

To His Excellency
J. Francis Thomas
Gov. of Maryland.

The Undersigned, Jurors
in the matter of the State against Mrs Ann Matthews
charged with having on the 12th day of October 1847
enticed a slave to run away from her master, beg
leave most respectfully to recommend unto the
most merciful consideration of Your Excellency
the application for the Travessor's pardon.
We know of no case which appeals more forcibly
to the sympathies of every feeling and humane
heart. The Travessor is an aged lone woman
to incarcerate whom in the Penitentiary can
not but be attended with consequences peculiarly
painful and distressing.

Although, in our judgement the
case was one not strictly within the policy of
the law or the intention of the Legislature yet
under the comprehensive terms employed in
the act of 1843 under which she was indicted we
felt the duty to convict imperative. We, however,
in view of all the circumstances in this ~~case~~
case accompanied our verdict with a
recommendation to mercy.

It was in evidence before us
that the slave did not run away; that the
accused is no abolitionist, or in any way hostile
to the Institution of Slavery, or in any man-
ner concerned with any person or persons
disposed to interfere with the relations of
Master and Slave as it exists in Maryland.
We therefore hope and trust that in
view of these facts and in consideration of
the time of life to which the prisoner has