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— paroles and probation division.

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WITH APPENDIX



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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

HON. JOHN T. RICH, *Governor of Michigan*:

Sir—We have the honor to transmit herewith the proceedings of the advisory board in the matter of pardons for the year ending November 29, 1894.

During the year the board have had under consideration 185 applications for executive clemency. In 15 of these clemency has been recommended, 39 applications having been denied, and the terms of imprisonment of 14 convicts whose applications have been before us for consideration have expired without final action having been taken.

This board was appointed, under the law of 1893, on November 29, 1893, and held its first session on December 6 following, at which time nearly 100 applications were in waiting for its investigation and action. The board has endeavored to give its most careful attention to the consideration of these numerous applications, and every case has been investigated personally by at least one member of the board. A full and fair hearing has been given to all who desired to appear before the board to pray for the release of any convict, and a personal interview has been had with every convict who has made application. This has required much time and the holding of several sessions of the board at each of the State prisons. Sessions of the board have also been held at other places in the State for the purpose of interviewing parties interested, and to ascertain facts and circumstances and gain needed information in particular cases.

The board is hampered somewhat in its investigations through inability to obtain the testimony on which conviction was had, on account of the applicant or his friends not being able to pay the cost of obtaining the same. Meritorious cases are many times delayed on this account. The board is of opinion that some legislation should be taken with a view of overcoming this difficulty.

Circuit judges and prosecuting attorneys have been very kind to the

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board in giving their time to attend its sessions, and in aiding the board in many ways to arrive at a correct understanding of the merits of applications.

This report of proceedings and appended matter, is submitted in the hope that it may aid the executive and others interested as a ready reference in relation to the applications herein considered and referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

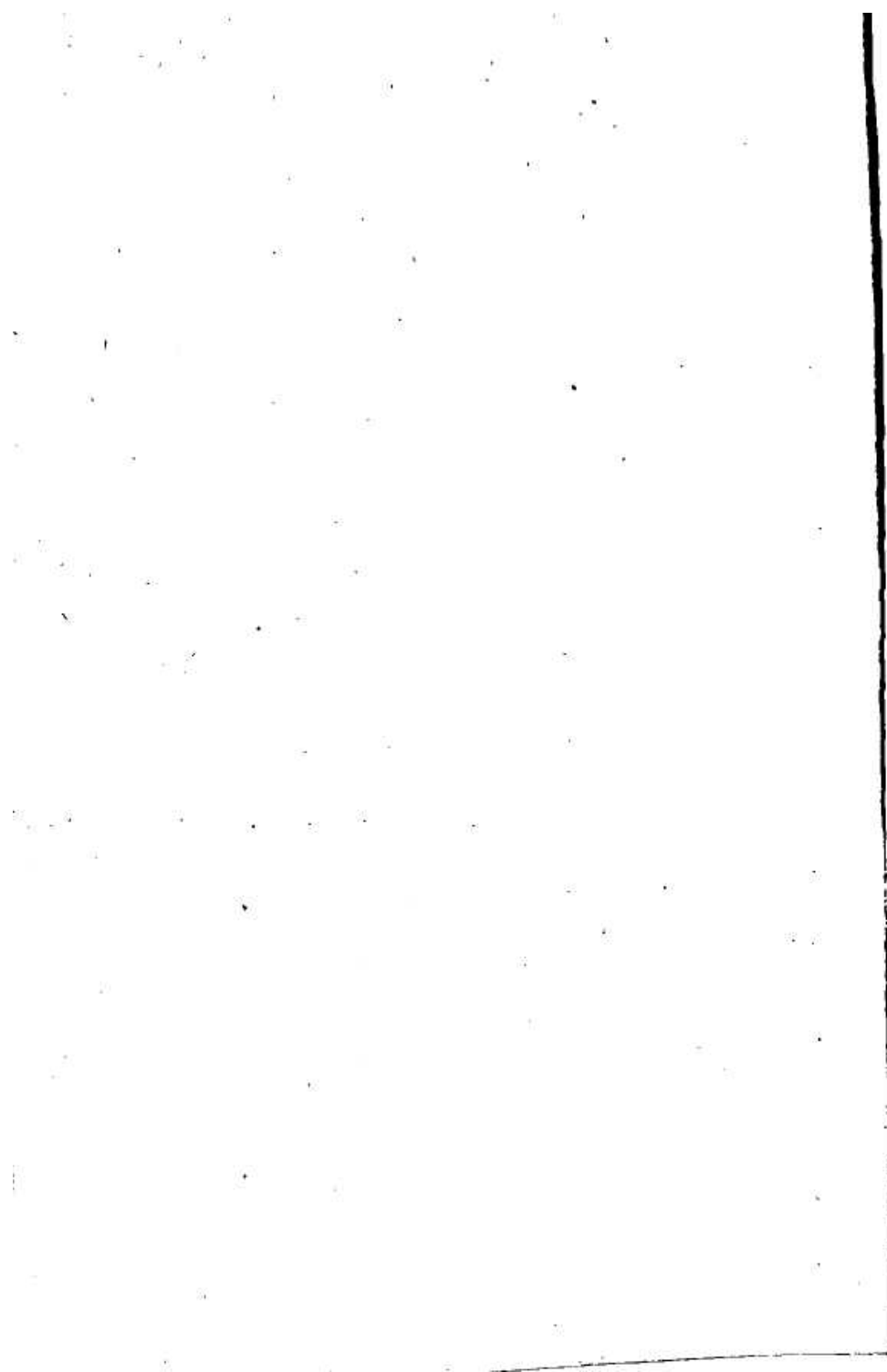
HARSEN D. SMITH,
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CHARLES L. RARDEN,
CHARLES F. BECK.

