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U. S. Senate Jan'y 7/59 ⁵¹

Sir

The Hon James L Seward, now one of the
Representatives of the State of Georgia ^{in Congress} "wishes"
to submit your application, to your Excellency
for the pardon, or commutation of a portion
of the punishment, of Peter, now confined
in the Arkansas State Penitentiary, upon
a Certificate, or the Sheriff's bond, issued
for Negro Stealing, and will do so, partly
the application by the testimony of those
who know him in Georgia, as to his good
Character, I know nothing myself of
the Circumstances of the Case, or the
intrinsic merits of the application. My
objection in this is the suspect. The most fa-
vorable Consideration, to the representation
and appearances, which Mr Seward, may
make in Support of the application.

From his high Character as a gentleman
and his disinterested earnestness, in
this matter he deserves this Consider-
ation, at the hands of your Excellency

Very Respectfully

(per. at least)

W. K. Sebastian

His Excellency

C. A. Conway

Governor of

Albany