I pray the in my many full tenderness to hear me with forbearance
and gratefully grant me my request if agreeable to you well.

What I have spend my time in the service of my land and
Nation until the age has overtaken me that I am not capable
of hard labor nor delivered these conditions that lies in my
way which renders it not convenient for me to undertake
the business of a planter. I have undertaken as usual
of playing off goods in this and some other states as businees seems to lend me—by law can not be made to sell

Every Captivate there fore the necessary far thakes from it my small estate the proceeds that might help to support
me as my beginning is small—therefore, my request
the grate, Representative or President of the west
untied States is if it is not contrary to our rights and
liberty that he would one license for selling Dray good
or groospy in any state or country without further
expense if it is consistent with his Good Pleasure
and if not pray excuses my Ignorance

Mr. I am obedien subject

Wm. Ruin

Dec. 13 1803
Mr. Thomas Jefferson
President of the United States