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"COMMUTATION"

Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, to all whose presence shall come, greetings.

Whereas, Lafayette Teel and Jason Stilley in the United States District Court of the Western District of Arkansas, were jointly indicted, charged with the murder of one Smith and upon a trial had were convicted of slaughter on the 26th day of October 1888 and on the 15th of January 1889 each sentenced to a term of six years in the Arkansas penitentiary at the Rock, and to pay the sum of \$300.00.

and whereas it is represented that said Lafayette Teel after his conviction was detained in jail at Fort Smith as a witness in a trial of an important case, from the 15th day of January 1891 to August the 6th, following, that, therefore, his sentence of imprisonment in the penitentiary did not in to run until August 6th, 1891 and the detention through no fault of his (self) and in justice to him, he should have credit therefor.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, in consideration of the premises and divers good and sufficient reasons to me thereunto moving, do hereby commute the sentence of the said Lafayette Teel so as to expire seven months sooner than as now, giving him benefit of the time he was held in jail as such witness.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

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Done at Washington this 26th day of May, A. D. 1892 of the Independence of the United States one hundred and sixteenth.

Benjamin Harrison

the President

W. T. Shorton, Acting Secretary of State