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Lucretia Sealy

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Mr Seely I take this opportunity of writing to you in order to beg your assistance in getting my husband liberated I want you to go to the Governor and plead for him for I know he has been punished more than he deserves all ready I can get more than one hundred that will say he has punished enough and a great deal to much for an innocent man. Mr Seely has been a kind husband and an affectionate father and a hard working man and a good provider the loss of him is apparently more than I can bare I am left alone with a little babe to man with me my relations are seven hundred miles from me my dear little children are scattered and when I go to see them my grief is as much as I can bare they will say mother I want to go home to see pappy the next thing they ask me wper is huf and I want to see sister I have to tell them I have no home for them O what do you think that my feelings are I cannot describe them

O if you ever pittied a poor woman and little children O pittie us and do what you can for us when I was there the governors said if he was innocent he would pardon him I cannot find out that he was guilty not of half he was accused of even if he was guilty plead with the governor to pardon him I think this was a great crime to send the innocent there but pardon and restore him to his wife one that feels sorrow and grief day after day my heart seems as if it would break some times just to think where my affectionate husband is my cry is innocent innocent my little childrens inquiries are many very many

I must draw my letter to a close for me
that I may live up to my duty while I travel
in sorrow in this world I find that this is a
world of trouble. O when shall my sorrows
have an end if you please. Write to me
as soon as you can and give your advice
what to do Direct your letter to Jefferson
I am at John M. Lomal's son
Madison County Ohio Mr Finley

Lucretia Sealy

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to Sebroe her husband

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