



FOURTEEN MONTHS IN AMERICAN BASTILES

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## ***Fourteen Months in American Bastiles***

by Francis Key Howard (1826 - 1872)

Francis Key Howard, grandson of *Star Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key, was editor of the *Baltimore Exchange*, a newspaper sympathetic to the Southern cause. He was arrested in September of 1861 on the direct orders of general George B. McClellan, enforcing the policy of President Abraham Lincoln. The basis for his arrest was for writing a critical editorial in his newspaper of Lincoln's suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and the fact that the Lincoln administration had declared martial law in Baltimore and imprisoned without due process the mayor of Baltimore, Congressman Henry May, the police commissioners of Baltimore and the entire city council. This memoir of his experiences as a political prisoner was published in 1863. *(Wikipedia)*

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