To His Excellency,
Sir: Francis Thomas,
Gouv. of Maryland,

The undersigned, being in the matter of the oath against Mrs. Ann Matthews charged with carrying on the 12th day of October 1847, having a claim to be away from her Master, beg leave most respectfully to recommend unto the most merciful consideration of Your Excellency the application for the prisoner's pardon. As I know of no case which appeals more forcibly to the sympathies of every feeling and humane heart. The prisoner is an aged and woman to incapacitate whose in the indulgence 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, which she was induced to feel the duty to exact imprisonment. In view of all the circumstances in the case accompanied our revisit with a recommendation to mercy.

It was in evidence before us that the claim did not come away, that the accused is no abolitionist, or in any way backed by the Institution of slavery, or in any manner concerned with any person or persons disposed to interfere with the relation of Master and Slave as it exists in Maryland. The Hon. Jacob and Joseph White in view of these facts and in consideration of the kind of life to which the prisoner was