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Vancouver Dec 15th 1862

Hon Thaddeus Stevens

Dear sir.

I wish to see you at your home but could not on account of your sickness,

I was determined to make with the votes I possibly could last fall, I persuaded a German to take his papers out and vote our ticket, he would not for fear he would be drafted, I told him I thought he would escape the draft, but unfortunately he was drafted, he had his scull broken when a boy hath a large mark on the left side of his head was executed by but not by Wikon he is married to the sister of Sever Brothers named Stanton all Republicans, six of them had been in the Army three are in the army now It would make me feel sick if I could not keep my German friend out of the Army

I have been always a faithfull republican
and five times faithfull to you,
have worked to get out volunteers
assisted poor woemen whose Husbands
were in the army more then any
other man in the township,
the people would say go to Reist
he is a war man, my wife
took a horse and Roadway and
collected all kind of useful materials
for the wounded Soldiers
now I ask only one little favor
from your part
and that is to say to Governour
Carter that he should serve me
or grant me my request
that is to have my man
exempt. Hoping that
you will do me this favor
by dropping me a few lines
as a favorable introduction
to the Governour, If I could
see you personally I could explain
myself much better

Yours truly
Levi S Reist

Washington 2-19-46

Dear Steve

Do something for this
man if possible

Shades

W. E. A. G. Austin

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