Lincoln, March 22 - 1858

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 Obt. Servt.
A. Lincoln -