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Dr. Sir,

I have read your letter on imprisonment with great interest and pleasure. It occurred to me that it would be proper to press the principle so as to settle the matter as well on land at sea; hence the view is somewhat enlarged. You will remember the case alluded to of prisoners captured in Canada. While this doctrine of perpetual allegiance exists, the naturalized citizen goes into the service with fear and trembling and I have thought that it would be well to extend the argument so as to include the case stated. You will do with it as you please.

Your paper is plain in its proposition and conclusion in its reasoning. It is a question which this court can hold no other language.

Yours truly,

J. Tyler

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