

Sir

Frankfort 10th May 1804

Agreeably to your request I have endeavoured to recollect the circumstances attending the trial of Cox, convicted in the District Court of Lexington for Arson. I appeared for him, as his Counsel, before the examining Court; but having no notes of the Evidence adduced, or the Authorities cited, I cannot undertake from memory to state, with any accuracy, the testimony or the Law relied upon against him. I did not appear for him on his final trial, not because I thought his case desperate or undefensible, but owing to his not being able or willing to pay my fee; and because ~~his~~ was not in my opinion one of that description of cases which address themselves to the feelings and humanity of the Bar.

Since the trial and conviction I have been induced to believe, from information communicated to me by several, that he was not the perpetrator of the Crime. In particular I recollect that Mr. Daniel Weible now dead, whose house was destroyed, informed me that