

Feb 21- 1921

His Excellency
Gov. Westmoreland Davis

Sir:

I am a S.S. teacher in the Penitentiary & am writing hoping I may throw a little more light on the case of Mary Morst, a colored woman now in the Pen. We are asking a pardon for her & her case is now before you.

She is the mother of twin children, born in the Pen. a few months after she came. These children are now at an orphanage & she lives in constant dread they will be taken by someone. Her devotion to them is pathetic in the extreme, in one way this is evidenced by her buying a bit of gingham or wearing apparel for them with the money she can make for herself after she has

[page break]

finished her task. She does this instead of buying tobacco, chewing gum or some relish that would be more palatable to her.

She has a real mother heart.

If pardoned she will go to her father living in Crystal, W. Va. I am convinced she is worthy & has paid for her crime in full.

Yours very truly
Kate H. Plecker

Mrs. W.A. Plecker
710 Hawthorne Ave.
Richmond, Va.