

We plead for Mercy - Mercy - Mercy, before we die, for we are fast sinking into the grave. And what profit will there be in our blood? Is there no Mercy for us? Will the Gov., or people of Mo., at the last great day, regret that they exercised Mercy on suffering supplicants?

Since we came here, almost a score of Murderers, have been pardoned - some of them, declaring they would do the same thing again.

We are willing to be esteemed even worse than Murderers - "as the fifth of the Earth, & the offscouring of all things;" but still we plead for Mercy.

One of our number has been released - for which, a thousand thanks & prayers - Have we any left claim on your Mercy? Silver & gold, we have not, but we believe God will reward those who have mercy on us. We have been here 4 years out of 5th - 45, G. J. -

To the
Inspectors
of the Penitentiary.