

Los Angeles, Dec. 8, 1911.

Mr John A. McNamara;-

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 3rd inst.

I can well understand how you feel. Be assured of my sympathy.

Your sons were and are in a very sad situation, and I pity them from the bottom of my heart.

My position in passing sentence upon them was a hard and difficult one. But the law had been frightfully outraged, and I could only act as an officer of the law charged with the enforcement of its commands. And, of course, I could not allow myself to be influenced at all by any personal views or sentiments. I had a plain duty to perform, and sorrow or emotions of any kind which I might feel for the boys must not be at all considered.

It was an awful crime that each of these boys had committed and commensurate punishment was demanded by the law.

Again, I assure you of my deep sympathy for you in these hours of sorrow.

Yours truly,

P. S.

If, at any time, I can be of service to you, you are at liberty to write me.

Understand how you feel. Be assured sympathy
I ^{sympathy} ⁱⁿ ~~had~~ ⁱⁿ ~~situation~~ ^{of} ~~of course~~ ^{of} ~~fit~~ ^{them}
from my heart.

My part in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~entire~~ ^{entire} ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~spell~~ ^{spell} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~but~~ ^{but}
I ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~act~~ ^{act} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~offer~~ ^{offer} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~changed~~ ^{changed}
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