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To The Governor of Utah,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Governor:- I am writing you about Fred Hopkins, who in September was convicted of some crime at Odgen Utah and was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

I have known Fred since he was a boy, I.L.Hopkins took him to raise when quite small and he remained with him till he was about of age and since then has only been home at intervalson visits.

When quite young he received a kick by a mule on bridge of nose and forehead. I, as surgeon, performed two operations for the removal of pieces of bone, this left him disfigured for life and gives to him an appearance much more vicious than his true nature would warrant.

Knowing the adversities and difficulties under which he grew up, I believe, that unless the proof was strong against him, that he is due an unusual consideration. Won't you therefore please investigate his case and if consistent with your honor, extend to him leniency due the underprivileged, pardon him and give him a chance again.

Very respectfully,

*Mason Combs*