

C. B. dec. recd. say for Colles of May. 11. To Directors of Penitentiary  
June 11. 1830

To the Directors of the Penitentiary.

Gentlemen,

I am instructed by a letter received from the Governor to inform you, that he has received your Communication recommending the pardon of several convicts now in the Penitentiary; and that coming as it does from so highly respectable a source, and being justly entitled to great weight, he has given to it mature consideration.

He has instructed me further to say, that as he does not feel justified in acting on these cases, as at present presented to him, he deems it respectful to the Board of Directors to apprise them, of the general rules, which he has prescribed to himself for the government of such cases.

That applications for pardon, must be accompanied by a recommendation from the Court passing the sentence of condemnation, or

By the Jury convicting the party, or

That when the Court cannot unanimously condemn, by the representations of persons of known respectability who were acquainted with the character of the persons before conviction, and who can offer mitigating circumstances in relation to the commission of the crime, for which the criminal was convicted.

When applications are supported by such testimony, accompanied by a statement from your body of the good conduct of the parties while in confinement, the Governor instructs me to say, that he would consider almost only justifiable, but expedient that he should exercise his power to pardon; and that if you Board will furnish such recommendations in the cases before referred to, and thus bring them within the rules prescribed he will have pleasure in exercising his prerogative in their favour.

With great respect

I have the honor to be &c

J. Murray

July 14. 1830

To the Hon. John Forward.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that you have this day been unanimously appointed a member of the Executive Council of this State to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Otto Foster and I am instructed by the Council to request, that you will attend the next meeting of the Council; of which I shall have the honor to apprise you.

I have the honor to be &c

J. Murray