

To His Excellency P. Frances Thomas Governour  
of Maryland

The undersigned Citizens  
of Baltimore, beg leave most respectfully to recommend  
to your Excellency's most merciful consideration the  
application for the pardon of M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Matthews  
who has just been convicted upon a charge of in-  
sulting a slave to run away from her master.  
The prisoner is a lone woman far advanced in  
life and her incarceration in prison would be an  
act of great hardship if not barbarism. A pardon  
in such a case would indeed be an act of mercy  
the propriety of which would hardly be called in question.

We therefore hope that your Excellency  
may grant unto this aged woman the benefit  
of the exercise of the merciful prerogative with  
which the Law has clothed you and restore her to  
an only daughter who is sorely afflicted by this  
sudden stroke of misfortune.

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