

Lawrence Hamilton

Utah State Prison,
Salt Lake City, Utah
September, 18, 1922.

Gov. Chas. R. Maby,
State Capitol Bldg.
Salt Lake City Utah.

Dear Sir:

Upon entering this prison and during my stay here have had ample time to analyze my past and meditate on the future. I realize that my confinement here benefited me in many ways, mainly in looking on my past experiences I have found like so many others that the way of the transgressor is hard that it does not pay. While in my twenties although I am a young man of thirty have encountered many temptations and as was only natural through bad environment I tried partaking the forbidden fruit O. God if I had only stopped to realize and take time to think of the consequences but I did not and as the result I am in prison still. I feel that I might thank God for bringing this calamity at this age for what a heart crusher it would be say fifteen years from now, besides there is no telling what greater temptations I would have encountered had I not been apprehended therefore I believe this isolation has been of the greatest help to me to secure a better view of life and its temptations;

Now your Excellency I have been here eighteen months and I feel now that I can go forth and take my place in society and become a better man. If your Excellency and the Hon. board of Pardons will give me some consideration at your Oct. meeting I can assure you sir, that I will never give you cause to regret it, I am;-

Very Sincerely.

Lawrence Hamilton