

Point Lookout Md
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Dear Mother

Your
kind missive of the 12th
I recd last eve. Though
it was somewhat longer
delayed than I was in
hopes it would be, yet I
was very glad to receive
it as I did.

Deep sorrow fills the
heart of every loyal man
here, — and also some of
the Rebs, particularly the
officers, I presume more
on account of the treatment
they are afraid of being
subject to more than
any thing else from the

hands of Pres. Johnson) —
on account of the President
Lincoln, I presume, you
will learn ere you receive
this of the assassination
of the Pres, Sec Seward &
son, and of the death of
the Pres and the Secretary's
son. What a cowardly wicked
assassin he must have
been to murder two innocent
men and one, the President
of these United States.
A man that was the
Soldiers friend and would
do all in his power to
promote their comfort.
And has always tried to
do the best he could to
please and satisfy the
public in general.
Who has worked four years
with untiring energy.

for the welfare of
his Country, in crushing
this cruel Rebellion, - just
as light was beginning to
dawn, and a fair prospect
of his living three years
after his second Inaugura-
tion, in peace, he should
be ruthlessly cut down, by
the hand of a wicked
and treacherous assassin,
many are the threats
imposed on the murderer
head, by the boys here, which
if they were carried into
effect would indeed be a
punishment, but all of
them would not be more
than he deserves. There
are a good many Reb Officers
here in the Hospital, and
there hasnt been a day since
the news of the Pres death

but that more or less of
them have been knocked
down by Union soldiers, for
slurs thrown out by them on
the death of the President
A Rebel Major was severely
founded and kicked this
forenoon, by one of our men
for saying, that the man
that shot Abe Lincoln, did
the best thing that ever has
been done for the Nation yet
and now if an Officer (Reb)
even looks pleasant or has a
smile on his face, the first
thing he knows he dont know
anything, nor does the Surgeon
in charge or the General
Comdy the Post find any fault
they only tell the Officers to
wont get their Wards and they
By the way Mother, to day,
is my 24th birth day, and they
are firing a salute, one gun
every half hour for the death
of the President, from all the
gunboats and Forts here and
in the United States,



Mother I do not understand
much about law matters
under our present circum-
stances, and I want to
know if you would need
a permit or certificate
from me to sell any
property necessary to
cover expenses, or will
a letter of Administration
be all that is necessary,
If there should need be
any such permit from
me, ^{while here} and there is any
lawful way of my giving
it, I will do so willingly.
As I want to relieve you
of all the care & anxiety
that I can, and have you
made as comfortable as
possible, and Mother I do want

you (if you can consistently)
to stay there with Addie,
Oh, no dear Mother, I do
not, by any means have any
objections to Grandpas people
coming back to live there
I would rather wish it
than otherwise. I didnt think
at the time of their going
to Casville, that things
would go there to suit them.
Perhaps you recollect of my
speaking about it last
fall, Mother I would not,
if you do not sell them -
have any of the farming tools
lent to any one, unless you
know they will be well
used and returned again.
Mr Goodfellow you know
will do that.
What is to be done with
Carney, is Uncle Ralph going

to take care of him?

I am very glad you sent
yours and Father's Photo.

Did you recognise the originals
of the one I sent?

Mother, I want you to
do all you can, and wish to,
for yours and Addie's
comfort, without any
regard to me. Write soon.

This from your affect. Son
Love to all. Geo W Pearl
To his Mother M. C. Pearl