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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 conveyed to you by letter and in person the deep impression of horror and indignation which

so

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as atrocious a crime on the person  
of the President of the United States  
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  
reassure you that, by the command  
of The Queen, I have directed Her  
Majesty's Minister at Washington  
to convey to the Government of the  
United States the assurance that  
Her Majesty sincerely condoles with  
the family of the late President, and  
that Her



Her Majesty's Government and the  
British Parliament and the British  
Nation are affected by an unanimous  
feeling of abhorrence of the  
criminal guilty of this cowardly  
and atrocious assassination, 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,

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