Read 30th May, 1865.

Foreign Office
May 1, 1865.

Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your note of this day's date, officially communicating to me the melancholy intelligence of the death, by the hand of an assassin, of the late President of the United States.

When the first intelligence of this sad calamity reached this country I conceived to you by letter and in person the deep impresion of horror and indignation which

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to atrocious a crime on the person of the President of the United States.
I had made upon me and on the several
members of Her Majesty's Government.
and it only remains for me now,
in acknowledging your letter, to
request you that, by the command
of His present, I have directed the
Majesty, Minister at Washington
to convey to the Government of the
United States the assurance that
Her Majesty sincerely condole with
the family of the late President, and
their loss.
Her Majesty's Government and the British Parliament and the British Nation are affected by an immense
feeling of abhorrence of the criminal guilt of this cowardly and atrocious aggression, and
of their sympathy with the Government and People of the United States under the great
calamity which has befallen them.

I have the honor to be with the highest consideration,

Sir, your most obedient

Humble Servant,

[Signature]