This is to certify that we, the undersigned prisoners of the Penitentiary, have undergone a material change in our minds and feelings respecting Slavery, and 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 dead, not according to knowledge: I can now exercise a charity for Slaveholders, which we did not before profess.

As to the act, we did, we feel that it was a wild, imprudent, fanatical step—being ignorant of the laws of the State, I the results, which would follow such a course. We have repeatedly said we should not do it again, I feel that it would be very wrong, if set at liberty, to repeat the act should opportunity offer— I on 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.

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 any Mercy for us? Will the God, or people of Me, at the last great day, regret that they exercised Mercy on suffering suppliants?

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 filth 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 thousand prayers—Have we any left claim on your Mercy? Tell us & God we have just, but we believe God will reward those who have mercy on us. We have been here 4 years Oct 51-55.

To the
Inspector
Of the Penitentiary.