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Note.—The proposed employer will fill in and sign the following form, and when such has been duly certified by the proper person as required, it must then be forwarded to Henry Wolfer, Warden, Minnesota State Prison, Stillwater, Minn:

HENRY WOLFER,

Warden Minnesota State Prison.
Dear Sir:
I, James Chair , at present engaged in the
Istoria a legar business at No. 107 Ouch planter Setreet,
Minn., hereby declare my willingness to take into my employ,
and if his conduct is satisfactory, to continue in my employ, until he receives his final
discharge, James James
at present an inmate of the Minnesota State Prison; and I agree to pay the said
James Jourges the sum of July 6029 Dollars
per Manch for his services.
I also agree to take a friendly interest in the said person, to counsel and direct him
in that which is good, and that I will promptly report to the management of the Prison
any unnecessary absence from work, any tendency to low or evil associations, or any
violation of the conditions of his parole; and I will see that he forwards his monthly
report to the Warden of the State Prison on the 20th of each month, and will certify to
its being correct. Lames Column
Dated at Monnespolis Minn. Feb 13 th 1902
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The following certificate must be signed by the Presiding or Associate Judge, the Clerk of the Court, a Notary Public, Alderman, or other officer who can affix an official seal, or by some one known to some member of the Board of Control or Warden. Failure to observe this rule will cause the return of the application:
Thereby certify that I am acquainted with the above named
James There and I believe him to be, in every respect, a fit and
proper person to have the supervision and care of James Jounger
who is an inmate of the Minnesota State Prison, and I am confident that he will faith-

Dated at Minneapolis

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[February 20, 1902]

MONTHLY REPORT.

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Paroled	men 14 1,802	
N. B.—Send	copy of this report to F. A. Whittier, State Agent, Capitol Building, St. Paul, Minn.	

TO HENRY WOLFER, WARDEN MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,

STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

1. By whom have you been employed the past month? Ans. Julie Colymn
Since 18 th Jebanary 1902
2. At what kind of work? Ans. Stelling Chegish
3. How many days have you worked? Ans. 3 Oay'S
4. What has been your wages per day or month? Ans. \$ 60 - BOWE & DOWN,
5. How much of your earnings have you expended and for what? Ans. M. W
6. How much money have you now on hand or due you? Ans. on hand \$: Due me \$
7. If you have been idle during any portion of the month state why? Ans.
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8. Are you satisfied with your present employment, if not, why not? Ans. Chilled Stuff
9. Where do you spend your evenings? Ans. Ot The State
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12. Have you used intoxicating liquor? Ans.
13. State what books, papers or magazines you have read: Ans.
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16. Have you had any trouble or misunderstanding with anyone? If so, state full, particulars. Ans. W
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Remarks:
Dated at Muneapolis Minn, this 20 day of Tel-20- 1902
(Signed) Jan Wanner.
STATEMENT OF EMPLOYER.
I have read the above statements of paroled prisoner and certify that to the best of more knowledge they are true.
Countersigned Tas Claves

Marden Walger, Mr- whittier's address, he was te me a note of removel, but I cannot find it a mone atters letters, and send them both in your's for safety- and would like ennelops for Jutune meponts.

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12.	Have you used intoxicating liquor? Ans. My
13.	State what books, papers or magazines you have read: Ans. Only Papers
14.	Have you attended any public meeting, dances, picnics or parties during the month, if so where and when?
15.	State in a general way your surroundings and prospects. Ans.

16.	Have you had any trouble or misunderstanding with anyone? If so, state full particulars. Ans.
Remo	vrks:
STA I ha prisone	(Signed) Minn., this day of March 1909. ATEMENT OF EMPLOYER. We read the above statements of paroled r and certify that to the best of my dige they are true.
	Countersigned James Olwin

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Paroled July 14 1901
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Countersigned Salves Elwin

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[June 20, 1902]

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JAMES ELWIN,

Wholesale Tobacconist and Manufacturer of Cigars.

Sole Manufacturer of "Bruno E" and "All Stock and No Style" Cigars.

107 WASHINGTON AVE. S. Minnsapolis, Minn. 26 th 1902 Marden Woller Stillwater minn Dir-9 am asked and I donot know which leaves me in an amknown lish position it withour Obliga

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YOUNGERS STOP FRIENDLY MOVE

Opposed to Efforts Out of Ordinary Channels for Absolute Pardon.

Cole Younger does not favor any effort to secure for him an absolute pardon which is not mde through the proper channel and by the proper officials.

