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June 21 1860

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Louisville now as I believe

Yours truly
A Lincoln

Hon Samuel Haycroft

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th is just
received, I can only answer
briefly, Rest fully assured that
the good people of the South
who will put themselves in
the same temper and mood
towards me which you do
will find no cause to complain
of me. While I can not as yet
make any committal as to
office I sincerely hope I may
find it in my power to
oblige the friends of Mr
Wuntersmith Signature
cut off

Only three lines used by N. & H.

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Yours of the 19th is
just received I now fear I
may have given you some
uneasiness by my last letter
I did not mean to intimate
that I had to any extent
been envolved or embarassed
by you, nor yet to draw
from you anything to relieve
myself from difficulties
My only object was to assure
you that I had not as
represented by the Herald
correspondent, charged you
with an attempt to inveigle
me into Kentucky to do me
violence I believe no such
thing of you or Kentuckians
generally, and I dislike to
be represented to them as
slandering them in that way

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