

Treasury Department,

FOURTH SPECIAL AGENCY.

Wilton N^o April 18. 1865.

Dear Pres

It is now near 11 o'clock P.M.
I had come down here at the earnest
solicitation of Mr Beecher, gone up to
Beaufort when we passed last night - to
day went over to St Helena to see
just about starting for Savannah &
Apustine, with his party, when God will
telegraphed to Senator Wilson, who was with
us, the astounding intelligence of the assassination
of Mr Lincoln. "Be ye also ready for in an
hour when ye know not the son of man cometh"
God educes good out of evil - I have an abiding faith
that it is all right; Mr Lincoln the good,
upright, true man has finished his work.

Andy Johnson altho he did get drunk
on inauguration day, will finish it.

The Almighty makes no blunder in his
work, man proposes God disposes.

If Andy Johnson will keep to his resolves
and be a sober man he will be all

Lincoln was, and more. - So says Wilson.

So I hope. So let us all pray -

God works in a mysterious way his
wonders to perform - Of the ultimate
fate of this rebellion I have not a shadow
of doubt. Of the decay & progress of democratic
institutions I have no doubt - Would,

but my faith in immortality, eternal life
and progress, were as firm & stable as my
faith in the progress of man on earth
I may come, I pray that it may.

O how much I have lived in these few
days! How I love Henry Ward Beecher,
how he loves you - he thinks kind of me,
but he loves you - you are deserving of it -
What a glorious Character. I took his hand
in mine, he took mine in his - and we parted
without saying good by -
So soon as we heard the terrible news
we telegraphed "Hurry the steamer ready
we go to N. York immediately" - an hour
later we arrived the "Sewonard"
was under steam - & away -
I can say now I am
too full - too much
under excitement - too,
shall I say overful? No - I
am hopeful - but too much

under the influence of excited & un-
feeling's ~~surprised~~ ~~myself~~ ~~entirely~~ -

To find ~~any~~ ~~but~~ ~~an~~ ~~obscure~~
unity of ~~feel~~ ~~ing~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~whole~~
un-~~der~~ ~~going~~ - ~~now~~ ~~with~~ ~~to~~

say God bless you - and

love - Be good cheer -

all is to come at right
what though we go down the
eternal principles of truth, justice,
& freedom are eternal -

I am my office at the
Carter House the Steam

and the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ -

goodnight & God bless you & yours

A for Charles, Father