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To His Excellency Francis Pierpont, governor of Virginia

The undersigned petitioners: citizens of Coalsmouth and the circumjacent country around (all loyal) represent respectfully to your Excellency that John W. Weatherall who lives near the mouth of Coal River, Kanawha County is now in the custody of the military authority of this state of the United States upon charges of which you are or will be informed. We believe although he may have carelessly uttered some disloyal sentiments or have been imprudent in talking, no graver charge can be sustained against him. We would further state that we have the confidence in his integrity & that he would faithfully fulfill any promise & undertaking he might make in view of his suffering in prison & away from a helpless family &c we think is sufficient punishment for all he said or clemency that if it is consistent with the public good & your better judgment, you would discharge or have discharged the said John W. Weatherall that he may return to his home & family &c.

William White
Lewis Bryan
W. A. Wood
Jefferson _____
Mickel Pursinger
Wm. W. Kidd
Franklin Hoover

Sterling Osburn
A. J. Bryan
M. C. Wood
Samuel Hendley?
Jacob F. Wright
N. B. White

Fleming Bayes
Andrew Bryan
William Bryant
Charles C. _____
Gilly H. Hill
Thomas M. Bryan

(about 50 other names not copied)