

# 1864

## Children's Petition to President Lincoln & Lincoln's Response



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your own copy!**

This Petition is designed only  
for the President. — a sort of  
private letter from the children  
of Concord, Massachusetts.

They have been delighted  
with the idea of speaking  
to our good President, &  
of giving one cent — or more,  
for the benefit of the poor  
little slaves.

CHILDRENS PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT  
asking him to free all the little slave children in this country.

Petition of the children of the United  
(under 16 years)  
States, that the President will free all  
slave children.

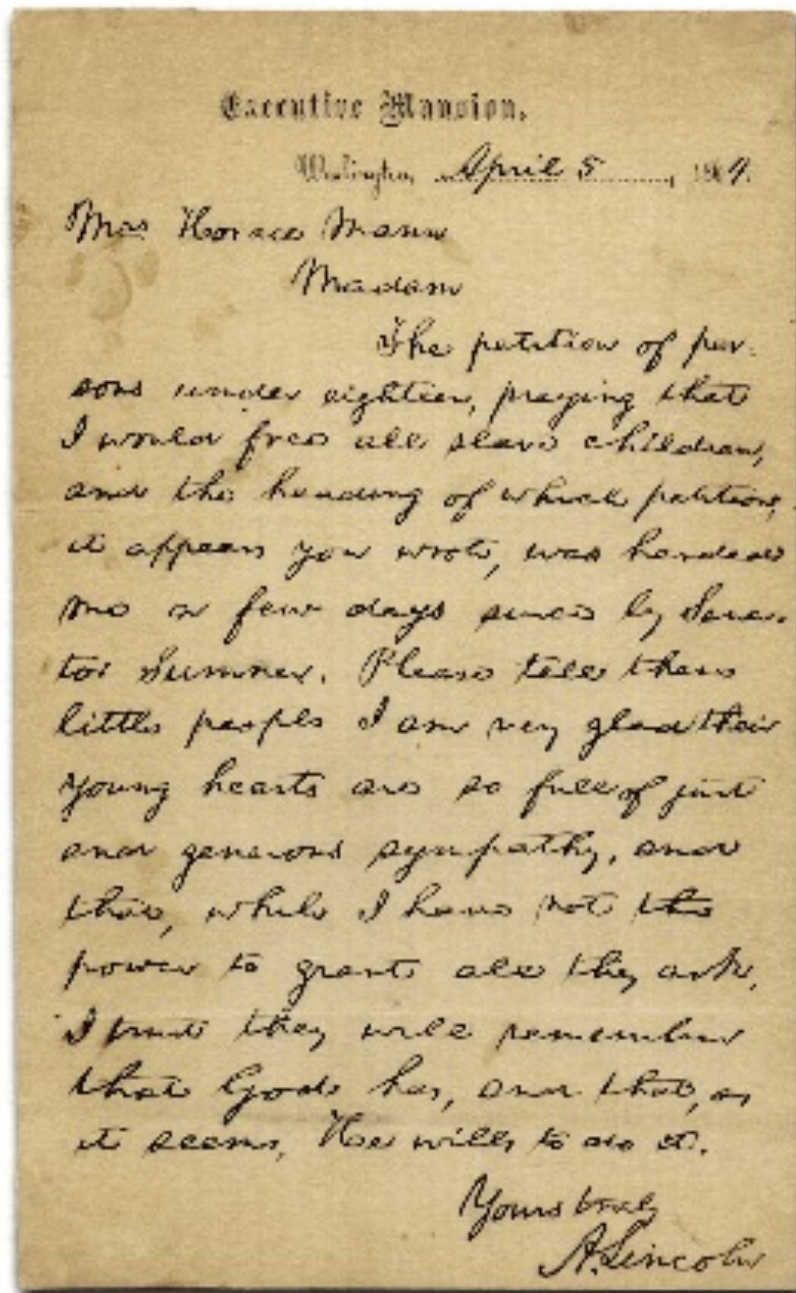
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**SIGN YOUR NAME HERE:**

## Letter from Lincoln to Concord School Children, April 5, 1864

The Thirteenth Amendment – outlawing slavery in ALL states – was enacted 8 months later, Dec. 18, 1865



Mrs. Horace Mann

Madame

The petition of persons under eighteen, praying that I would free all slave children, and the heading of which petition, it appears you wrote, was handed me a few days since by Senator Sumner. Please tell these little people I am very glad their young hearts are so full of just and generous sympathy, and that, while I have not the power to grant all they ask, I trust they will remember that God has, and that, as it seems, He will, to do it.

Yours truly,  
A. Lincoln