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To His Excellency Colonel George Arthur Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Van Diemens Land and its Dependencies

The humble Memorial of Henry Savery a Prisoner of the Crown respectfully Sheweth

That Memorialist received from Your Excellency the indulgence of a Ticket of Leave on the 9th June 1832 having been fortunate enough to obtain recommendations on his behalf from individuals, which drew also from Your Excellency at the time, expressions of high approbation of the general conduct of Memorialist.

That in the interval that has occurred since that period Memorialist has devoted himself

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to agricultural and other improvements at New Norfolk, and also a portion of his time in assisting Mr Henry Melville in the general conduct of his printing Establishment –

That it has now been decided by the Magistrates that certain duties that have devolved upon him in his latter capacity, are in contravention of a Government Order dated July 1828. which prohibits Prisoners of the Crown from writing or causing to be inserted, Articles in the Newspapers, and in consequence they have been pleased to direct that his Ticket of Leave should be suspended twelve Months.

Memorialist

Memorialist however begs to
submit with great humility, as
well as earnestness to your Excellency
that the Offence has been
committed most unwillingly on
his part, having always conceived
that under the terms of his Ticket
of Leave, he was strictly employing
himself in "a lawful occupation".
He refers with confidence to the
whole of his conduct, in order to
shew that no man can be
more careful in observing all
Government Regulations than
himself, and he ventures therefore
upon the present occasion to
approach Your Excellency, humbly
entreating that a Sentence,
under which he would be

deprived

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deprived of the very means of maintaining a Wife and Son whom Your Excellency has been pleased to recommend to the Home Government should be allowed a free passage to this Colony, may not be carried into effect. And as in duty bound Memorialist will ever pray—

Having fully established the fact that this Petitioner was Editor of the Newspaper which published a false and malignant attack upon my character,—and thereby exposed and I trust put an end to the system of Prisoners of the Crown being permitted to conduct Newspapers— I beg to

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state that as far as I am concerned I have no wish to see him deprived of his Indulgence – First – Because I do not beleive that he wrote the offensive Article, Second – Because I think that he was by circumstances misled into a belief that his Ticket of Leave entitled him to employ himself as a Newspaper Editor –

I therefore respectfully recommend his prayer to the favorable consideration of His Excellency.

(Sd) – James Gordon
29th May 1833 –

Mr Savery having been employed by myself during the whole period that he has held his Ticket of

Leave

Leave, I feel myself bound to
bear testimony to his uniformly
correct conduct, and to add
that although of course after the
decision of the Magistrates I can
have no interest in so doing,
I earnestly recommend his
petition to Your Excellency's
favorable consideration — It was
the circumstance alone of my
unavoidable absence at Launceston
that threw upon Mr Savory the
particular duties from which
his present unfortunate suspension
of his Ticket of Leave has resulted,
but he never was the Editor of
the Tasmanian —

I have &c
Henry Melville
30th May 1833 —

During the short period I

was

and Acting Police Magistrate at
New Norfolk, I had occasion to
remark the regularity and good
conduct of Savery and his
Establishment, and impressed with
a very high opinion of his behaviour
and character from observation
and report. I beg leave to add
my recommendation to this
Memorial for His Excellency's
favorable consideration.

(Sd) James England
P.M.
30th May 1833

I strongly recommend the
prayer of this petition to the
favorable consideration of His
Excellency.

Having observed Mr Gordon's
Statement upon this paper I

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feel myself as one of the convicting Magistrates called upon to notice two assertions which he has made the first is "that he had fully "established the fact that this "Petitioner was Editor of a Newspaper" this I deny having been proved in evidence — the second is — by inference — that "Prisoners of the "Crown are permitted to conduct "Newspapers" which as Chief Police Magistrate I totally deny —

I will now add that so far as I was concerned, and the Magistrates were unanimous, Searcy was sentenced, not for writing the offensive article, not for being Editor of a Paper — but for having spoken most

disrespectfully

disrespectfully of Mr Gordon who, be it remembered is a Legislative Councillor, and the oldest Magistrate in the Territory, but from a paper in my possession and Copy of which I shall have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, it would appear that Savery was brought before the Police for other reasons than for a private attack upon Mr Gordon's character.

(S.d.) M. Forster
C.P.M.
6th June 1833.

I perfectly coincide in the above statement of the Chief Police Magistrate, and from the length of time I have known the

Petitioner

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Petitioner in my official capacity (upwards of Six years) I can conscientiously state him to be one of the best conducted Convicts in the Island - Since the prosecution Mr. Gilbert Robertson has told me that bringing forward the case against "Savery" was not so much against him as for other purposes -

(Sd.) Josiah Spode
June 7th 1833 Prin. Supt. of Convicts.