

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the
United States:

The petition and application for
Special pardon of Thomas Stofus, a citizen of the
State of Alabama, respectfully shows, that he is
of the age of fifty-three years and has a family
of a wife and seven children and by occupa-
tion has been until recently a merchant engaged
in the business of selling clothing in the City of
Mobile: that he has held no office civil or mil-
itary in the State or Confederate service and is in
no manner excepted from the benefits of the pro-
clamation of Amnesty of 29th May last except
under the 13th Clause of exception, the estate
and property of your petitioner being now
of more value than twenty thousand dollars:

That the property of your petitioner consists
principally of real estate in the City of Mobile
and of Stocks in incorporated Banks, Rail Road
and Insurance Companies, which stock, are
now nearly or quite worthless, and all of
which property was acquired by him prior
to the war and the value of which has
been very seriously and to a great extent
diminished by the war.

Your petitioner shows that he was
opposed to secession as a remedy for the threat-
ened evils to his State and did not give in
his adhesion or support to the doctrines and
measures of the secessionary party of the South -
that after war had begun, without his agency,
his sympathies were enlisted on behalf of his coun-
try and he did aid the Cause by occasioning