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Charles Heisey
Application for Patent

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Washington D.C.

Nov. 20th 1863

Hon. A. W. Bradford

Dear Sir,

I hope your Excellency will, on the strength of the enclosed petition, grant Charles A. Rice the petitioner an immediate pardon.

If your Excellency will pardon him, and if the pardon can be granted immediately, the convicted youth and his friends would greatly esteem it, as they do not wish him taken to the Penitentiary, & the Sheriff expects to remove the prisoners from our County Jail to the Penitentiary in a few days. Very Resp.

Over

Shelby Clark

I really forgot to bring
along a Record of the
Case, or a certified
copy of the Conviction &c.

I will return home this
Evening & will ^{return} send cer-
tificates of Convictions to you
by return mail.

Hoping there may be nothing
to delay a pardon, & with
the remark that the Court and
all its officers, & all others
who heard & know the facts
agree in expressing a wish
that you will pardon him, I
am
Very Resp, &c

Frederick Clarke

No 24's' C. K. Sullivan
A. M. Bradford

United States Marshall's
Office Washington Nov 25/63.

His Excellency
Gov Bradford

Dear Sir

I am informed that Charles Heise, of this City, was tried in Prince George County, in your State for enticing away slaves, and upon conviction, was sentenced to imprisonment in your State Penitentiary, for six years and six months,

As I am informed, although ^{he did} being away slaves, he did so merely as the driver of a carriage employed without knowing what was to be the purposes of his business.

Mr Heise is a man about twenty years old & I believe ^{him} to be of good character & from all I know of the facts I think he ought to be pardoned. Knowing his brother, a gentleman of respect in this city, as well as because of my interest in the young man, I take the liberty of addressing you this note.

Yours Truly, Ward A. Lawton

Up. Marlboro' Md.
Nov. 21st 1863

Hon. A. W. Bradford

Dear Sir I send a transcript in the case of Charles Heise - a petition for his pardon was sent to you yesterday. As I believe that your Excellency will not hesitate to pardon him; & as I have noticed, since writing yesterday, that the pardon cannot be immediately granted (As I thought at first could be) since by the Constitution of the State you are required to "give notice &c," I would like to have some intimation from you, saying, whether or not it would be proper for the Sheriff of the County to allow him to remain in the County Jail for a while & not hasten him off to the Penitentiary?

The friends of the unfortunate young man cannot bear the idea of his being put in the Penitentiary; and without some intimation that his petition for a pardon ~~would~~ ^{had} been favorably received the Sheriff at an early day next week in accordance with custom will take them away. Very Resp.
J. Kelly. Esq.

To His Excellency Augustus W Bradford Governor
of the State of Maryland.

The undersigned members of the Polit Jury who
tried Charles Keisay at their present November
Term of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges,
and who have brought in a verdict of Guilty,
on the indictment against him for enticing,
persuading, and assisting, and offering induc-
ments to certain Slaves of Wm & Talbot &
John E. Bowie to escape from their law-
ful owners, &c. beg leave respectfully to
recommend him to the Clemency of the
Governor, and to ask for him a full and
free pardon.

The grounds of our application are as
follows.

- 1st we felt ourselves obliged to convict upon
the evidence, because the prisoner, a youth
of 17 or 18 years of age, was found as the
Driver of the Hack in which the negroes
escaped, and from this fact alone, we
thought our verdict to be well sustained.
- 2nd we believe that there are well grounded
reasons to believe, that the said youth, the
prisoner, was persuaded or overreached by
a man by the name of Kemp the owner
of the Hack & horses, to drive the Hack, without
any knowledge on his part, of the character
of the enterprise or expedition, on which he
was about to enter.
3. The evidence established the good character of
the Prisoner, to such an extent, that, if possible,
under the rules of the law as we understood it, we
might have entertained great doubts as to

his guilt, a circumstance which may have been overlooked on the 4th day
 4th. And because, from information obtained since the trial, we have reason to believe that the prisoner was but a victimized instrument, in the hands of other bad and designing men to carry out their nefarious purposes, without any willful or malicious knowledge on his part, of their designs. For these reasons we wish your Excellency to grant unto Charles Heisey a full and free pardon—

- ✓ John S. Taylor
- ✓ Francis M. Soper
- ✓ Benjamin Short
- ✓ Minian Beall
- ✓ Wm. DeLoach
- ✓ John C. Tyler
- ✓ Richard Robinson
- ✓ P. G. Givens Sheriff
- ✓ J. H. Bowie Counsel for the Prisoner
- ✓ Jas. I. Owens
- ✓ Joseph Soper

The following members of the Grand Jury concur in the above recommendation to the clemency of the Executive of Maryland—

- ✓ H. Brooks
- ✓ Robert T. Lewis of Waller.
- ✓ Julius H. Piles
- ✓ J. N. Mag. of Court
- ✓ J. J. Clarke, Jr.
- ✓ Edward A. Bell
- ✓ A. Hill
- ✓ Wm. Talbot

I concur with the Judge in this recommendation. Edward A. Bell, State Attorney.
 I concur in recommending the above named Charles Heisey to Executive Clemency. Judge of the Court of Appeals, Geo. Brent.
 I concur in recommending the above named Charles Heisey to Executive Clemency. Robt. Bowie, Foreman, Grand Jury.

State of Maryland }
vs }
Charles Heisey }
} Preat & Indictment for
} aiding Slave of William
} O. Galburt to Escape as
} Prisoner arraigned

Pleads "Not Guilty" Jury sworn, Verdict "Guilty"
Sentenced to the Penitentiary for 6 years & 5 months
motion to arrest judgment, motion to arrest judgment
withdrawn, motion for a new trial, motion overruled
Jury

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| 1 Benjamin Shearbutt | 7 William Lyles of Tho. |
| 2 Minian Beall | 8 Richard T. Robinson |
| 3 John T. Naylor | 9 Theophilus Ballenger |
| 4 Lewis C. Dyer | 10 Joshua S. Naylor |
| 5 Joseph Soper | 11 Eli J. Watson |
| 6 James S. Owens | 12 Francis M. Soper |

State of Maryland Prince Georges County Sch.
I hereby certify the the foregoing was truly taken
and copied from the Records & proceedings of this Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
Subscribed my name and affixed the seal
of the Circuit Court this 21st day of Nov-
ember AD 1863

Frederick Sasser Clerk of
Circuit Court for Prince Georges County

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the Judge of the Court and two
of the Jury by whom David Smith
was tried, also by the State
Attorney, several of the members
of the Grand Jury, and the
owner of the Slave, who
escaped - and the reasons stated
by them for Executive interference
being considered satisfactory.