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Hon. Ernest Lister, Governor,
Olympia, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

I have received a copy of your letter to Judge Gay, and I have read same very carefully, pertaining to the operation.

I wish to state that at no time has it been my desire to have an operation until my own method had been tried, and rather than to put into operation the fast here which would conflict with the established rules of the institution, I had postponed it, hoping to receive my freedom, but now as there seems at the present time no other way, I am compelled to apply what is, in my opinion, the only safe method of saving my body. However I thank you for your liberal offer.

You have stated at two separate times to Judge Gay that you would make no decision until you had interviewed me. In this letter, just read you state, "This is all Mrs. Hazzard and friends ought to expect within reason at this time". I beg to differ from you, for I claim the same rights of any other law abiding citizen, because an association that does not believe in my method of fasting and would go before twelve of my peers and perjure themselves as these physicians did, knowing how ignorant of the human body and its care the average human being is, these men who could not give a definition of the word duodenum and then find me guilty of "gross ignorance or manslaughter".

I have put forth my best effort for a chance to prove my absolute innocence of the crime in thought or deed. This case of mine

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is the first of its kind in the history of the world. It is my opinion Judge Yalie prevented in every manner to give me a fair trial and the abuse permitted by him to my witnesses caused my attorneys to prevent me from taking the witness chair. I felt at that time it was a great mistake and I still feel so. We likewise believe that the Supreme Court has been influenced largely by biased minds in rendering their decisions. Be that as it may, my understanding of it is, when we fail to receive justice at the hands of the courts we can appeal to the highest officer of the State, the Governor. I am asking you for justice. Will you come to me and give me the opportunity to present the facts in my case in person? If after all my people have done to convince you of the injustice in my case, and if, after I have presented you the facts, you can still feel justice is being done in keeping me here, I will at least try to be charitable toward your attitude.

In closing I wish to state I have not caused the death of Clare Williamson by the method pursued, or neglect, or in any way whatsoever, death was inevitable in her case long before she came to me.

I will try to wait patiently for you to grant me this interview at a very early date.

*Copy of Mrs Lunde Kimfield Hayward's
letter to Gov.*