

## Petition of Mary Todd Lincoln

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To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I herewith most respectfully present to the Honorable House of Representatives, an application for a pension. I am a widow of a President of the United States, whose life was sacrificed in his Country's Service. That sad calamity has very greatly impaired my health, and by the advice of my physician I have come over to Germany, to try the mineral waters and during the winter to go to Italy. But my financial means do not permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me nor can I live in a style becoming the widow of the Chief Magistrate, of a great nation although I live as economically as I possibly can. In consideration of the great services my dearly beloved husband has rendered to the United States and of the fearful loss I have sustained by his untimely death his martyrdom I may say, I respectfully submit to your Honorable body this petition, hoping that a yearly pension may be granted me, so that I may have less pecuniary care,

I remain

Most respectfully

Mrs. A. Lincoln.

Frankfort Germany.

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Petition of Mrs. A. Lincoln for a Pension

{January} 26, 1869

referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions

The Speaker

{Invalid} Pensions