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*French
Assassination
Attempted upon A. Johnson*

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., April 24th 1865.

My dear Doctor.

Will you do me the favor to give me a note or letter to your old friend Seward, that will secure me a personal interview sometime should he recover, as all the indications are now that he will?

I have thought for the past three years that whenever the war closed, I would like to go out of the country either as Consul or connected with some one of our Foreign Legations. You will understand what I want and what kind of letter would facilitate my object.

We have measurably recovered here in the Capitol from the terrible shock of the murder of the President, and the nearly successful attempt upon the life of Sec, Seward; but it will yet be a long while before the city will present all the evidences of hilarity, and pleasure that it did

unions to that sad event. Years will not
banish from the memory the vivid recollection
of the night in Washington of April 14. 1865.
The entry of the Rebel Army into the Capitol
and all the Public Buildings in flames
would not have created half the conster-
nation among the people that the announce-
ment that the President and his Cabinet
had been assassinated did. The murder
of the President was so public and witness-
ed by so many, that for several hours no
one would believe, but that Seward and
the rest of the Cabinet had shared the
same fate. I venture that so many
anxious hearts seldom if ever, so longed
for the coming of day as the residents
of this city, did upon that occasion. But
the darkness of the terrible deed did not dis-
appear with the darkness of the night. It
was considered a crime without a parallel
and perhaps will continue to remain so
in all coming time.

Johnson seems to start well. - moves con-
tinuously as though fuling his way. Confidence

in him is increasing among the public men of the government and the people generally and the cloud is gradually lifting. I think Johnson is determined to fully recover himself with the country and I believe he will succeed. I saw him and conversed with him half an hour the evening of the day upon which he was inaugurated. I liked his spirit his humility and above all his dependence upon God and his earnest desire that the Christian part of the country would give him the same support that they gave Mr Lincoln.

There is at least one point in his policy that is more than indicated. This country will be ^{made} exceedingly unhealthy for leading traitors. The crime of treason will, under his administration, be made more odious to the people of this country than it could under Mr Lincolns policy.

But I am unintentionally writing a long letter. Can I send you any news in any capacity - him? If so, intimate to me. Yours.

I have seen two notices of your last Book in the Advertiser, but the Book I have not seen. The excitement here has been so intense and constant for a month past that nearly everything else has been overlooked.

What can I do in regard to it?

As Ever

Truly Yours.

B. B. Emory

I send two Confederate Bonds, taken from the Treasury Dept in Richmond, the day our troops entered. They are genuine, and were brought direct to me by my friend Rev J. H. Vincent of Chicago Ill.

If any of your Copperhead friends are in a speculating mood I advise you to sell if they will give the face of the Bonds, the coupon on one as given me was already signed.

Seward is much better, quite out of danger, but his son is still in a critical condition.

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5 O'clock P.M.

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