This fact became apparent by his vetoing a plan originated by Mayor H. F. Bevans of Moris and Colonel William Colville during the reunion of the

First Minnesota.

Colonel Colville sent for Younger and outlined the plan, which was to start a petition headed by the members of the old First regiment, asking that an absolute pardon be granted to Cole and Jim Younger. Cole, however, was opposed.

"We don't want to be in a hurry in this matter," he said. "I won't have anything to do with the plan, nor will I sanction it. The board of control, Warden Wolfer and the state board of pardons should be consulted first. When they are ready to act, they will."

James Younger, Esq.,

107- Washington Ave., S.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :-

Your note of the 26th, with enclosed clipping from the Minneapolis Times, duly received.

In reply would say that Cole is working for John

O'Conner, Chief of Police, St. Paul, He is in charge of a cigar and fruit stand down near the Union depot. I supposed you were fully posted as to Cole's whereabouts and what he is doing.

I hope you are getting along nicely.

Very truly yours,

July 2, 1902.

James Younger, Esq.,

222 Sth Street S.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

about being out of employment. I was talking with Mr. Whittier some time ago about your case and he seemed to think there would be no trouble in finding you another place for you. Mr. Whittier has been very busy for some days back and is now in the east after a paroled prisoner. I hope you can find a place yourself. It seems to me that it ought not to be difficult to find work of some kind during these stirring times.

If you do not find anything very soon, you better go over and see Mr. Whittier again.

I had not heard of Cole's sickness and I hope it is nothing serious.

Yours very truly,

[Aug. 2, 1902]

Marven Wolfer Sir-My land laby-triel to Beans me in to paying-Lar my room again, but I tall her that I had already reparted My payment's to you, and the wilter and is now very anceous.

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3/ Dlease let me hear Itom you, Far I sout wish to be Idle, or to loose the time. Cole, 9 hear is sick, but I donot. Know where he lines, and wouldnot like going around ingnireing so keep Still. Respectfully Jim Younger. Auchesse Street

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South Minneapolis.

[August 20, 1902]

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	Countersigned

Warden Wolfer Sir, tried Canvasing-Jar Card's_ billhead's_Eurrelops, and co, for expences, Well, I walked about 30-miles, per Say, and talked myself hoarse, and got left, absolutely. On Quit. Respectdully-Jim Younger. 222 South 8-Street.

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Mr. F. A. Whittier,

State Agt., Endicott Bldg.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir :-

Please read the enclosed letter which I are just received from

James Younger and which explains itself. I also enclose copy of letter which

I have just written him in reply.

Very truly yours,

Aug. 22nd, 1902.

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Mr. James Younger,

#222 Bighth St. So.,

Minneapolis. Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter just re eived. I am sorry to hear you have been having such poor luck in finding a suitable position. I hope you will soon find something that will be satisfactory.

see Mr. F. 4. Whittier and see if he cannot help you.

I will write Mr. Whittier about it to-day.

Yours very trul",

[Aug.24,1902] Warden Wolfer, Six. The greatest difficulty I have had to meet, is the erronious wia, that I have money to burn, whene as I have had the handest Kind of a time, to keep up To an even notch. Elkins, Bronough, Prather, Jones, my nephieur, have all, accor ding to newspapers, Sent me Checks, but the truth of the matter is, that they talker, but Fargot the Check. Jones, is the only one, who ever sent Me a Check, and for 100 \$.

When I was Sich one Year ago, and I have heard Do much of that Check, and Of Charles Jones lihenality, that I have many times, from the depth of my Soul, wished, that I had never heard of it. I wrote Elkins, Bronough, Prather, and a Liew other talking Friend's, but to this day, not one of Them have neplied. and if Cole, has neceived any checks, he Knows, but I Sonot, far he has not acquainted me with the fact. and again,

My board bill, is higher than the average, because I have so much trouble, in geting food that I can lat, at the Themont, House, Whene Cal Elwin, Placed me, Mas A good, meat, and beread, Hotel, but I would wistarned to death thene. Lots of these Friend's that talk, far Publication, have finish their Plent, when their boastings. hane been printer. Just like, De Schummier's_ Published-offer, Of a home, and business. Respectfully-Aug 24-1902. Jim Hounger.

Bo4,148-Minneapolis. Marden Wolfer, Sir. Who Whittier, throte me, that he would be absent several day's, and when I reported to Mr Yerya, for work this Morning, he said some thing had arose, that Farbie, his emplaying Me, he didnot say what it mas, but I think it was the union, Laborers. at least our union man, Said ist my hearing that. Younger is wolfer's pet.

