

January 31st,  
1929

Mr. Ed H. Whyte,  
Room 6, Ferry Bldg.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Whyte:

I am sorry to get your letter of January twenty-sixth relative to Cecil Emerson, #42145 and immediately upon receipt of your letter I called Mr. C. E. Huntoon, 1371 Lewis Avenue, Long Beach, California by long distance and the following is a synopsis of the situation.

You will remember that while my father was gone Mr. Huntoon came to San Diego and it was because of him that I wrote you requesting the change of address for Mr. Emerson in order that he might get a job that Mr. Huntoon knew was available in Long Beach.

Unbeknown to us Mr. Emerson had bought some clothes here in San Diego from one of these stores where you pay \$2.50 a week and he owed them in the neighborhood of \$40 or \$50. He also owed us \$40 which of course we were not pressing him for.

After going to Long Beach and getting the position that he was to have and living with Mr. Huntoon and paying him board everything went along smoothly and I had a letter from Mr. Emerson saying that he would soon be able to pay up his accounts here in San Diego.

On the thirty-first of December he was laid off in the oil fields along with a number of other men and Mr. Huntoon informs me over the 'phone last night that it was not due to his work as they liked him but it was just a matter of cutting down on their help.

In the endeavor to find another job in Long Beach and I believe it was some time after the first of the month that we wrote him enclosing his monthly statement telling him to report to your Deputy in Los Angeles rather than to us. Mr. Huntoon tells me that he seemed depressed in receiving that letter. Also the fact that he had not



been able to get a job and he seemed worried because he could not take care of his accounts in San Diego.

On the eighth of January, Mr. Huntoon's mother died in the east and he had to go east leaving on the ninth.

Emerson went to Los Angeles to report on the eighth, came back on the tenth and left a note with Mrs. Huntoon saying that he was going to look for a job near Los Angeles and that is the last they have heard of him.

I told Mr. Huntoon the circumstances - that if he did not report within 15 days he would be a fugitive from justice - and I told him to do the best to get in touch with him but he said he absolutely knew nothing about his whereabouts.

This is all that we know of the case and in the meantime I will see what I can do to help you locate Mr. Emerson but I am afraid he is not down in this part of the country.

Sincerely yours,

EFjr:AK

March 21st, 1929.

Mr. Ed H. White, State Parole Officer  
Ferry Building  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. White:

One of the boys that we took out on parole some three or four years ago, Robert Heffernan, came in to see me the other day and wanted to find out if it would be possible for him to get a fidelity bond. He has certainly made good if anyone ever has since getting paroled.

At the present time he is assistant cashier of the H. G. Fenton Material Company of San Diego and making good salary and as far as I can find out they like his work very much.

There was recently a vacancy created in the organization which puts him in line as assistant treasurer and in which position he will probably need a fidelity bond.

The H. G. Fenton Company does not know of his past record and he does not want to accept the new position unless he is sure that he can get the bond for fear of their finding out his past record.

Do you think he could get a bond and do you think his present employers should be informed of his circumstances? Should I leave it to his discretion?

Also, Mr. Heffernan asked me to find out if it was possible to get a pardon or if it was necessary to get a pardon, having served out the entire sentence, part of which was on parole? Is he now a citizen and entitled to vote?

Thanking you for your opinion in the matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF, JRGH



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April 6th, 1929.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,  
Fletcher Building,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

I am taking the liberty of soliciting your most valuable aid in behalf of a parole subject that we have in San Diego, who is having a very difficult time securing employment and who from his untiring efforts seeking occupation has become very downhearted and discouraged and asked that he be permitted to return to prison, rather than be idle and take any chances of getting into difficulty.

His name Raphael Stout, Folsom No. 11410, and he has been on parole since 1925 and has done very well, up and until the last several months. He is serving a very long sentence and will be on parole for a great number of years. His life for the greater part has been spent in and near San Diego and he is a teamster by occupation, which profession or type of work almost having past out of existence. He would however, make a very good laborer, being a good husky man and is only about forty years of age. He is not of the vicious criminal type, and I do not believe he is lazy.

I have taken the liberty of telling him to call on you in the hope that you perhaps could direct him some place where he could secure work of some kind or other. Seeing he has done so well and endeavored to make good since his release, I would not want him to return to prison voluntarily, because he could not secure employment.

