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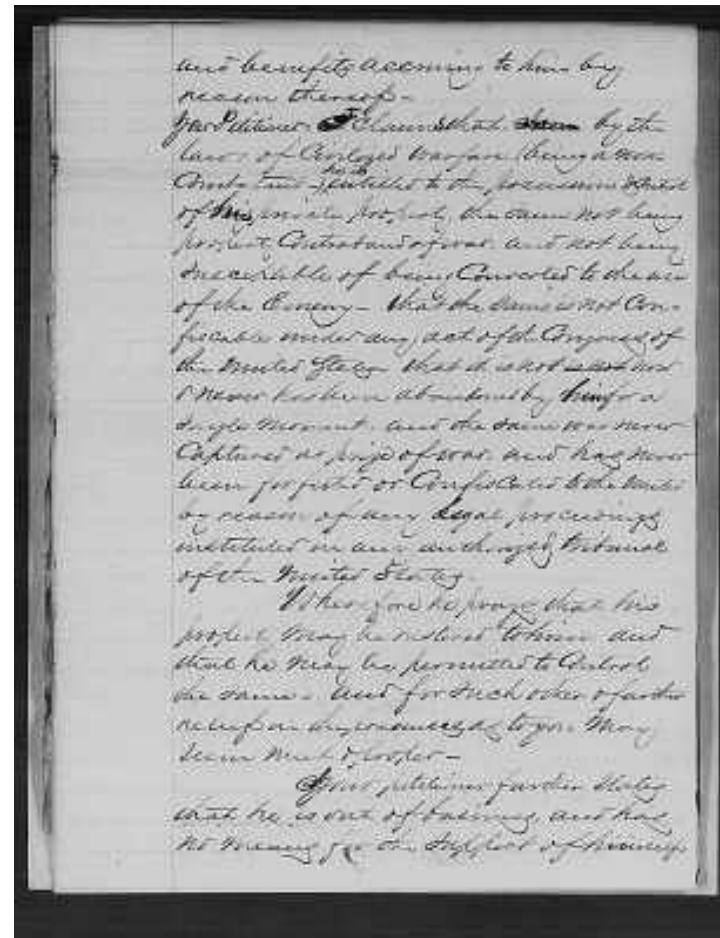
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and benefits accruing to him by reason thereof -

Your Petitioner claims that by the laws of Civilized warfare (being a non-combatant-) he is entitled to the possession & control of his private property, the same not being property Contraband of war, and not being susceptible of being converted to the use of the Enemy- that the same is not confiscable under any act of the Congress of the United States- that it is not ~~is not~~ now & never has been abandoned by him for a single moment, and the same was never captured as prize of war, and has never been forfeited or confiscated to the United by reason of any legal proceedings instituted in any authorized tribunal of the United States.

Wherefore he prays that his property may be restored to him, and that he may be permitted to control the same - and for such other & further relief in the premises as to you may seem nice & proper-

Your petitioner further states that he is out of business, and has no means for the support of himself



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