

To The Hon^d Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Chicago } }

Your Petitioner, would respectfully ask
of your Hon^d Body, to be released from the payments of
a certain Fine, imposed upon him in November last.

The Particulars, of which is as follows, That during
the excitement of the arrest, of the Fugitive Slave, last Fall,
your Petitioner, was in the Street, looking on at the confusion
of the crowd, the same as many others. And while so
standing, quietly and peaceable. He was ordered by the
City Marshall, and an officer of the Police, to assist
in arresting a certain noisy, unruly person, who was
trying, to excite the crowd to violence. I obeyed the order
of the officers, and did assist in taking this person
to the Watch House, and for so doing, I was complau-
-ed of, and suits brought against me, by the person so
arrested, and by an array of witnesses, who some-
times false, to the facts of the case. I was fined
\$12,50 and costs, which fine, your Petitioner would
respectfully say, He is utterly unable to pay, as the
compensation for his daily labor, is barely sufficient
now to support himself and family, and knowing
no honorable way, he can pay the fine.

He very respectfully asks of your Honorable Body,
to be released from the payments thereof

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

William Taylor

Chicago March 1. 1852