Boston, Ch. 8, April 17, 1865.

Dear Mr. Alexander,

I had this pleasure a week ago when everything appeared bright and promising and all was indubitable, Gallant Spirit, and in a moment everything has been changed. Thinking that you and Mr. All had a right of first feel apprehensive and depredant, I wrote to incurly [curtain] to prevent you to take a more soberful view of our prospects, but that I am not to be covered or prepared by the shocking calamity which has desolated the nation of the Southern Province and honest patriots at a moment when it was so much needed. I participate with almost all with feelings of rage at this most atrocious act, but the nation will not defend before the life of any one man or Act of War and I think if you will be consider, upon reflection that we shall proceed slowly and formally under the new administration as we show under the old. The effect of this murder will be no less great among throughout the North, which was not needed and it will intensify the spectacle of treason and will cause the new administration to sustain its carrying out and pacifying the supremacy of the laws. Perhaps God can Lincoln do for much of the work of human kindness and many of quite all who are pardoning indiscriminately many the leaders and participants in the rebellion, he would have done much towards encouraging another attempt at some future day when we shall all engaged as a foreign war and at the present of our greatest need. There are acts of charity which did not offend in the newspapers were circulated in private and commented upon and while all respected the kindness manifested they could not but have grave doubts of this kindness and fear for the results. There is no cause for appre-
Laying aside the Johnson will let us know in how much esteem. He will doubtless furnish the readers of the rebellion, and for one I sincerely hope he will be considered as a man of the greatest at all events. I have permitted that cold, calculating traitor to escape to India when he was in his power. The facts have been heard in the most painful occasions by the means of which Johnson disengaged himself and the country on the 4th of March. That was a terrible and fatal accident but it certainly was an accident. I have the best authority for saying that he is not a disreputable person the last three years his troubles and difficulties have been great and the laws takenICTAnted but not improved.

He has now signed the pledge and made a solemn oath that if he is ever interested again he will immediately afterwards resign his position. I have no reason therefore for his habits. He is a man of good strengths of mind and of course possesses great natural abilities or he never could have obtained the present position. As is general esteemed and respected by those who have been with him a long time in the Senate, and they have no time for all the habits are concerned. I admit that it is possible he may occupy the same or even greater office than he will have all his time in the Senate and they have no part of this at this habits are concerned.

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who was indeed not permitted to speak last Thursday
because he advocated slavery. Especially for two, could
not restrain the tears when conversing with any brethren
in Saturday. Of course he always and is a kind
hearted man, but it is the universally the most bitter
offense made as badly as the most slanderous Repub-
lican.
You will perceive that, as I predicted last week,
which has fallen. Perhaps before you read this, the
Tobacco will announce to you that Chouteau County has
surrendered. Of all events, this is sure to show

The confidence of the community in the change in
the head of the contract at town by the absence of
some changes in the morning thermometer, the God mark.
It will be difficult for you to realize the con-
spicuousness of spirit. Almost every place of business and
dwelling house, no matter how humble, has some emblem of
morning, and the stone and houses of the more wealthy
with each other in the elaboration of the display.
The only hand priest to be obtaining sufficient black
material which it nearly handled
in a larger newspaper. This which I thought you would
find interesting. Indicating you may receive them before
newspaper come to hand. Some of which may not meet
your eye. I would call your attention particularly to
“Robinson” account of the surrender of Lee and hope
the places named may be found on your map.

You kind. I sent through the Waves was received
a few days since and he very kindly permitted me to send
your exceedingly interesting letter to him. Mrs. Gow,
Carrie and myself feel very grateful for your kind sym-
pathly. I can hardly imagine how deep was our anxiety
while it seemed as though we had scarcely any grounds
for hope. You perhaps may judge how critical the case
was when I told you that Dr. Warren visited us. I then
time a day and Dr. Holmes went every other day in consultation, he having attended her mother and sister as well as his own wife. Mrs. Brown's sister, all of whom died of different internal maladies, and Dr. Holmes especially took the gloomiest possible view. He not only gave me no encouragement but so far as it was possible to gain an opinion it was decidedly that he had no hope. Dr. Harris on the contrary on the ancient Málta
his theory, which he always adhered to, and which in the end proved correct, qualifying it however by saying that it was impossible for human sagacity to determine positively the cause. The exertion is so great as to be able to walk into the next room and sit with them so four hours every day. The first mild pleasant days induce to the Central Green Stairs to take a short drive. We have gone to that in the middle of June, and we hope that by passing a very quiet Summer her health may be perfectly restored.

You may expect a great crush of travellers from this side. Almost every one is going. Nearly all the steamers on the Thames are engaged for two or three months. But I must conclude, and with kind regards to yourself and Mr. Alexander and your daughter.

Yours,

[Signature]

April 18th. Lord on Friday (11th) 1445. Today 1416.