

To the Honorable Andrew B. Moore
Governor of the State of Alabama,

The undersigned, Petitioners,
citizens of Benton County, would most
respectfully ask that you exercise your
clemency in releasing Ephraim C. Sweet
from the jail of this County, for the
following reasons, which we know to be true.

At the fall term of the Circuit Court,
The said Sweet was fined \$100. for an
assault & battery. (The proof showed only
a common fight; only one witness being
examined, & he the prosecutor.) The said
Sweet being a poor man, was unable to pay
the fine & costs, and in default of the pay-
ment thereof, was sentenced to jail for three
months, which imprisonment he is now un-
dergoing.

Other Prisoners. To the number of five
are now in jail, to wit. Larkin Bram-
lett under sentence of death for the mur-
der of Otannan, Willis Poss. on charge
of Murder, being removed from the jail of
Cherokee County for safe keeping, the others
for minor offences.

Bramlett and Poss. have been making
systematic efforts to escape, and had ac-
tually succeeded in procuring a watch
spring saw, a file, a butcher knife, and
other tools for effecting their purpose, and
had it not been for the timely warning
of the Sheriff, by said Sweet, they would

have succeeded in effecting this escape.
Bramlett and Post swearing in their
wrath that if sweet divulged their plans
they would kill him. But two days
ago, when they had procured their tools
sweet had the moral courage to face
them, and in presence of the Sheriff, tell
where all the tools were concealed, and
actually went among their clothing and in
the crevices of the jail, found the tools
& handed them over to the Sheriff.

We have no personal feeling in the
matter, but respectfully ask, in view
of the facts, that your excellency grant
us this request, and as an duty bound
will ever pray.

Jacksonville Benton County Dec 2nd 1837
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