

New York, June 15th 1860
To his Excellency A. B. Moore Governor of Ala.

Br Sir:

I was one of the Council who defended Randolph L. Gray, & I remember well the faithful appearance of the prisoner. I thought then that the jury might well have acquitted entirely — The testimony against him was not of a very reliable character. The place at which the killing took place doubtless had some influence in producing a conviction. It was at a house of ill fame, and the inmates thereof were the witnesses on whose evidence he was convicted, & this evidence was to some extent conflicting.

I have seen the certificate of the physician at the Penitentiary, & also the recommendation of the jury (shown of them) who tried the case. I fully concur with them in asking you for the interposition of Executive Clemency. I hope you will find it consistent with your sense of public duty to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Very respectfully,

J. H. Watts