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Office Arkansas and Penitentiary  
State Rock, Spring 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

To His Excellency W. Flanagin  
Governor of Arkansas; Sir Martin  
M. Russell, a convict in the penitentiary sent  
from Sevier County where he was convicted of  
the crime of murder in the Circuit Court February  
term 1861 and sentenced to have labor for one  
during the period of ten years - had been in  
the Prison since the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February A D 1861  
or period of nearly two years - during which  
time he uniformly observed all the rules  
of the institution and been as good working  
and well disposed convict - He has never  
to my knowledge been punished or even reprimanded  
for the slightest offence -  
The pardon of such men can never do injury  
to the discipline of a prison -

Respectfully Yours  
A. M. ...  
Keeper Penitentiary

Sevier County  
Petition of Citizens of  
County of Arkansas for  
Pardon of one  
Martin M. Russell

Warden James S. ...  
March 1863.

Let a pardon be  
granted  
Flanagin