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To The Governor of Utah, or
Board of Pardons.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I am not related to the parties nor employed by them as attorney in any cases. I am told that Fred Hopkins was convicted at Ogden, Utah, in September and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

I have known this party for past 20 years he was taken when about 5 years of age by I. L. Hopkins to rear and he lived here principally all the time till he was of age, since then I have not seen much of him.

At all time during his minority he was regarded as a quiet and peaceable boy, he was never engaged in difficulties such as other boys usually engage in, I am sure there was never a charge in any of our Courts against him for engaging in fighting or scrapping, and I was surprised to hear of his conviction on such a charge.

This boy received an injury from the kick of a mule when quite young that disfigured his face and gave him rather a hard expression and I wonder if this did not have considerable weight with the jury in convicting him.

I can not bring myself to the belief that he brought on this trouble, it must have been pushed on him, this is to beseech you to investigate this case closely and see if he is not due a pardon or a parole.

Whatever you may be able to do for him will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

E Philpot