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Columbiana Shelby Co  
16<sup>th</sup> March 1859

Dear Governor:

I sent Judge Mudds  
recommendation of the commutation  
of the punishment of George Russel (con-  
victed of Murder in the first degree  
& sentenced to be hung by the last  
Circuit Court of Blount Co. and  
affirmed by the Supreme Court, or-  
dering the sentence to be executed on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of April next) from Elyton  
two weeks ago - And as I have  
not heard of its safe arrival I  
write again to say it was sent  
& to ask that a copy of the com-  
mutation may be sent to me here.  
as the time is growing short & the  
mails very uncertain -

I will remain here at least till  
next Tuesday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) & will go  
from here to Blount -

Judge Mudd joins me in  
expressing the hope that nothing  
will prevent the Commutation  
from reaching the proper officers  
in time and as evidence of  
this I get him to sign this  
with me - I told him of  
your assurance that his re-  
commendation would be favora-  
bly acted on, even in the absence  
of any other action by the friends  
of the Prisoner.

With the highest regard  
I remain yours sincerely

B. J. Pope  
Wm. Mudd

B. F. Pope

Duplicate com-  
mutation sent  
to the Sheriff of  
Blount Co in  
the case of  
George Russell  
Mar 25 1859

Send duplicate

