

[To His Excellency P. Frances Thomas Governor of Maryland

The undersigned citizens of Baltimore, beg leave most respectfully to recommend to your Excellency most merciful consideration the application for the pardon of Mrs. Ann Matthews who has just been convicted upon a charge of inducing 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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