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about my son, John Howstipher Wilson,  
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so they gave him seven days bells  
he was put in a tiny bell, when too  
Bury men would come round every-  
night, and say, any complaints Boy, of  
course my <sup>don't</sup> would say no, as he knew  
they would **ATTEMPT** slot for him  
as he his only a boy, but this sixth  
night when they come round my boy  
said, I have a complaint to make,  
I have never had any exercise, since  
I have been in here, they feared at  
him, and said who will give plenty  
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the Jim Blas, and the poor boy was  
nearly all in, gasping for breath, as he  
was very weak ~~and~~ food he got in  
there, 3 hard biscuits and a plate of  
slop, well my boy <sup>was</sup> used to that  
kind of food, well sir another thing  
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the Ganges, are not happy and, are  
always running ~~screaming~~, for one thing  
Sir, they shout and bully them around,  
and some cannot stick it Sir, that  
have had Parents ~~but~~ poor Bullied  
them, and another Sir, you dont know  
what goes on behind the scenes, when  
they know your going to Visit the  
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bakes, and other things, Sir, I would  
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blue-blood everytime, those are the proper Ladies and Gentlemen, there born to it, kind good and understanding but what I cannot stick sir, is this, those that have never been used to anything, and who start to climb the ladder where they see stars swelling and they begin to think they are superior, but there is only one Man that is that, and its the Almighty God, and I have great Faith in him, I have just got up to day sir, after been seriously ill with Stomach trouble but I know what I am talking about I know this, I cannot hang me for being straightforward, well sir I will conclude my letter now, and I hope you will be lenient with my say.

I remain yours PAGE  
thank you

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DO Mrs. Vivian C. Wilson,  
9, Tong Road,  
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Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me writing this letter to you, but its about my son, John Christopher Wilson. Well Sir, pardon me being straightforward, but I believe in speaking the truth, well Sir, my boy was very happy at the Ganges, till he was punished for not writing an S.A. about what he saw at the Spithead Review, when my boy got punished he had to kneel down, with a large pole at back of him, and jump like a frog, Sir, I think that was extreme cruelty, then that made him go absent again, and he got 15 strokes, then he was absent again, so they gave him seven day cells he was put in a tiny cell, when two burly men would come round every night and say, any complaints boy, of course my son would say no, as he knew they would only make it hot for him as he is only a boy, but this sixth night when they come round my boy said, I have a complaint to make, I have never had any exercise since I have been in here, they jeered at him, and said who will give plenty of exercise, and they took him in the Jim class, and the poor boy was really all in, gasping for breath, as he was very weak with the food he got in there, 5 hard biscuits and a plate of slop, well my boy isn't used to that kind of food. Well Sir, another thing I would like to tell, I would like to say this Sir, why the boys at the Ganges are not happy and are always running away, for one thing Sir, they shout and bully them around, and some cannot stick it Sir, that have had parents that never bullied them, and another Sir, you don't know what goes on behind the scenes, when they know your going to visit the Ganges, there is an extra special dinner put on, to make you think the boys are well fed, but believe me, Sir, those boys are hungry, and depend on their parents to send them money to go in the canteen, to buy buns or cakes, and another thing, Sir, I would like to say, Sir my boy as soon you and he has nothing but praise for you, he says you're both good gentlemen, I say this, Sir, give me a blue-blood everyone that are the proper Ladies and Gentlemen, there born to it, kind good and understanding but what

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Yours obediently  
thankfully you,  
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(Sgd.) Mrs. V.C. Wilson.

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