

Mayville Ma - June 15th 1860

To His Excellency - Gov Moore -
Sir -

Ever this you will have
received a Petition from Winstead & per-
haps one from Washed County entrea-
-ting your Excellency to grant the
Pardon of my husband Mr A J
Connally - I too must ~~write~~ send a
few words, feeble tho' they may be, but
they will come from a Wifes heart in
behalf of her Companion - Sometimes
I think were I the first to have ever
plead with your Excellency for one
Below, you might perchance grant
more readily what I so yearn to hear
- to know, for when I think of the
number of cases you must constant-
-ly have on hand, my heart fills with
many emotions of dread - of suspense - of
deep & untold agony, & tho' conscious
that different cases will of necessity

have different bearings with Your
Excellency's Sympathies & feelings of
duty, still I can but with trembling
anxiety say Forgive - Oh! Forgive -

Kind Sir a few months ago My
Father (Dr Maddin) united me in mar-
-riage to Mr Connally - Since then
the unfortunate circumstance which
has thrown such sadness over the
declining years of my Parents & a
death-gloom over our young hearts
has transfixed, minging both of us
down in ill health & great sorrows -

From the statement of Judge
Petens - Mr Picket who prosecuted
him & others - also from a letter
from his Physician Dr Van Eaton,
a high-minded & honorable Christian
gentleman, you will perceive the
true state of affairs - How deeply
Mr Connally regrets the whole
Affair & how much he has suf-
-fered & still suffers is only known

to his Maker & himself -

I will briefly lay before Your
Excellency a few items & then throw
myself upon your Mercy - The term
six Months has partly expired during
which time Mr Connally's health has
failed greatly & being compelled to
have a very severe operation
performed which will perhaps con-
-fine him the remainder of the
period to his bed, I can but entreat
you with all a young wife's sleep &
tender anxiety, to lend a listening ear
of Mercy - of pity - and grant the
pardon so much desired -

Take into consideration the act
was not a premeditated one, but
of self defence from a perfect stranger
& feel assured he has grown wiser
& better - And Oh! Remember Dear
Gov - his extreme youth & the many
temptations the young are prone to
fall into & forget not - To err is human

but to forgive Divine - In conclu -
- sion let me beseech of you say but
the words you alone can say to bring
joy to our troubled hearts -

As regards the fine of \$5-00, so I am
sorry to say Mr Connally does not
possess, nor the half, nor the fourth
of it - But Sir we both have hands
& hearts & minds - Give us but time
& we will pay it - Once more
let me pray you hear the widows
appeal - Respectfully

Maggie M Connally

