

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of
Alabama respectfully sheweth your petitioner
begs leave to represent unto your honor that
some time since the grand jury empaneled
for the County of Jackson in the State aforesaid
found a true bill against one Hiram Whitecotton
for shooting on the publick high way upon
which process was by the proper officer issued
against the said Hiram Whitecotton and he
arrested whereupon your petitioner became bail
for the appearance of the said Whitecotton to
at the next term of the Circuit Court before
the sitting of the term of the Court to which the
said Hiram Whitecotton should have appeared. he
became involved in a personal difficulty with
one William Ervin who he severely stabbed was
arrested therefor and escaped from the Sheriff
and fled to the State of Arkansas where he now
resides. Your petitioner would further represent
unto your Honor that at September term

1859 of the Jackson Circuit Court
a forfeiture was by said Court taken against
your petitioner for one hundred dollars and costs
the amount of the Bail bond he signed for the
said Hiram Whitecotton which is in the hands
of the Sheriff and your petitioner will be compelled
to pay. If he is not released from so doing by your
Excellency your petitioner therefore begs leave to
represent unto your Excellency that he is a poor
man with a helpless family depending on his labor
for a support. he further states that if he is
compelled to pay said judgement it will effectually
break him up and leave his family to suffer

your petitioner states that the said offender is
now out of the County where he will not hereafter
violate the laws of this State. And as great
publick as well as private calamities now threaten
the once happy County he ~~fully~~ begs your
Excellency to interpose the Executive Clemency of
the State in his behalf and release the ~~fine~~
so forfeiture so taken against him. without
the costs and thereby leave him untrammelled and
free to embark in his Countys Cause whenever
his services may be required and he as in
duty bound will ever pray. So Do.

Murphy Matheny

S. H. Brewer Clerk

J. C. Austin Sheriff

H. L. Parks.

W. H. Ammons

P. Bagland Atty at Law

J. H. Foxwood

Judge of Probate,

Please if necessary direct
any communication on this
subject to the Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Jackson
County. Atk. ~~Matheny~~

M. Matheny

J. M. Bachman

J. Brown

William, M. Mason

Commissionary

Murphy Mathews

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Murphy Matheny
Application
for
Compassion of fine

