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My dear Padmakantji,

I was brought to this jail from Jatehgark for my treatment of Throat in the Medical College by a Throat Specialist. In Jatehgark, my condition became precarious. Daily evening I was getting temperature there with extreme weakness. The doctors, as a preventive measure of T.B, gave me many injections. My health had broken down greatly. Seeing my deteriorating condition, the civil Surgeon had recommended for my parole. And I also expected that the Government would grant me parole on medical ground for which I would have to give guarantee to the Govt not to take part in any politics. But the Govt. did not come for the recommendation of the civil Surgeon of Jatehgark. Instead of it, I was brought here for medical treatment. I was told by the doctors of Jatehgark that I would get my treatment by a Throat Specialist in the Medical College. But, the Govt, instead of sending me to Medical College, had sent me to Babraampur civil Hospital. Babraampur is a third rate hospital. The management is very poor and unsatisfactory. Practically I did not get any treatment which is required for me. The civil Surgeon is not at all a Throat Specialist. So as a protest I have come back to jail without any treatment. In this way the Govt is giving us treatment and saving our young life. We are told that the Govt. does not want that we die in jail. They will give us proper treatment. But we are being deprived of justice. The civil Surgeon, Lucknow has advised me to talk as little as possible, instead of it to use slate and pencil. But in this way does a man want to live? I don't want to live, to lead my life as a dumb man. Rather I welcome death.

My vocal chords are becoming weaker day by day for which electrical treatment is the only remedy and I require it without delay, I think. I get burning and pinching pain in the throat, extreme weakness, choking sensation, gasping, occasional pain in the chest. Without giving extra pressure I can't speak and so if I talk 10 or 15 minutes together I become tired. In this way how can I pull on day after day, month after month. If in the long run, voice does not come out, my whole young life will be full of misery and torment. Now I require free air, better dry climate, mental peace. And these things are impossible to obtain in jail. I am afraid that I will be a victim of T.B if I am not released now. So a few days ago I have made a petition to Mr. Sloan to release me on parole for two months only and thereby giving me a chance to save my life from impending danger. I have only requested for 2 months parole for which I am to give undertaking that I will not do any politics during the parole period. And I am ready to give that guarantee and moreover I am ready to give security. I have stated clearly my views regarding war to Mr. Sloan. Being an anti-Fascist, how can I hamper the war efforts. It is clear that now I am only thinking for my health. I request the Govt. to judge me from my past. It would be a gross injustice if I will not hamper the war efforts, I will not do any politics during my parole period for which I am ready to give guarantee. Simply I shall remain in some hill and recover my health. Would you kindly request Mr. Sloan to grant me parole for 2 months only and thereby give me a chance to save my life. I shall be obliged to you if you try for me now. It is my firm belief if you try for me, the parole will be granted to me. Whenever I am ready to give undertaking and security the Govt. have no reason to reject my parole. Please reply soon. I am anxious to know from you about the opinion of Mr. Sloan. Hoping you are alright. My greetings to you and to their friends. Awaiting for your reply. Yours sincerely,
Abanindranath Tagore