

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 ^{not} 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 whole
life's character 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