

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to mercifully consider the premises, and afford such relief to the said Francis Clarke as to your Excellency shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

(Signed), FREDERICK GARDINER.

WMOGO, December, 1860.

We, the undersigned householders, residing in the Districts of Bathurst and Carcoar, hereby certify to your Excellency that we have read the annexed Petition, and declare that we knew the said Francis Clarke a considerable time before his conviction, and have known him since, and we beg conscientiously and strongly to recommend the prayer of the Petition.

(Signed),	ISAAC SHEPHERD, J P., <i>Wheeo.</i>	} Prosecutors.
"	JOHN REED, <i>Grazier,</i>	
"	EDWARD BARKER, <i>Grazier,</i>	
"	FRANCIS HARRIS, <i>Grazier.</i>	
"	WILLIAM FOGG, <i>Grazier.</i>	
"	WILLIAM ATKINS, <i>Grazier.</i>	
"	CHARLES AUGUSTUS HOWARD, <i>Grazier.</i>	
"	RICHARD TAYLOR, <i>Grazier.</i>	
"	HENRY NEWHAM, <i>Grazier.</i>	

By direction of the Administrator of the Government, referred to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary for a report from the Judge who tried the case.—B. C., 11 February, 1861—W. E. Oliver, Private Secretary.  
C. C., February 13, 1861.

(No. 13.)

*The Under-Secretary to Government to His Honour the Acting Chief Justice.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
SYDNEY, February 15, 1861.

SIR,—I am directed to request the favour of your Honour's report upon the accompanying Petition, for mitigation of the sentence of seven years' hard labour on the roads, passed upon the prisoner named in the margin, by his Honour Sir Alfred Stephen.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), W. ELYARD.

(No. 14.)

*The Chief Justice to the Colonial Secretary.*

SUPREME COURT, April 2, 1861.

SIR,—I have perused all the papers sent me respecting Francis Clarke, otherwise Gardiner; although many of them appear to me to be unnecessary to my report, I know nothing of any of the parties signing the various recommendations; and I observe that the names of Messrs. Ledsam and Newham, on whom I feel disposed from the style and tenor of their letters to place much reliance, do not appear to the recent application.