

To His Excellency, James Whitcomb, Governor
of the State of Indiana:

The undersigned, citizens of the
Counties of Carroll and Tipton represent to you,
Excellency that some two years since one Abraham
Pratt, was arrested by virtue of a writ from the
Tipton Circuit Court, on a charge of "obtaining
goods under false pretenses", and that one John
M. Smith of Carroll Co. became his security for
his appearance to answer said charge. - That said
Pratt forfeited his recognizance - enlisted in the
Army of the United States - went to Mexico, and
died at Perote. Afterwards judgment was ren-
-dered against the said John M. Smith, his
security for the sum of fifty dollars (the
penalty in the recognizance) and costs of
suit. The undersigned therefore being acquainted
with the pecuniary circumstances of the said
John M. Smith (knowing that he is ill, able
to pay the said amount) and viewing the
matter as one of extreme hardship, humbly request
your Excellency to remit the amount of the
said judgment, or at least a portion of the
same, and as in duty bound to say,

James H. Stewart.
Thomas C. Reston

John Pettit
James Spear
Samuel Grimes

Col H Taylor
William A Buford
Miles M. Nichols

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City

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William N. Gust
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W. J. Stuart Cash Co Ind

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Clarton

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W. L. Groves

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J. W. Anker

William Commae

Harvey Heth

John Hebel

Remit fifty dollars, adjudged against John
M. Smith, ^{as a surety} on a forfeited recognizance by the
Hippocrene Circuit Court, ~~and~~ it appearing
that Abraham Pratt the principal had previously
died in a distant land.

W. Whitcomb.

Oct. 26, 1848.

Enclose it, (post paid) to "Br. James H. Stewart
Clerk of Carroll Circuit Court, Delphi, Carroll
Co. Ind." J. W.

Highland County,
Newman mixed Oct.

27/1848.