

Granite Falls, Minn., March 24th 1893

Hon Knute Nelson;

Governor —

Dear Sir —

Yours of the 23rd inst. is at hand, relating to the application for the pardon of Mrs Sarah Purvin. I have carefully read the letter of C. E. Shouman, dated March 20th 1893, which you enclose, and from my position as prosecuting attorney at the time she was convicted, and from the thorough investigation, which I then made of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the murder of Mr Purvin, I am satisfied that Mr. Shouman has stated the facts. — This man Kemox, at the time of the murder lived in the house and family of Mr Purvin, — and his subsequent career in another family in this City, I have become convinced that he was the instigator

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of the crime, - This may be no excuse in point of law, but in point of real guilt, and in the matter of executive clemency, it would seem to have great weight; - Mrs. Parris has two sisters, married and living near here, both of them exemplary wives, each of them, since her conviction, has had the care and support of one of her children. They are a boy and a girl, not two boys. - These sisters have often appealed to me to recommend the pardon of Mrs. Parris; - and for their sake and the sake of the innocent children, who are growing up under the stigma of their mother's imprisonment, I hope a pardon may be granted; -

Yours Respectfully,
Gosham Powers.