

To his Excellency A. B. Moore Governor of
the State of Alabama -

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We, the undersigned members of the jury
who tried and convicted George Russel of
murder in the first degree with the death
penalty at the Fall Term 1858 of the Circuit
Court of Blount County Alabama, in view
of the youth of said George Russel and his
want of all moral training in his raising
and in view of the manifest excitement from
liquor under which the said George Russel la-
bored at the time he struck the fatal blow
it having been done in a crowded grocery when
there was some excitement about a bet made
by said Russel with another person on a wrestle
and the said Russel possibly misconstruing a
request of the deceased (who was stakeholder) to the
said Russel to put up the sum bet, into a
taunt by the deceased - In view of all these
circumstances the undersigned respectfully pray
your Excellency to commute the punishment
of said George Russel to such imprisonment
in the Penitentiary as may seem right to
your Excellency - And your Petitioners will
ever pray as in duty bound &c -

We the undersigned Citizens of Blount County
 who heard all or most of the trial of said
 George Russell concur in the recommendation
 of the annexed Petition of the Jurors who tried
 said Russell -

Henry E. Burton	1
Wm. B. Smith	2
E. Drake	3
Wm. B. Smith	4
J. S. Dagnel	4
Randolph G. G. G.	5
G. W. Dagnel	6
John J. Field	7
James J. Field	8
Samuel Bentley	9
Nathaniel Smith	10
Henry Perkins	11
Wm. J. G. G.	12
Gasper H. Anderson	13
James Graves Jr. Juror	14
James M. Mitchell	15
W. M. Hamberg	16
D. V. Murphy	17
William H. H.	18
Frances M. Kelso	19
Charles H. H.	20
John M. M.	21
Wm. L. L.	22