

Mobile March 9<sup>th</sup> 1859

Dear Sir

At the February term of the City Court Jack a slave was convicted and sentenced under section 3308 of the code.

This section admits of no alternative when the technical offence is made out - the slave who tears down a door to commit a rape is hanged, and so is the slave who raises his masters latch to get a pair of breeches. In this case the offence was made out beyond all doubt, but there was little of aggravation. If you think the Executive can temper this hard rule of law this case seems to me to appeal to your clemency.

Yours respectfully  
Robert B. Armstrong

Hon A. B. Moore.