Morris Island April 23d 1863

MR. Abraham Lincoln President of the U S of America your please

Pardon a humble Soldier for at attempting

to addressing you on a subject that is vile to
him self and those that he is associated
with now at tempt to dele to you in a humble
Manner a few words in the be half of fifty fourth
Ridgiment of the U S. volunteers who indivis-
at Beaufort wade in a year of nineteen
hundred sixty three for thirteen bloody and
sorehead and clothed the same as your hers.
South soldiers with receivin it has bin
more then fourteen month since none of
our have left our home to come out and
fight for the cause of freedom and the
Preservation of our beloved country. This
we don cheerfully that our children
will enjoy the blessing of a free country
and this at a time when it connectore all
most a crime for colored man to be
seem with a grim mouth. More then be allowed to
fight side by side with the white soldiers, we
have had a great many difficulties to surmount
that you there have not had we have
labored and fought and a great many of
our members have been slain and you they
have been made helpless for life and our
families have suffered but not with stand
ing all that we still compelled to fight
and labor on, which we are willing to do
if we could have our wishes that we are
promised on, but I need tell you that
we, our wives, our children and our
saviors, our husbands and fathers, we have
had no money to help them with
we came out here for the purpose to help to
free the slaves for we saw that god want a
bowl to open the prison doors of bondage
and let the oppressed go free with the
consideration we came out to fight
but we must look to our units with
god have given to all men kind
With may we come to the write to you and for that we
air the torment silence for with all of our
front, we can not dow best then stand for
the write nor can we consider your self
control and we did not writ as watch
we want to save our families from destituted
by our end some way with we tread our
get pay our children out of the house house
and to relieve our famely from want
we humbly pray you to consider our
ease and great yours our favor in
the name of god and humanity that we
may be able to do this for we have this
we humble pray god may save you and
save you power and be with you
throw all of storm hehaw tried
that you oblige to get through and
that may subdue all of your enemy
and bring this our be saved cutting through all
its thickness and present calamity
may the love out of the great strong
Peter and stronger and the love war and my god great that she
may rest upon the red rock exist
to
you who have done so much to hold the
monster slavery you have done a
great humanity god him self will in
wars you please excuse these few lines
no more from a humble soldier
J. H. H. Co. F. 54th
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