

Words Poorly Used #100 — Pardon

A pardon should be given to correct a miscarriage of justice, not to perpetrate another injustice. A pardon under the law is to make the law more humane, not to unleash the lawless upon the land. The spoils system is there, advisedly or not, to reward the faithful, but its rewards should never relieve the true felon. Once again, the mighty have shown that they spit on the constraints of social grace.

— Kilgore Forelle