

Butler, Ala

Oct 15th 1858.

His Excellency

Gov. A. B. Moore

Sir - I was acting as solicitor for the State when Archibald Thompson was convicted in the Circuit Court of Choctaw Co. of the crime of manslaughter in the 2^d degree - for which he is now confined in the Penitentiary -

I was satisfied at the time that his conviction was warranted by the facts given in evidence upon his trial - and I did not then think his period of confinement a severe penalty for the offense charged.

But from information obtained by me since his conviction, regarding his habits of life & general deportment as a peaceable & quiet citizen, previous to his commission of the offense for which he is now suffering, I do not hesitate to recommend a commutation of his sentence.

Thompson is an old man - without any family, excepting a wife

equally aged - and upon whom his
conviction has fallen with crush-
ing weight - Besides the advanced
age of the convict - another & per-
haps ^{more} weighty reason for the exercise
of executive clemency in his behalf
exists in his feeble health -

As a prisoner in the County Jail, be-
fore his trial, he suffered greatly
from exposure to cold during the
last severe winter; and the nature
of his complaint is such as to ren-
der extremely hazardous, his exposure
to the rigors of another winter in
a place where he will necessarily
be debarred the use of fire -

Very Respy - Yours
at^t - Serv^t

A. S. Jewell.

I have signed a different Petition
but I give in the view herein pro-
posed by the Abolition. Dec. 1858

W. H. Hamner.