

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

We the undersigned Members of the jury who
tried and convicted George Russell of Murder
in the first degree with the death penalty at
term 1858 of the Circuit Court of Blount County
Alabama, in view of the youth of said George
Russell and his want of all Moral training he
had received in his youth, the manifest excitement
from liquor under which the said George Russell
labored at the time he struck the fatal blow it having
been done in a crowded grocery where there was
some excitement about a bet made by said Russell
with another person on a wrestle, and the said Russell
possibly, misconstruing a request of the deceased
(who was stakeholder) to the said Russell 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 Russell to such
imprisonment in the penitentiary as may seem
right to your Excellency, and your Petitioners will
ever pray as in duty bound &c.

William Johnson

J. J. Wornock

John Adams

Nicholas Hudson Jr

Sam S. Smith

James M. Hart

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