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August 10th 1853
 To H. Esq. E. H. Conway

Dear Sir

I drop you in
 behalf of an unfortunate convict in the penitentiary,
 by whose name was convicted in Phillips County
 for shooting some time last fall nearly all
 of the Citizens of St. Francis County. Where Moore
 was raised and where he is best known,
 as well as many of the Citizens of Phillips signed
 a petition, praying the Executive Clemency, but
 from some cause it never reached its
 destination, having been lost in the mail.

I will moreover add that his
 present and past Super have signed a
 Certificate testifying to his good conduct
 since he has now but little more than a
 year to serve (having been sentenced for
 five years). His crime was not of that
 grade that would deprive him of the good
 opinion of his men. He has a young family
 and is respectfully commended with the best
 Citizens of St. Francis County, and I speak
 knowingly when I say that if you would stand
 to him the Executive Clemency, it would

be hailed with gratification by your numerous
friends in St Francis County. That he is
worthy of your Clemency in this behalf I
know, and that he will make a usefull
Member of Society none will doubt that know
him

I am not much of an advocate
for the exercise of the pardoning power
but think that it was lodged in the hands
of the executive for wise and charitable
purposes. and I am clearly of the
opinion that the Crime for which Moore
is now suffering comes within the purview
of those Cases contemplated by the framers
of the first American Constitution. I feel
deeply interested in his behalf, on account of
his own intemperate worth, his helpless family
and his respectable connections. I would
be highly gratified if you could consistently
pardon Unfortunate Moore restore him to
the rights of a Citizen and usefulness to
Society. I have the Honour to be
Your Edy Most Obedt Servt

C. Calverton