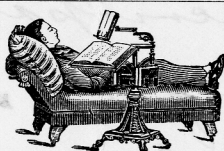


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Pub. McClure's Magazine,
Sirs,

If the following incident is
of any use to the writer that
is preparing a life of Lincoln
for your magazine, it is other
service. The incident well illustrates
Mr. Lincoln's profound ~~and~~
devotion to the country's interests:

The following incident occurred when
Gen. McClure was commander of
the Army of the Potomac. His Head
Quarters were in a dwelling house
owned and formerly occupied by
Com. Welles; if I correctly remember
on the corner of 16th and S. St. Wash.

It was customary for Genl
McClellan, accompanied by a
~~large~~ number of his staff, to leave
his head quarters each morning
immediately after breakfast, for
a visit to the different general
commanders on the ~~at~~ south ^{bank} ~~side~~
of the Potomac. On one occasion
about four o'clock in the morning
and during the prevalence of a heavy
rainstorm, Mr. Lincoln unaccompanied
and unannounced came into the
lithograph room of McClellan's head
quarters and asked of the writer
who was then the ^{night} operator, if he
could see the General, being shown up
stairs to McClellan's sleeping room.
Mr. Lincoln remained ^{for a short time} in conversation
with the General and then returned
^{as quietly as he had come,}
foot and alone ~~to the White House~~
through the still falling rain to
the White House.

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