Louisville Ky 17 Oct 1863

Hon S Chase
Secty of Treasury
Dear Sir

I I English of this city & his brother Jno B. English of Owen County became the securities of Jno L Hill Judge, & Tho A Ireland Clk of the County Court of Owen who were arrested by the Military authorities & brought to Louisville & put in Prison - Upon the representation of Union men of that County they were allowed to take the oath of allegiance & give bond & security in the sum of $5.000 each, & each of their securities in the like sum - When Kirby Smith & Bragg invaded the State both Hill & Ireland went off with their Military forces & violated the conditions of their bonds - They have both been subsequently arrested, & are now in the Military prison in this city -

The Misses English, who are both good loyal citizens of Kentucky, have been sued on the bonds & judgement obtained against them for the full penalties - Hill & Ireland are not able

indemnify their securities & are in the power of the Gov't & can be punished personally for their Offences

× Should the Mess. English are not able to pay the judgement against them, the enforcement of the judgement will utterly ruin them

In my judgement there are cases where the penalties should be remitted, & of the Law places the power of remission in your hands or that of any other officer of the Govt I earnestly solicit the remission of the penalty in these cases

Very Truly

James Guthrie

Guthrie?

I concur in the above

James Speed

I concur in the above was known to me the fact

D. M. Sharp

I endorse the above very cordially

Geo. D. Prentice

I concur also in asking the remittance of the pnlt.

Henry Pirtle

I concur in the above

Philip Speed
Col. 21st Regt.

I concur with the Mess
Mr Breckinridge
Lawyer

I know the Mesrs English and concur with great pleasure in the above

Richard T. Jacob
Lt. Gov. of Ky.

I was acting Provo Marshal at the time ~~the Time~~ the bonds refered to were taken Same was done by my order and most cordially concur in the prayer of the petitioner

Henry Dent
Late Col & Bvt Maj Genl

I know the Mesrs English. One of them is a regular practising lawyer of good Standing in my Court. They are Union men and have been so from the beginning of the present Rebellion. They are very kind hearted men and were unable to resist the appeals made for their signatures. I earnestly ask that they be relieved from this trouble.

P. B. Muir

I know the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition so far as they refer to the Messrs English & Concur in all that is said & with others in asking a remission of the Judgement - so far as they are concerned

Geo. W. Johnston.
Judge 4th Court Louisiana

Journal Office
Oct 31/63

We hope the Govt will note & enforce them penally. The Mr English are good union men & ought not to be made to pay the bonds forced upon them by a band of [illegible] with the hope of buying back to the union the remants.

R Wilkinson Henderson & Wilkinson

So far as my duties within my competency, I hereby remit the penalties, and forfeitures, rendered therein, as far relates to Messrs A. English and John B. English -

A. Lincoln

March 9. 1864

I know the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition so far as they refer to the Messrs English & Concur in all that is said & with others in asking a remission of the Judgement - so far as they are concerned

Geo. W. Johnston.

Judge City Court Louisiana

Journal Office
Oct 31/ 63

I hope the Govt will not enforce this penalty. The Mssrs English are good union men & ought not to be made to pay the bonds forced upon them by a mad party & with the hope of bringing back to the union its enemies.

P. Watkins Henderson & Whitaker

So far as my duties with my Company & Regt would permit, I have remained at home, and frequently rendered them, as far as practicable Services to English and his Bro B. English -

A. Hincks

Brandy 9. 1864

I concur with the foregoing

Mo. E. Breckinridge

Lieut of Ky

I know the Messrs English and concur with great pleasure in the above

Richard T. Jacob

Lt. Gov. of Ky.

I was acting Provo Marshal at the time ~~the time~~ the bonds referred to were taken Same was done by my orders and most cordially concur in the prayer of the petitioners

Henry Dent

Late Col & Pro Mar Genl

I know the Messrs English. One of them is a regular practising lawyer of good Standing in my Court. They are known to me and have been so from the beginning of the present Rebellion. They are very [illegible] hearted men and were unable to resist the appeals made for their signatures. I earnestly ask that they be relieved from this trouble.

P. B. Muir

Louisville, Ky.
17th October, 1863

Hon. S Chase
Secty. of Treasury

Dear Sir

S.S.English of this city and his brother John B. English of Owen County became the sureties of John L. Hill, Judge, and Thomas A. Ireland, Clerk of the County Court of Owen, who were arrested by the military authorities and brought to Louisville and put in prison. Upon the representation of Union men of that county they were allowed to take the oath of allegiance and give bond and security in the sum of five thousand dollars each, and each of their securities in the like sum-- When Kirby Smith and Bragg invaded the state both Hill and Ireland went off with their military forces and violated the conditions of their bonds. They have both been, subsequently, arrested, and are now in the military prison in this city.

The Mess. English, who are both good loyal citizens of Kentucky, have been sued on the bonds and judgment attained against them for the full penalty. Hill and Ireland are not able to indemnify their securities and are in the power of the government and can be punished personally for their offences.

Indeed the Mess. English are not able to pay the judgment against them, the enforcement of the judgment will utterly ruin them.

In my judgment these are cases where the penalties should be remitted and if the law places the power of remission in your hands or that of any other officer of the government I earnestly solicit the remission of the penalty in these cases.

Very truly,

James Guthrie

I concur in the above.
James Speed

I concur in the above was knowing to all the fact.
Z.M.Sherley

I endorse the above very cordially.
Geo. D. Prentice

I concur also in asking the remittance of the judge.
Henry Pirtle

I concur in the above.
Philip Speed

I concur with the foregoing.

Thos. E. Bramlette
Gov. of Ky.

I know the Messrs. English and concur with great pleasure to the above.

Richard T. Jacob
Lt. Gov. of Ky.

I was acting provo Marshal at the time the bonds refered to were taken. Same was done by my order and most cordially concur in the prayer of the petitions.

Henry Dent
Late Co. Provov Marshll Gen.

I know the Messrs. English. One of them is a regular practising lawyer of good standing in my Court. They are Union men and have been so from the beginning of the present Rebellion. They are very kind hearted men and were unable to resist the appeals made for their signatures. I earnestly ask that they be relieved from this trouble.

P.B.Muir

I know the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition so far as they refer to the Messrs. English and concur in all that is said and with others in asking a remission of the Judgment so far as they are concerned.

Geo. W. ~~Wharton~~ Johnston
Judge City Court Louisville

Journal Office
Oct 31 '63

We hope the Gov. will not enforce the penalty. The Mess. English are good Union men and ought not to be made to pay the bonds forced upon them by a kind feeling and with the hope of bringing back to the Union two recreants.

Preston, Henderson, & Osborn

So far as lawfully within my competency I hereby remit the penalties and judgments rendered thereon, as far relates to Samuel S. English and John B. English--

A. Lincoln

March 9, 1864