UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALBERT HICKS,

Petitioner,

-against-

M. CAPRA, SUPERINTENDENT SING SING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,

Respondent. -----X FEUERSTEIN, District Judge:

On June 3, 2013, petitioner, Albert Hicks ("petitioner"), filed a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Accompanying the petition is an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Upon review of the application, the Court finds that petitioner's financial status, as set forth in petitioner's declaration, qualifies him to commence this action without prepayment of the \$5.00 filing fee. Accordingly, petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the petitioner. The Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this Order would not be taken in good faith and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of any appeal. <u>See Coppedge v. United States</u>, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45, 82 S. Ct. 917, 8 L. Ed. 2d 21 (1962).

SO ORDERED.

s/ Sandra J. Feuerstein

Sandra J. Feuerstein United States District Judge

Dated: June 13, 2013 Central Islip, New York <u>ORDER</u> 13-CV-3316 (SJF) **FILED**

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