

Executive Mansion,

May 21, 1862.

Hon. Senator Simmons,

My dear Sir:-

This distressed girl says she belongs to your state; that she was here with her father and brother in our army, till they went with it to the peninsula; that her brother has been killed there, and her father made prisoner. And that she is here wanting employment to support herself.

If you can be satisfied that her story is correct, please see if you can not get Mr. Secretary Clare or friend Newton to find her a place.

Yours truly,

A. Lincoln

Notes:- Hon. Jas. F. Simmon was U. S. Senator from R. I. 1859-1863.

Died July 10, 1864.