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you being a stranger to us I refer you to those
Gentlemen they can inform you what our position
in society is we are no abolitionists if there
was more ^{than} good masters we should have better
chickens and they would be better of than to be free
as to any person in ^{the} county being afraid of Isaac
they are no more afraid of Isaac Gibson doing
them any injury than ^{they} are of you or me.

I therefore beg your clemency in this matter of my
petition with high respect

and ever will

Pray Matilda Davis

M. D.

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