Albany 19 December 1825

Sir Witt Clinton

Owing to accidental cir=
cumstances, I have not been able before to
attend to the request contained in your
letter, transmitted through the Secretary of
State.

The information, which it was requisite
that I should obtain, before I acted on your
request, did not arrive until this day;
and I now hasten to make a reply, which
has been too long delayed.

The statement of the Inspectors of the
State Prison, respecting the case indicated by
you is in the words following.

"In the case of Joseph Anthony Antly Cavallo.
He is now 31 years of age – a native of South
America – was committed in the City of New York
before the Recorder for the crimes of Robbery
and Grand Larceny in April 1822 and
sentenced to the State Prison for life. From the
nature of his crime and his conduct here being
bad, we should say that he is not deserving of

Executive Clemency"

Notwithstanding this unfavorable report, I cannot consistently with any high consideration for you and the respectable organ through which you move your request, decline a compliance with it. I shall therefore direct a pardon to issue for him, on condition that he shall depart from the United States and never return. This pardon will be deposited with the keeper of the Prison with instructions to convey him from the prison on board of a vessel previously arranged and destined for his country, agreeably to your suggestion or proposal. And whenever you have directed the requisite preparations, the keeper will be ready to attend to your orders.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your most obedt. servt.
Franklin Pierce

To
Hon. Humphrey
Marshall