

Having been referred to in a petition for the mitigation of the sentence of Francis Christie, as holding the office of Colonial Secretary when an outbreak occurred in Darlinghurst Gaol, we have much pleasure in testifying to the fact of Christie's good conduct on that occasion, as well as to his general conduct during the entire period of his incarceration, so far as it came under my notice in either case. We are glad to record this opinion, so that it may operate as it ought in the prisoner's favor. And so far as these and other circumstances mentioned in the petition entitle his case to the favorable consideration of the Government, we are willing to add our testimony and recommendation.

(Signed), WILLIAM FORSTER.
" RICHARD HILL.

December 29th, 1871.

For about fourteen years I have been medical attendant on the family of Francis Christie, and have frequently visited him since his confinement in Darlinghurst, and during my last three visits I was glad to observe that he was greatly changed for the better, having entirely lost that peculiar ferocity of character which characterised him immediately after his capture in 1864; and it is my opinion that he is now completely recovered from his evil ways, and that it would be perfectly safe to permit him to go at large.

(Signed), A. MOFFITT,
Physician, &c.

135, CASTLEREAGH STREET, January 5th, 1872.

Sometime since I visited Darlinghurst Gaol, and had a long conversation with the prisoner Christie, which has fully convinced me he deeply regrets the great wrongs he has done. Under this belief, and considering the long period he has been incarcerated, I am induced to sign this petition in his favor, and which I trust will be successful.

(Signed), JOSEPH ECKFORD.

THE OSBORNE, SYDNEY, January 10th, 1872.

J. J. JOSEPHSON,
Macquarie Street.

JAMES SUTTON,
Dowling St. & Moore Park,
(One of the Jury).

Some years ago, whilst Christie, or Gardiner, was residing at Apis Creek, in the Colony of Queensland, keeping a roadside accommodation house for travellers, we were travelling that way in company with Mr. Keen, and on our return had occasion to want some flour from a dray which we met on a road; the driver refused to sell, urging that it belonged to Christie; in about half an hour after Christie made his appearance, and inquiring after his dray we mentioned the fact, when he immediately rode on and ordered some to be sent to us. From inquiries his conduct caused us to make, we learned that his conduct was civil and obliging, and that he was always willing to help or serve any traveller.

Since his long incarceration, we have made it a part of our duty to continually inquire of his behaviour and general deportment, and have found it to be good. Under