

Danville Ill

His Excellency May 8th / 1857

Gov. Pissell

Dear Sir -

John Hibbs, was indicted in the Logan Circuit Court for Manslaughter - & venue changed to Sangamon - and at the March Term 1856, he was convicted, & sent to the Penitentiary for Troyes -

There was no motive for the killing proved, and none that was even reasonable suggested - The men ~~who~~ were both living in the same neighborhood, and they not intimated that there

was even a suspicion of
ill blood —

The parties were
left in a field together.
— & the deceased person
found dead — probably
killed by a small club.
— & Hibbs was found at a
house a small way off
very — very drunk —

— Hibbs & the deceased
were seen last together —

— As I understand, Hibbs
does not profess to know
he killed him — & does
not know that he killed
him at all —

Hibbs has already
been in the Penitentiary
about fourteen months —

He ~~has~~ has a wife & small
children, depending on
him for support - & they
seem tenderly attached to
him -

I am inclined
to think that Executive
Clemency would
not be misplaced,
- in resitting the
balance of Hibbs
term -

Wm Hyl Kephut
Yorktown
David Davis

We defended John Hibbs, mentioned in Judge
Davis' letter above; and we concur with
the Judge, that a pardon (now, after
his having served about fourteen months
of his two years, would not be improper.

A Lincoln
John S. Stuart