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Pardon

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I find that the poor ~~people~~ ~~and~~
humble people can not
bring to my attention
large petitions and many
friends in person to beg
for Pardon therefore I
deem it a duty as well
as a pleasure to scruti-
nize with especial care
the applications of this unfortunate
Class. It is to me also a
matter of congratulation
that the single ^{Constitutional} limitation of
the communication of my
proposals ~~for~~ to the Legislature
for granting this Pardon ~~is~~
all that is required -

"I pardon him for his 'Prize' and
because I wanted to be successful"

Podolus

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