

This is to certify that we, the undersigned prisoners of the Penitentiary have undergone a material change, in our minds & feelings, respecting Slavery, & the act which brought us to this place.

Although we cannot feel that Slavery is right, yet we do feel that much of our effort to do it away, has been a "Zeal, not according to knowledge"; & can now exercise a charity for Slaveholders, which we did not before possess.

As to the act, we did, we feel that it was a wild, imprudent, fanatical step - being ignorant of the laws of the State, & the results, which would follow such a course. We have repeatedly said we should not do so again; & feel, that it would be very wrong, if set at liberty, to repeat the act - should opportunity offer - & we pledge ourselves, if liberated, never to enter the State again, for any such purpose. Further, we will endeavor to prevent others from doing the like.

Can more, than the above, be reasonably required of us?

Geo. Thompson.
James E. Burr.

We plead for Mercy - Mercy - Mercy, before we die, for we are fast
sinking into the grave. And what profit, will there be in our blood?
Is there no Mercy for us? Will the Gov. or people of Ms., at the last
great day, regret that they exercised Mercy on suffering supplicants?

Since we came here, almost a score of Murderers, have been pardoned -
some of them, declaring they would do the same thing again.

"We are willing to be esteemed even worse than Murderers - "as the fifth of the
Earth, & the offscouring of all things"; but still we plead for Mercy.

One of our number has been released - for which, a thousand thanks & prayers -
Have we any claim on your Mercy? Silver & gold, we have not, but we believe
God will reward those who have Mercy on us. We have been here 4 years out of 3¹/₂ - 45. G. J. -

To the
Inspectors
of the Penitentiary.