

1 District
Eastern Prison,
Cell No. 3.

Friday 10th April '63.

My dear

L. H. Winder,

County Deput. Heurick, Sir:-

By the papers I notice that a Comtee of the House of Representatives, are about to inquire into the management of this Prison, as to the treatment of the Prisoners, and the cruelties said to have been practised here. I desire although a Prisoner (against whom, I have reason to believe, you entertain a strong prejudice) that if blame and mismanagement there be, it shall fall on the right shoulders. That in many cases (if not in every case,) the unjust and inhuman punishments inflicted upon Southern Soldiers - soldiers who have fought and bled for their Country! and also on other prisoners who have been confined here, has been done without your order or knowledge - although your name would be used by Capt. Alexander, if he did not wish to shoulder the responsibility himself. I desire to have a personal interview with you or with your adft. Capt. Pegram. I wrote a note yesterday to him, requesting he would apply to you for a pass to visit me, but have no certainty that my note reached him. Let the pass authorize him to visit me in my cell. - although a Prisoner, with no friends to advise me, but the dictates

of my own conscience, I am not afraid to speak, and
swear to the Truth.

I have the honor to remain

Your Obedt Servant,

J. Kerby,

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