

To his Excellency the Governor of Missouri.

WE, the undersigned, urgently though respectfully ask the Chief Magistrate of the State of Missouri, to exercise the constitutional power vested in him, for the release of George Thompson, Alanson Work, and James E. Burr, citizens of the United States, kept now for about three years, and sentenced for nine years more, in the Penitentiary of that state, for no crime unless it be a crime to obey the explicit commands of Jesus Christ, that we should "do unto others as we would that they should do unto us."

We believe that slavery is in itself an open and palpable violation of every principle of natural justice and divine equity: and that, therefore, no laws enacted by man to uphold it, can be of any binding moral obligation whatever. That the Slave is, consequently, guilty of no violation of moral principle in running away from his master. And if the slave is not guilty of moral wrong in making his escape from bondage, it cannot be that those who aid him in the act are guilty of a crime. These conclusions might, were it necessary, be supported by irresistible arguments, but believing them to be clear and self evident, we forbear.

We appeal, therefore, to your sense of justice, and respectfully ask of you in the name of bleeding humanity, to exercise the power vested in you for the release of the individuals above named.

David Warren	Ezekiel Griswold	Wm B. Brown
George Morrick	Henry Mills	James P. [unclear]
Wm Winslow	Wm [unclear]	Reverett
E. H. [unclear]	Wm [unclear]	Wm C. [unclear]
Coridon Winslow	Wm [unclear]	Wm A. Meade
Horace Winslow		Wm [unclear]
Charles [unclear]		E. P. [unclear]
William [unclear]		John Minton
E. L. [unclear]		Wm Clayton
Wm [unclear]		Solomon Griswold
Rufus Graves		Franklin [unclear]
John [unclear]		Robert Cochran
Henry [unclear]		Thos [unclear]
Mark [unclear]		J. M. [unclear]
Elias [unclear]		Justin Clark
Edward Griswold		Samuel [unclear]
Michael G. Graves		Augustus [unclear]

John Westcott

J. W. Meers

Elijah Stodder

W. M. Smith

J. J. Ordway

Horace Sather

Orme Green

C. W. Chamberlain

Alfred Wells

Jos. Clark

Jonathan Woodworth

Marshal A. Munson

Samuel Gunn

Daniel Davis

Thomas Moore

Stephen Case

J. W. Finch

Strong Island

Samuel Ross

Simon Payne

Wm. C. Bankin

A. B. Clark

M. J. Gray

W. P. ...

Sgt. P. Spencer

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