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## Letter, John Bright to Gideon Welles, January 30, 1865

John Bright

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Rochdale. England  
Jan'y. 30. 1865

Dear Sir,

at the request of a poor woman, a  
neighbour of mine I venture to trouble you.  
she has lost a son in the naval service of  
the United States - his name was Wm. Hawkins  
& he is reported to have been killed whilst on  
service in a boat belonging to the "Hartford"  
Flag ship in Mobile Bay.

Wm. Hawkins has rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter from  
S. Cuttenden Watson, Flag Lieut<sup>t</sup> U.S.N. dated  
Mobile Bay Oct. 3. 1864, informing her of the  
death of her son, & directing her to write  
to the 4<sup>th</sup> Auditor in Washington with proofs  
that she is his mother, in order that she may  
receive whatever sum is due to him or to  
his family. She understands that a sum  
of \$480 is due to him, or something  
like that amount.

Wm. Hawkins has written to Washington  
as

bringing the facts before you.

I am with great respect

Yours truly

John Bright.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edwin Welles

navy depart<sup>t</sup>:

Washington

U. S. A

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was addres during the coming session  
of Parl<sup>t</sup> &

4. Haworth St.

London

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