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Dear Sir, I hope you will Pardon me writing the letter to you, but it's about my son, John Christopher Wilson, well Sir, Pardon me being straight-forward, but I believe in speaking the truth, well I see my boy was very floppy at thety Gangs. All he was punished for not writing an $80 about what he meant at the Spithead Review, when any boy got punished he had to kneel down, with a large pole at back of knee and jump like a frog, sir. It was that wasastronom errity that made him go absent again, and he got six strokes, then he was absent again.
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I remain yours very truly,
N. C. Nelson.
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Mr. Vivian G. Wilson,
9, Tong Road,
Leeds 12.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will pardon me writing this letter to you, but it's 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 walking on the right path. About what he saw at the Ganges, how himself was punished, and how he was punished, he had to kneel down, with a large pole at each of his hands, and jump like a frog, Sir. I think that was extreme cruelty, then they made him go and wash his face in cold water. Then he was almost again, so they made him go to bed and rest a while. Then he was put in a tiny cell, when the boys and women were roomed every night and day, any complaints by boys, of course they would say no, as he knew they would only make it hot for him as he was only a boy, but this sixth night when they came round at boy said, I have a complaint to make, I have never had any exercise since I have been in here, they feared him, and said he will give plenty of exercise, and took him in the Jin dinner, and the poor boy, only 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 shouted and bullied them around, and some cannot stick it Sir, that have been at it never bullied them, and another Sir, you don't know what goes behind the scenes, when they know you 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 cotton, to buy buns or cakes, and another thing, Sir, I would like to say, Sir my boy is only you, and he has nothing but praise for you, he says you are a gentleman, I say this, Sir, give me a blue-blood every time, but the proper ladies and gentlemen, there born to it, kind and understanding but what

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I cannot stick Sir, in this, those that have never been used to anything, and when they start to climb the ladder there heads starts swelling and they begin to think they are superior, but there is only one man that is that, and that is the Almighty God, and I have great faith in him. I have just got back to Sir, after being seriously ill with stomach trouble but, I know what I am talking about, I know this, they cannot hang me for being straightforward, well Sir, I will conclude my letter now, and I hope you will be lenient with my boy.

(Adj.) Mrs. V.O. Wilson.

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