

Petition of
Elizabeth Nelson for the
Pardon of Charles Sargent

Charles S. Nelson Esquire
Secretary of State
Sargent to Me

Aug 29. 1836
Common Pleas

Guller

To His Excellency Robert P. Dunlap, ^{Governor} and ^{to the}
Honorable ^{the} Council of the State of Maine.

The undersigned would respectfully represent that her son Charles Sargent of Portland now in the twenty first year of his age was convicted of certain offences against the laws at the Supreme Judicial Court held at Portland in April last and was sentenced by the Court to the State's prison for the period of two years and nine months. That her said son has been undergoing his punishment from that time until the present day. And your petitioner would further represent that her said son lost his father when he was only seven years of age. That since her husband's death she has had the sole care of him and that he is her only son by his father. Her first husband. She would further represent that she has every reason to hope and believe that her said son feels deeply the folly and consequences of his misconduct and that if he could obtain his pardon he would be restored to society and make yet a useful and respectable member of the community. She believes him to be deeply penitent and that his behaviour in prison has been uniformly

good and she knows that her unfortunate son
was led astray and enticed and persuaded
into mischief by persons of mature age and
that he has been the victim of hardened iniquity.
She is anxious with all a mother's interest and
tenderness to save her first born from destruction
and she fears lest being continued where he is
his present repentant feelings and good resolutions
may ~~not~~ be smothered under the fatal influ-
ence of the company around him. She prays
that her son may not be made to pass through
such a trial but that in pity to his orphan
condition and ~~that~~ tender years the mercy of
the Governor and Council may be extended
to him and that he may receive a full and
free pardon for the offences of which he stands
convicted.

Elinor M. Nelson

Portland Jan^y 26. 1836

Let the undersigned do hereby unite in the peti-
tion of Mrs Elizabeth Nelson for the pardon of her son
Charles Sargent. And we do hereby express our
hope that the Governor and Council will consent
to his request in the desire to save a young man
from certain destruction and restore him to society.

Portland Jan^y 26. 1830.

William H. Colman

Isaac Knight

Isaac W. Shepard

John Dunlap

George F. Wood

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Isaac Knight

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