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U.S. Steam Sloop Oneida
Off Mobile Oct. 10. 1862
To the President of the United States
Sir.

I do not believe
you would do intentional injustice to
anyone, yet you have done me the most cruel
injustice, and dismissed me from a service
in which I have passed twenty-seven years
of my life, - without a trial - without a
hearing, and on insufficient & incomplete
evidence.

You have assailed my honor which is
dearer to me than life, and you have caused
to be proclaimed that I failed to do my
utmost to take and capture a vessel of the
enemy, and omitted to perform the most
ordinary duty of an officer. This sentence
and this opinion you have directed to be
read to the assembled crews of every vessel
in commission in the Navy & entered upon
the ships Logs -

I can prove by every officer and man
on board this ship or who was present on
the occasion referred to, that I did do my
utmost to overtake, capture & destroy the
"Oreto," and that omitting no duty, I performed
my whole entire duty, energetically and
faithfully, as I have ever done while in
the service.

I demand therefore a fair and full and
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Description: George Henry Preble wrote a plea to President Abraham Lincoln to restore his command.

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As Commander in chief of the army
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Very Respectfully
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Geo Henry Preble
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