

**DOCUMENT 30 – LETTER TO GOVERNOR WILLIAM BISSELL FROM
LINCOLN CONCERNING A PARDON FOR SAMUEL AND
JAMES JONES**

March 22, 1858

TRANSCRIPTION

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His Excellency

W. H. Bissell

Dear Sir

Samuel Jones and James

Jones, at court here last week, were found guilty of stealing five shoats, or small hogs– I have been appealed to, to say something in favor of their being pardoned– They are father and son– I know nothing to say, except that he is an old citizen (I mean the father) and his neighbors appear more anxious that he and his son should be pardoned, than I have known in any other case– This is really all can say– I was not concerned in the trial; and consequently did not listen to the evidence–

Your Ob^t Serv^t

A,, Lincoln–