United States of America, }
Eastern District of Missouri, } ss.
The President of the United States of America,
To Captain Granger, Commanding
at the Arsenal of St. Louis, Missouri, and to any
other person having the custody of Alfred T. Sinker,
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you have forthwith the body of Alfred T. Sinker, now detained and illegally restrained of his liberty by you, as it is said, together with the day and cause of his caption, detention and restraint, by whatsoever name the said Alfred T. Sinker may be held, before me, Samuel Treat, District Judge of the United States, of the Eastern District of Missouri, at the Room of the United States District Court for said District, at the Custom House building, in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, in said District, to do, submit to and receive whatsoever shall be considered in that behalf concerning the said Alfred T. Sinker, and that you have then and there this writ.

Witness Samuel Treat, Judge of the District Court of the United States of the Eastern District of Missouri this twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Samuel Treat

United States of America,
Eastern District of Missouri.

"Habeas Corpus"

under provision of the acts of United States Congress.

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The Petition alleges that said Alfred T. Sinker is a minor under sixteen years of age, and was enlisted without the consent of his parent, guardian or master.

This original writ was served by Mr. Robert McDonald, and the body was delivered at once to said McDonald to be taken before the within named Judge, without any formal return being made to the writ.
The prisoner was thereupon discharged, and a certificate of his discharge granted

To the Hon Samuel Treat
Judge of the U.S. District Court
for the Eastern District of Missouri

The petition of Edward T. Sinker would most respectfully represent that he is a citizen of the state of Indiana where he resides - that on or about the 24th day of August A.D. 1861 his son Alfred T. Sinker left his home and went to the City of Cincinnati, state of Ohio where he enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States as a soldier in a Military Company at that time commanded by one Captain Hickenlooper but at the present time commanded by 1st Lieutenant J. H. Hollinshied, said company having been removed from the state of Ohio, is now stationed in the City of St Louis Mo at a Military post known as the St Louis Arsenal owned and occupied by the United States and under the command and control of one Captain Granger and by whom the body of petitioner's son Alfred T. Sinker is now held by virtue of his enlistment and for no other

cause or reason. Your petitioner further represents that his son is still a minor of tender years, that he is not yet sixteen years of age, and that his enlistment was entirely without the knowledge or consent of his parents or guardians, and that said enlistment according to the laws of the United states is illegal and void Your petitioner further says that Alfred J Sinker is his son and child born in lawful wedlock and owes service and labor to him, as his father & natural guardian and to no one else, and that he never had any other guardian but his father

Your petitioner therefore prays your Hon will issue a writ of Habeas Corpus to the said Captain Sanger commanding him to produce the body of Alfred J. Sinker together with the cause of his detention to the end that said cause may be inquired into and that the said Alfred J Sinker may be discharged

Edward J Sinker
by his Atty R. S. MacDonald

United States of America }
District of Missouri }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned ~~Clerk~~ United States Commissioner for Mo ~~of the District Court within and for the District of Missouri~~ Edward T. Sinker who being by me duly sworn on his oath states that the foregoing petition and the matters therein stated are true and correct

Edward T. Sinker

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
this 12th day of September 1861
Benj. Stiles Newman U.S. Com
Mo Dist