

carefully reference to our political  
troubles and attending to his own  
business. On yesterday to his surprise  
and to the surprise of all his  
neighbors, he received an order from  
Gen Lewis Merrill requiring him  
to leave the State within fifteen  
days and take up his residence  
somewhere in the extreme North.

Mr Fisher is an old man, has  
the respect of those who know him,  
and is a devoted and useful  
minister. He will leave a feeble  
wife and young daughters behind  
him comparatively helpless.

I should <sup>not</sup> suffer my sympathies  
for him or any other of guilty  
to interfere with his punishment.

But I think here is a grievous  
wrong to be inflicted upon gray  
hairs underving it, and that too  
in the name of the Constitution.

and country that we love and  
venerate. I know that Military  
Law is harsh and unfeeling.

Yet I do not impute in any  
degree the wisdom or good intentions  
of those in power. There is a  
mistake somewhere, and it may  
be that contraband testimony may  
be concerned. I do not know.  
I merely state the simple facts  
as a man of truth.

My judgement and my heart are  
deeply grieved to see wrong done to  
a lone individual whose while  
it cherishes him may result in  
evil to that very cause proposed  
to be benefited by this action.

Is there no help in the matter?

To whom may an humble individual  
look for aid. I feel that the Joseph  
Holt whom I with others loved and