

LETTER LINCOLN WROTE WARNING PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR TO BE SOLD

NEW YORK, April 2.—(N. Y. Times.)—A letter written by Abraham Lincoln, showing that he thought the Civil War was inevitable, will be sold at auction Monday at the Anderson Galleries.

The letter was written to Andrew Gregg Curtin, governor of Pennsylvania, one of Mr. Lincoln's closest friends and most constant advisers, on April 8, 1861, four days before the bombardment of Fort Sumter, which resulted in the declaration of war. As a consequence of the letter, it was said, Pennsylvania troops were the first to reach Washington when the President called for soldiers. The letter was as follows:

Executive Mansion, April 8, 1861.
Governor A. G. Curtin.
My Dear Sir:
I think the necessity of being ready increases. Look for it.
Yours truly,

A. LINCOLN.

The word "ready" was underscored, and the two sentences of 11 words were written in the President's own hand on a single sheet of plain octave stationery on which he wrote the heading, "Executive Mansion."

The letter has been in possession of the Curtin family since it was received by Gov. Curtin, who throughout the Civil War was one of the most energetic war governors of the North.

Dear Miss Yedelle.

I enclose this letter written by Lincoln so long ago, and that - if you had not seen it - you would be as much interested in it as I am. Have wondered why I do not - hear from you since writing you such a long letter 'of thin sheets'; perhaps I made you so weary. You did not want to get another. As soon as I had

this letter my thoughts - were
with you at once, for I do
think any word written so
long since, and by such a
wonderful man is sacred.
Will you kindly return it -
to me at your leisure, as
I am making a scrap book
of all I can find of our
beloved Lincoln, with nothing
else in it. I hope you are
not ill as you were once
before when you did not

with you, and I shall
be happy now to hear
from you once more.

Sincerely your friend
Mrs. Emma East-Egbert-

April 7. 1926.