Mr Genza, then introduced me to a Mr Johnston, of the Heartford, Jusurence Company, Who wanted me To try that, but not being able to Close & deal, I negened him to Yourself, he Phoned_ but you were not in, so as he was comeing-to ShPaul, He asked we to 20 along, and see you, the 2-out tuesday, about engaging. Respectfully— Inniformer.

Minneapolis Minn, Sept 8-1902, Marden Walder 1902 Sir. SEP 9 1902 Sign State Prison. IL now Deenes, These Jellows, are howing a little sprant, out of me, A meek has gone, and still, I am ille, and at my own expense, with no money-or Licence, and Cannot Solicit without. What am I to do? Respectfully-Jim Younger.

Sept. 9th, 1902.

Mr. James Younger,

Box #178, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter received. I am surprised to hear that you are still unemployed. I supposed you were at work for the Insurance Company.

I have mislaid the card of the gentleman who talked to me in the Ryan Hotel about giving you employment. If you will send me his address by return mail I will write him a letter urging him to put you to work at once.

Please let me hear from you be return mail.

Yours very truly,

Mirenepholis Minn, Warden Wolfer-Dir. Yours neceived at & am, and I ment dinect, to Mr. Johnston , who was starting for shoand, but Said he would Tiry me out all night, at 4 pm, tallay. Room YT winth Bo St. Or Buy 148.

Minneapolis Minn, Sept 19th 1902, Manden Molher Mr Johnston, held me from the first, And give me 15 dollars, but Said, that it would take & mouth, to procune a Licence for me, and that he could neither pay me mages, nor avvance money-for expenses, thenefane, I mas left Idle again, as 9 Could not mark unlawful. Respectfully-Jim Younger. of MONTHLY REPORT.

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to the best of my knowledge they are

AGENT. STATE CAPITOL. 341 Endicott

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON.

STILLWATER, MINN.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.

ST. PAUL, MINN. Sept. 29, 1902.

Hon. Henry Wolfer,

Warden State Prison,

Stillwater, Minn.

Degar Sir:-

After I saw you the last time you were here, I got a note from
Jim Younger in which he samed that he was waiting for the Insurance Co.
to obtain their license and that he would be at work in a day or two.
I heard nothing from him until a day or two ago when he wrote a very doleful
letter saying that he had nothing to do and no way to make a living.
I have succeeded in finding him employment with F. R. Yerxa & Co. of
this City. Have been to see Mr Yerxa this morning and he will put him
at work at something, either in the cigar counter or as a salesman on
the facor. Have sent for Jim to come over at once.
As to Cole I have been to see him and he seems to be contented and Chief
O'Connor seems to want him to continue as he is at present.
He is about O'Connors house a part of the time and is at the station
some of the time where Mr. O'Connor seems to make use of him as a sort

Yours very truly,

of a messenger. At least that is what O'Connor tells me.

State Agent.

D.M. 111

Sept. 30th, 1902.

F. A. Whittier, Esq.,

State Agent, Endicott Building.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 29th, advising the disposition made of Jas.

Younger is received. I am glad to hear that you have at last found employment for him and I hope he can make a go of it. He seems to be nearly as helpless as a baby. I cannot understand how he has been able to support himself during the long period he has been out of employment unless he receives help from some source other than he has been able to provide for himself.

I think it might be well to keep in pretty close touch with him from now on and if he cannot hold his present position or something else that will enable him to support himself, I believe it would be a very good idea for him to return here until such time as something definite may be developed for him.

I am not very well pleased with the situation about Cole
Younger. I cannot think that Mr. O'Connor would use him in any way
that would be detrimental to Cole or injurious to the principle involved
in the parole system but I don't like the uncertain situation to say the
least, that he now appears to be filling.

It seems to me that Cole ought to be doing something more definite and regular than now appears. I make these suggestions for your consideration. Cole has been telling me for some months past that he was going to open up a cigar and fruit store for Mr. O'Connor.

F. A. W. Esq., -2-

Has that fallen through or are they still waiting and planning to this end ?

Very truly yours,

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE

Garrelson & Station, Oct - 21 1902

To Henry Holfer Sivilability the Pardin the Pardon Board, includeing the Hardin in their stremeous efforts to gain a little more of the cheap notority they are so desireous, of obtaining to the public of the public Honorable distinguished motority loving bod inscribed on a tablet of leather moderne Ite hold every thing but his breath to worth we work we had that.

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