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Rev. J. W. Chickering,
Portland, Me.
Dec. 20, 1861.

Case of N. Gordon,
under sentence of
death in New York
for engaging in the
slave trade.

to Lincoln

Portland, Maine
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To
The President

Honored Sir

Having, for

many years, been the pastor
of the parents of Captain
N. Gordon, now under sen-
tence of death in New York
as a slave trader, who was

once a boy in my Sunday
School, I cannot do less
than present his broken-
hearted mother before you
as one among the many
aspects of this dreadful case.

He is "the only son
of his mother, & she a
widow;" - respectable &
estimable. Her distress
can be (partly) imagined.

I doubt not it will
have its due weight in
deciding the question
between justice & mercy
which must be so pain-
ful to yourself, & in

the decision of which
we implore for you the
wisdom which is from above

With great respect,

J. W. Chickering
Pastor High St. Cong. Church