

To His Excellency, C. Lewis Lowe Gov: of
Maryland

We the undersigned citizens of
Caroline County of the State of Maryland
beg leave to respectfully petition to your
Excell: to release from the State Prison a Negro
called Isaac Libson, who was convicted
in Caroline County Court at March Term
1851, "for enticing, aiding and assisting, a Negro
Slave the property of David Knotts to escape
from the State so that his master was de-
prived of his services!" contrary to the act
of assembly in such case made and provided.

As you will see by the word Jur: Armed
to the names part of the petitioners set upon
the case as jurors. Since the conviction
of the party, circumstances have transpired
to convince the minds of the undersigned
that said prisoner was innocent of the
charge alledged, and what has led to this con-
clusion, were the following facts: Said party
was convicted, upon the evidence of other free
Negroes, who were greatly prejudiced against
the prisoner. And further said prisoner was
held to a small bail for his appearance, which
he had the means to pay and was advised by
his friends to leave the State, but nevertheless
persisted in his innocence, and remained
until Court when he was tried & upon the
aforesaid testimony convicted, Now
we the undersigned petitioners pray your Excell:
to give this case a hearing, as is provided
for by the New Constitution of Maryland
And as in Duty bound we will ever remain &c