Thanking you for any small aid you may be able to render the poor fellow and I can recommend him as a worthy case. I remain with kindest wishes and regards,

Yours very truly,

*Ed. H. Whyte*  
State Parole Officer.

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April Eleventh,

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Mr. Ed. H. Whyte,  
State Parole Officer,  
Room 6, Ferry Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Whyte:

Answering yours of the sixth asking me to parole Ralph Stout, Folsom No. 11410 will say that I will be glad to help out in this matter when he comes to see me.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK



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September 12th, 1929.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

October 1st, 1929.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher Jr.,  
1020 Ninth Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:- Re: Cecil Emerson \* S.Q. No. 42145.

Wish to advise you that this parole prisoner's time expired September 7th, 1929, and his Certificate of Discharge and Release has been forwarded to him in care of Mr. James W. Barbee, Attorney at Law, Suite 502 Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg., Long Beach, California.

We held this case open, Emerson's status being that of a tentative parole violator, and if we had not heard from him within a reasonable length of time, the only course left open would have been to present his case to the Board and his parole would have been revoked. As the matter now stands, he has his discharge and his debt to society has been marked "paid in full".

Again I wish to thank you for the kind assistance and aid which you rendered this boy and the cooperation extended to this office in this and other matters in the past, I remain

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Whyte*

State Parole Officer.

KHW:P

Mr. Ed. Fletcher, Sr.,  
Fletcher Building,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

I am taking this opportunity of soliciting your valuable aid and again imposing on your kindness, in seeking information on a matter of considerable importance to this office.

We have on parole at this time, a well educated and polished man of pleasing manners and quiet demeanor, seeking permission to be allowed to engineer and promote a real estate venture in or around San Diego, the property known as Gladhart Acres. This man to have charge of the actual promotion for Mr. Gladhart.

What I am anxious to determine, is this property suitable for development and promotion and if it were to be sold and subdivided, would it require considerable inflating and high pressure methods to dispose of the property or could it be sold with ease on the merits of the land itself.

I realize it may seem strange to ask such a question but know you are an excellent judge of real estate conditions in your vicinity and your opinion would be most valuable in order that I may be able to have an idea as to what action should be taken. Also what is your attitude toward a paroled prisoner promoting a real estate proposition in San Diego or any where for that matter.

Thanking you for any aid you can possibly render me in this matter and trust you will consider this as confidential. I remain,

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Whyte*  
State Parole Officer.

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Mr. Reed of Southern Title did not know where Gladhart Acres were so I called the County Surveyor's office and they said it was about three miles this side of Ramona.

October Fourth,  
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Mr. E. H. Whyte,  
State Parole Officer,  
Room 6, Ferry Bldg.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whyte:

Answering yours of October first will say Gladhart Acres are 35 miles from San Diego. It is purely a promotion scheme, no real money behind it. I would advise you to go into this matter very carefully.

Get your party to submit to you the proposition in black and white and I will be better able to analyze the situation but my advice to you is to go slow.

Would it not be a good thing for you to have your paroled prisoner write me a letter outlining just what the proposition is asking him to write me for advice and have him give you a copy of the letter he writes me, have go into detail and then I will send you a copy of my reply to him.

The following questions I would want answered.

1. Who owns the land?
2. Where is it located?
3. Has it been subdivided and a map filed?
4. What is the source of water supply?
5. For what purpose are they going to sell the land?
6. Roughly at what price and terms.
7. What is his part in this plan of development, purely salesman and if so on what basis of commission or salary?
8. With whom is he making the contract? I want to know if the man he is making the contract with is responsible or not, give his name and address.

You and I agree that we don't want any high pressure methods. It is bad for the community and on the other hand I want to encourage intelligent colonization.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

December Fifth,  
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Mr. Edward Whyte,  
State Parole Officer,  
Room 6, Ferry Bldg.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whyte:

Enclosed find monthly reports for Mr. Burke and Gressie H. Nolan.

I understand that Mr. Nolan expects to receive his discharge this month. I am very glad to write you that he has made good in every particular since he has been with me on parole.

Yours very truly.

EF:AK

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