

Jasper Walker Co Ala
October 8th 1858

To His Excellency A B Moore
Montgomery
Ala

Dear Sir

At the fall term
of the Circuit Court of this County ¹⁸⁵³ Hon B W Huntington
presiding and Col Daniel Coggin Solicitor - one Sued was tried
on a charge of and convicted of Murder in the 2^d degree,
and by the Judge sentenced ~~him~~ to fifteen years (15^{ys})
imprisonment in the penitentiary - I assisted in
his defence. I believed then and still think that he
was only guilty of Manslaughter in the 1st degree,
A J Lane Esq who assisted in the defence ~~prosecution~~
requested me this morning, as he was leaving,
to write you requesting you pardon him as he thinks
he is sufficiently punished - indeed it is ^{almost} the unanimous
opinion of the people of this County that he ought to be
(over)

be released - A petition in his behalf has already been
Signed by between 5 & 600 people citizens of this Co -
Hoping that your Excellency may feel authorized to
release him I beg leave to subscribe myself - your
Excellency's obedt Servant
A R Van Dorse

I fully concur with Mr A E V
I feel assured that in asking
his release that I doing right
He ought to be pardoned imme-
diately
Yours truly

Wm Stewart