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Sir:

The public press will have informed you of the honors done by the people to the remains of our lamented President on their transit from this City to Chicago which point they have now reached.

The assassination, and the other atrocious attempts have called forth gratifying expressions of condolence and sympathy from foreigners resident in the United States and from the Government and many of the cities of Canada.

With reference to military events I will mention that Macon Georgia was captured by General Wilson on the 13<sup>th</sup> ultimo when he was notified by Genl Sherman of the truce and withdrew.

When the truce between General Sherman and Johnston and the proposed terms of Surrender were reported

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to the President, General Grant was promptly dispatched to order the resumption of offensive operations unless more satisfactory terms could be arranged and the result was the Surrender of Johnston including all forces between Raleigh and the Chattahooche River upon the same terms granted to Lee.

No information has been received of the interception of Jefferson Davis who is said to have with him a large amount of Gold taken from the Banks at Richmond.

The newspapers will give you the important Executive Order of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo and other orders of the Treasury Department removing to a certain extent restrictions on <sup>domestic</sup> trade with insurrectionary regions which have been reclaimed, as well as orders of the War Department looking to the reduction of various branches of the military arm of the Service.

The Secretary of State is doing well Mr. Frederick Seward's recovery is I regret to say retarded by hemorrhages which



which however, are believed to have  
passed without serious results.

John Wilkes Booth the assassin of  
President Lincoln was killed on the  
26<sup>th</sup> <sup>ultimo</sup> near Port Royal on the Rappahannock  
and his companion Herold captured  
alive.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

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Acting Secretary



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