Cursive Letter Reference Guide

19th century cursive is different from today's cursive writing; below you will find a chart that highlights some of the differences.

- Alphabet in Kurrent script from about 1865. Taken from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurrent

Here is a sample from the Remembering Lincoln Collection:

Nothing has been done to provide

provide for the admission of persons in who

to be at President's House, and to

to have a right to places in the carriages.

Of course those who have cards to

the Green & East Rooms will have

but it is inappropriate that all of them

can get into the carriages.

Excerpt from "Note to George Harrington regarding
Guests at the White House for Abraham Lincoln's Funeral" (April 1865)
http://rememberinglincoln.fords.org/node/677