Note of this day, the original letter from the President to the Queen in reply to that from Her Majesty announcing the resignation by Lord Lyons of the Post of Her Majesty's Representative at Washington.

I pray your Lordship to accept the assurances of the highest consideration with which I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

[Signature]

Charles Francis Adams

1863:
1 May.

Earl Russell.

Lord, the deep concern that I hasten to communicate to...
To your Lordship, the painful intelligence I have just officially received of the death of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States, who was assassinated in Washington City in the evening of the 14th. He died and expired the next morning from the effects of the wound.

In communicating this melancholy event I feel persuaded that your Lordship and the British Nation will not fail to participate in the general grief into which this sudden calamity has plunged the people of the United States.

I pray your Lordship &c.
(P.S.) Charles Francis Adams.
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