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## Petition of Edward Sawyer for a Pardon

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Petition of Edward Sawyer  
for a Pardon. —

In Council, Saturday,  
Oct 5. 1822.

Read and referred to the  
Committee on Pardons. —

To his Excellency the Governour and the Honourable Council of the State of Maine,

Humbly petitions Edward Sawyer now confined in the Portland goal, under sentence of the Supreme Judicial Court holden at Portland for the county of Cumberland at May Term last; that he is a minor; that the offense of which he was convicted was Larceny in pilfering several small quantities of bristles from the ship of one Nash, who has been convicted of a crime.

That your petitioner was sentenced to twenty days solitary imprisonment and six months confinement to hard labour. - And he humbly prays your excellency and honour to take unto consideration the circumstances of his case; his youth; the respectability of his connections; notwithstanding the poverty of his parents; and the inducements he will have to endeavour to recover his character, if this stigma can be removed from it, and enter upon a life of usefulness and honesty. He therefore prays for a pardon and promises to endeavour to merit it.

Cornwall and N. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1822. I hereby certify that the above named Edw. Sawyer has behaved well during the whole time of his confinement in Goal - that I have had no cause of Complaint whatever ag<sup>t</sup> him for any insubordination of Conduct since he has been under my care - And I do most cheerfully recommend him to the favorable notice of His Excellency the Governour and the Honourable Council -

Edward Sawyer

W. Merrill of Garder