executive clemency. I will state further that Mr. Hulgan, is a licensed retailer. I bear the character of an honest, upright and orderly citizen, and in the language of the petition, I am satisfied Mr. Hulgan, "violated the law in this case. through misapprehension, and from no improper motives," besides the young men to whom the said wine & whiskey was sold were only occasional students, and when at school were attending at a distance of about three miles from the place of retailing. Mr. Hulgan is a poor man, with a large family, all daughters, who are alone dependant on ^{his} exertions for a support, and under all the circumstances, it would be most agreeable to the citizens that your Excellency should remit all or most of said fines. Said fines were \$50⁰⁰ in each case - There was no jury - Since sending said petition, I have heard nothing from you, Will you please take the case in consideration, and write to me on the subject.

Resply. Your Oble. Servt.
R. W. Higgins.



R. M. Hulgan

W. K. & Co

Seller of R. W. Higgin



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