To P.R. Pendleton Esq.

Washington City

My Dear Sir,

Your favor June 1. was
slow in coming: I rec'd it only at the 9th.

"Not to us, but to us!" It is God's
mercy that extreme knaves are very apt
to be extreme fools also. Your late
Convention had professed a small
modicum of prudence & common
sense; they might have inflicted a
lasting calamity upon this State;
but, as it is, I think we have gotten
the Ultra-Radical of Mr. ankle deep,
in the mine at the bottom of the pit
which they had digged for us. The
late election returns make it almost
certain that we have defeated their
foolish & wicked Constitution. And
the consequences of that defeat are
by
By no means, limited to this State. They will be felt in Ohio and Massachusetts: they will be felt throughout that Radical organization which, even now, is laboring diligently, to undermine, subvert the Constitution, and establish, instead of its admirable balance of powers, one great, central, all-controlling power, which is a long stride — perhaps the only step — from the Republic to the Empire.

And here let me venture to prophecy a little — I predict that before next Christmas, there will be open opposition between the Radical leaders of the North, and that the Radicals will go to the wall.

I send you, by this mail (p.s. 5^th) the last two of my series of letters to the People of the U.S. Like the rest, they contain many errors of the press, I doubtless, some of my own. You perceive that a portion of the general reasoning might be applied
to the Military Conspiracy - Court
now sitting here.” Doubtless - if not I
have but wasted my time in the
writing of those letters. The trial of the
assassins by a military Court is a capi-
tal blunder on the part of the Gov't; and
I doubt even yet, whether any man will
differ death, under a sentence of that
Court. Surely the Gov't will see the danger
of its false position; and there is still time
to avoid some of the resulting evil: - they
may treat the wanton, self-assertive
Commission (which is neither more live
less than a Court Martial) as a Court
of inquiry; when having gotten the evidence
by the stringent power of the Military,
may turn the culprit over to the Civil
Court, for actual trial.

It is said in the newspapers, that the
military trial was adopted upon the advice
of the Attorney, but, as I am credibly informed,
there is no such opinion of record, in the
office - and for the honor of honor of the office,
I hope there is none such there.
Mr. Chase, the newspapers tell me, has made a political speech to "a big gang of niggers" in South Carolina! What do you think of that—for a Chief Justice?

Coomer, me kindly to the ladies, your home, to all the boys.

Most respectfully, your friend, friend

[Signature]

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