

Dear Sir

You will excuse the liberty i take
in addressing you. yet when i explain
my crime. i feel confident that you
will not debar me of the present
opportunity of taking a part with the
rest of the prisoners in the coming fight.
yes i ask as a man who feels shure
that his services will. shall. more
then suffice for any crime which i may
of committed. which consists of being
6 days over my furlough. which may be
attributed to my getting married. lately to
a lady near Yorktown. and for which
reason i so earnestly desire to fight
them here. Dear Sir i hope you will
not refuse me the privilege of
hereafter saying that i helped to
immortalize Yorktown.
i remain your ever obedient servant

William Lynch.

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Lately a member of Capt Douglas's
Company
Engineers Corp

(What think you of this for an Engineers letter.)

Stuart.

Provost Marshal

present