

Max Mason: Case No. 6785.

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Letter from H. V. Cashin to Frank A. Whittier, July 12, 1922.

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Parole Department
Minnesota State Prison.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of inquiry concerning Max Mason, colored, inmate of above named institution, his past habits, honesty, associates, disposition and general behavior:

I have known the young man all his life. He came along under very unfavorable conditions for being more than he is, morally or otherwise.

His habits have been characterized by dishonesty; his associates have been of the worst element of criminals. He has been convicted of petty offenses and of offenses involving moral turpitude. But withal he has not been of a vicious disposition. I attribute his bad character to the environments, home environments, under which he lived, until the death of parents, for both are now dead. The boy was so wrong, headed and ill taught, that he is, in my opinion, entitled to consideration. He was always an obliging boy, polite boy, with, apparently a kind heart. He is the victim of degrading conditions at home, and bad associates, that pulled him down. He is of a sunny nature.

I believe that a term in the prison, within the moral atmosphere of the orderly north will accomplish his reformation.

I am very respectfully,

H. V. Cashin