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To his Excellency Andrew Johnson  
President of the United States.

Sir;

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1864, being then in the service of the late Confederate States, in which I held the rank of Captain, I was arrested in the State of Indiana, and for some months held a prisoner under charges arising from the circumstances of my arrest within the Federal Lines.

From Indianapolis Indiana, I made an application to your Excellency dated June 7<sup>th</sup> 1865, asking to be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, and in the event this should not be granted, that permission be given me to become a voluntary exile for such time as might be specified, and subject to such restrictions as you might deem proper to impose.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865, in accordance with instructions from your Excellency, I was released from Prison upon giving my parole of honor to leave the United States within seven days and not return to the same without permission from the President.

Since my release, with the view of remaining as near my family as was consistent with the requirements of my parole, I have been in Canada, hoping soon to be allowed to return to