

Morris Island April 23rd 1864

MR Abraham Lincoln President of
the U S of America you ^{will} please
Pardon a humble Soldier for at tempting
to addressing you on a subject that is ^{so} vile to
him self and those that he is associated
with now at tempt to speak to you in a humble
manner a few words in the be half of ^{the} fifty fourth
Regiment of the Mass. volunteers who intised
at Read ville Mass. in ^{the} year of lateen
hundreds & sixty three for thirteen dollars and
vestens and clothing the same as you the
south soldiers wair receiving it has bin
more then fourteen month sever some of
ours have left our home to com out ^{to fight}
^{out} lines for the cause of freedom and the
Preservation of our beloved country this
we don cheerfully that our children &
wite enjoy the blessings of a free country
and this at a time when it ^{was} consideerd all
most a crim for colaird man to be

seem with a gun mouth more then he allowed to ^{him}
fight side by side with the white soldiers we
have had a great many difficulties to surmount
that youthers have not had we have
labored and fought and a great many of
our members have bin slane and youthers
have bin mad helples for life and our ~~and~~
families have sufard but not with stand
ing all that we ^{are} still compeled to fight
and labor on, with we are willing to do
if we cold have our wites that weir
Promised us, but i need tell you the
superns our wifes and childrean ~~are~~ are
oblidge to under go ^{per} the want of the
assisten^{ce} of thir husbors and fathers, we have
had no money ~~to~~ to help them with
we came out here for the purpos to help to
free the slaves for we saw that god woid a
bout to open the prison hors of boundage
and let the opress go free with the
Concideration we came out to fight
but we more look to our wites with
god have reason to all more kind

with ^{may} we have to write to you and for that we
air the torment ^{to} labor for or with all of our
heart, we can not do but then stand for
the write nor can we consider your self
contrabands we did not enlist as such
we want to save our families from destruction
by our each some way with we need our
pay ^{to get} our children out of the poor house
and to relieve our families from want
we humbly Pray you to consider our
case and great yours our pray in
the name of god and humanity that we
may be able ~~to~~ ^{to as sig. Messrs} ~~that~~ we have this
we humbly pray god may save you and
grant you power and be with you
throw all of those heathen tricks
that you ^{air} oblige to go through and
that may ^{be} subdue all of your enemies
and ^{bring} this our beloved country through all
its threatenings and present calamity
may she come out of this great strong
Britter and stronger then she ever
was and my god great that she

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may rest upon the rock Christ
you who have don so much ^{to} kill the
monster slavery you have don a
great humanity ^{my} god him self will re
ward ^{you} pleas excuse these few lines
writ from a humble soldier
J. H. H. Co. A. 54th
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Post script

Pleas accept this

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may be paid off.

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