Lansing, December 1, 1894.

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IN THE MATTER OF PARDONS

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J. H. COLE, Secretary,	LAPERE.



RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE
ADVISORY BOARD IN THE MATTER OF PARDONS.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 1898.

I. Applications for pardon may be made by convicts, or by their attorneys, relatives or friends, for them. Every application must contain or be accompanied by the following information:

1. Full name of convict, with prison number and age.
2. The crime of which he was convicted.
3. Date and term of sentence, and when his good time will expire.
4. County and court in which he was tried.
5. Names of the trial judge and prosecuting attorney.
6. Whether any former application has been made.
7. A brief history of the facts in the case, with a clear and definite statement of the grounds upon which clemency is asked.

II. Applications will not be considered until all the requirements of Rule I have been complied with, or a sufficient reason given for any omission.

III. After Rule I has been complied with, any evidence will be received and considered which tends to sustain the grounds of the application. All persons have the right and are requested to communicate to the board any material information which may be of value in determining the merits of applications.

IV. All facts relied upon to sustain any allegation as a ground for pardon, must be proved by affidavit, except such as appear from court records, or from the statements of court or prison officers.

V. If judgment was pronounced upon a plea of guilty, a certified copy of the indictment or information should be furnished.

VI. If required by notice from the board, a transcript from the stenographer's notes taken on the trial must be furnished.

VII. If required by notice from the board, a notice of the application, with the grounds upon which it is based, must be published in a newspaper printed in the county where the conviction was had.

VIII. Briefs and written arguments on behalf of applicants will be received.

IX. No application which has been acted upon by the board of pardons will be reconsidered within six months thereafter, and no application once denied, will be reconsidered unless new and material information shall appear.

X. The board shall hold regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, at the executive office, Lansing, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. Special meetings of the board may be called by the president whenever in the opinion of a majority of the board it is deemed necessary. Correspondence may be had with the secretary at any time, and all applications which have been properly presented will be considered at an early date.

XI. All papers and correspondence should be addressed to J. H. Cole, secretary of the board of pardons, Lansing, Mich.

HARSEN D. SMITH,
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