

THE MURDERER POINDEXTER.

HE DOES NOT WISH TO BE DEGRADED BY
WEARING A CONVICT'S DRESS.

From the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch, Feb. 13.

Mr. Fulkerson, yesterday, from the Senate Committee on Public Institutions, reported to the Senate Major Walker's bill "to exempt John E. Poindexter from the clothing prescribed by law for convicts," with the following proviso or amendment at the end of the first section: "Provided, however, if at any time said Poindexter shall be incarcerated within the prison walls of the Penitentiary, he shall, during such incarceration, not enjoy the benefit of this act." The bill as reported was accompanied by the following letter from Mr. George H. Poindexter, brother of Mr. J. E. Poindexter, addressed to the committee to which the bill was referred:

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 12, 1880.

*To the Honorable Committee on Asylums and Prisons
of the Senate:*

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of my brother I beg you will report favorably on the bill presented to the Senate by the Senator from Chesterfield County. It is unnecessary to go into details of the offense committed by my brother against the laws of his State. They are fresh in the minds of all—an offense not a felony in the eyes of his fellow-citizens, and of such a character as to cause the Judge in passing sentence upon to designate him as the victim of an unfortunate calamity which might befall any young man in the community. His Excellency the Governor has declined to extend Executive clemency, though appealed to by a large number of his fellow-citizens—citizens representing all classes and conditions, among them a majority of the Senators of Virginia, and a majority, I understand, of the House of Delegates, and the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of this city. So my unfortunate brother appeals to the Legislature of his State to mitigate the degradation of his sentence to the extent of exemption from wearing a felon's suit, so humiliating to a man of high sensibilities, whose honor, in his own eyes and in the eyes of his fellow-citizens, is untarnished. So I beg in behalf of my brother and in the name of his numerous petitioners for Executive clemency, that this honorable committee will report favorably and promptly upon the bill presented by the Senator from Chesterfield. Very respectfully,
GEORGE H. POINDEXTER.

It is understood that Mr. Poindexter will be sent away from the city on some of the public works, in which event the bill, it is believed, will exempt him as he asks.

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