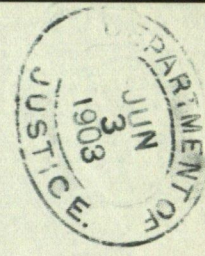


EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON



Copy of letter.

Cabaniss, Ga., Monroe Co., May 24, 1903.

Dear Sir:

I have been in the gang very near 25 months, and I did not have but 12 months, is what the State Judge gave me, and I laid in jail 5 months. I was not able to work when I first went to the gang and they just beat sores on me every day. They started to whip me one day and I was so sore till I run from them and they took me up to the County Judge and he gave me 8 more months. They hit one side the head with the gun and burst my skull on the right side so I can't hear out of my right ear. Now I taken sick this year and staid sick three months and is sick now with the consumption. Now the Doctor is a waiting on me. Now they said I was costing the County so much that they wanted me to go home and I didnt want to, so they stopped the doctors from waiting on me and I staid there 2 weeks without any doctor. I wanted to stay there till I got well so they could furnish me a doctor and when I got well I would work out my time. They got a man to take me up in the buggy and car to my home whether I wanted to go or not. They have nit furnished me a doctor or nothing to eat and they say if I get well they want me to come back and work out that other little time and I want to know from you can they do so or is there any law for them to do so when they made me go home and I didn't want to and the doctor said before they made him stop waiting on me for me to eat light diets such as rice and fish and beef. My mother is old and she isn't able to work for me. She isn't able to work for herself. She can't get me

no doctor and no light diets to eat. She has to run about and beg me a cake of bread and a little syrup and milk and every time I eat that I throw it up, it dont suit my stomach. They worked me in so much water, up above my knees, in November, till I am filled with cold and I think they ought to furnish me a doctor so that I can get well. Please send me some money or fix it so that I can draw some from the County. I will close by saying write soon as you get this letter. I am sick and can't get about. This is from your friend.

Jerry Shannan.