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To

The Hon. Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Portland

In the Matter of the release of
and Indian boy confined in
the City jail

Your petitioner respectfully
represents

That an Indian boy named John
Tea is confined in the City Jail
for a term of twenty days imprisonment
upon conviction by the City Recorders
Court, for drunkenness and disorderly
conduct

Your petitioner has been informed
by several good Indians whom he
knows to be reliable, that said Indian
boy, has always previous to the time
of drunkenness for which he is now
suffering imprisonment, been a sober
and peaceful Indian, this being the first
time he has ever been guilty of any bad
conduct, and that at this time he was
beguiled into drunkenness by a vicious
old Indian man, who gave him whiskey
until he was drunk.

That said Indian boy has now been
in jail for ~~seven~~^{ten} eight days, which
under the circumstances of this case
your petitioner believes to be quite a
sufficient punishment

That the Father and friends of said Indian
boy promise that he shall not in any
way disturb the peace of the City again
and from the fact that it was not his
fault, that he did not by his own induc-
ements or inclination, get drunk, your
petitioner believes, that said promise
can be kept and that the future conduct
of said indian will be good

Wherefore your petitioner prays on
behalf of several good Indians, that
said Indian boy may be released
and allowed to go free

and your petitioner will ever pray &c
Geo. Venable Smith

March 20th 1866

G. Venerable Smith
Petition for release
of a good Indian

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