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Whereas it appears by the Petition of James Brookbank of Saint Marys County that a presentment has been found by the Grand Jury of the said County against John Brookbank the Petitioner for a supposed theft of a Silver Can that he has conducted himself through life with unimpeachable integrity that he entered into the service of this Country at an early period and was present in several actions during which he discharged the duty of a Soldier with bravery honesty and good conduct so as to merit the esteem and confidence of his Officers the Petitioner therefore solicits the interposition of Government in his favor and several respectable Inhabitants of the said County among whom are several Justices of the Court having certified the truth of the facts stated in the Petition and some of the Officers of the late Maryland line of the Army of the United States having also represented him as a faithful honest good Soldier and earnestly recommending him to the Clemency of Government I have thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at Law for the said offence do cease and determine and that no further prosecution be had or carried ^{on} against him for a concerning the same

To Luther Martin &

J. E. Howard