

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

Your Petitioner George
Russell humbly represents to your Excellency
that he was convicted of Murder in the first
degree with the death penalty, at the last Term
(Fall Term 1858) of the Circuit Court of the
County of Blount and State of Alabama - and
although your Petitioner feels that he has
been guilty of a great Crime in killing
his best friend under circumstances wholly
unjustifiable, for which he deeply mourns, yet
your Petitioner feels that he has not been
guilty of the offence in the aggravated form
of which he is convicted, being so much under
the influence of excitement from liquor and
other causes as not to be properly conscious
of what he was doing at the time he struck
the fatal blow - He therefore humbly prays
your Excellency to grant him such commu-
tation of his punishment to that of im-
prisonment in the State Penitentiary as
shall seem right to your Excellency
and as in duty bound your Petitioner will
ever pray to. this 1st day of February 1859
Test

Jas. H. Wear, Jailor of
Madison Co. Ala.

George ^{his} Russell
mark

Judge Mudd will add his certificate that
it should be commuted & it clearly should
be - Pope

Petition of
George Russel

