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Why am I Confined in jail for
desertion as a Soldier did I not enlist as a
Wagoner I Ask you in the name of Humanity
to help me out of Confinement if I am
to be pressed in to Service why not do it in
a legal way and not keep me in Confinement
day after day

I did not think of this when I
enlisted under you in 1861 I have been at home
since you 1862 and have not supposed that
I was a deserter for the reason that you have
told a portion of the Wagoners Repeatedly that
you did not consider us as deserters and we should
not be arrested and if we were that you would
protect us Can we to suffer disgrace by being
wrongly arrested

Why not give us our liberty
or discharge and not keep us in Confinement
Lieut. Hubber Says that he will Release
me by your orders

Once more I plead for Protection

Chas A. Rice