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Clarksville Arms  
Sep 18, 1857

To His Excellency,  
Gov. Conway

Parson Meeks a citizen living  
near this place is getting up a petition praying  
your Excellency to remit a fine that has  
been imposed upon him by a verdict of a  
jury - in our Circuit Court, for performing the  
Marriage Ceremony - uniting in marriage  
a couple - when the girl was under the couple  
age - a little over 13 years - I am the father of the  
young girl & beg leave to inform you that the  
act of the Parson was a very pleasurable one -  
not deserving the execution of a law - Therefore  
you will please to remember, has been, upon  
a former occasion - pardoned by you & Excellency -  
and I would respectfully ask that you inform  
of Judge Rose - William Newton or Judge Floyd  
with regard to the merits of this case.

I am very respectfully  
Your Obed Servant  
David King

Judge Rose will be at Little Rock in a few days