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Prison Camp "Point Lookout Md."  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 1865—

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50<sup>00</sup>  
Matthew Bartlett Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Boston Mass

Dear Uncle

I must respectfully ask  
your assistance in getting me released from this prison  
No one regrets this war more than myself, and I remained  
aloof without any participation, while the enrolling officer  
forced me into it, and though I could perhaps have been an  
officer I chose to be a private as being an officer would seem  
to be the post of one who encourages the war. I am now a pris  
oner and therefore it is the first opportunity I have had to show  
my loyalty, I am now perfectly willing to take the Oath of  
allegiance as indeed it would only be affirming the princi  
ples which I have always entertained and which I must  
humbly assure you I have never deserted —

Hoping <sup>that</sup> you will proceed at once to attend to this — I remain

Your friend & nephew  
Signed — Henry C. Popper

Address

Henry C Popper — care of Maj. A. J. Brady  
Co "B" 3d Division — Prov Marshal  
Point Lookout

Robert - Purwin  
East & Allyn

The President of the U. States

for

I very much  
desire that the within application be  
granted -

R. P. Spalding

M. C. 18<sup>th</sup> Dist. of Ohio.

See the new table the orders  
of Dec. 8. 1863 & his discharge.

Lincoln

Feb. 21, 1868