

New York.

Dudley Field has just told me and cited you as the authority that Lincoln of himself decided on his proclamation of April 15th, 1861, calling out 75,000 troops and wrote it of himself before consulting one of his cabinet and that the proclamation came out just as he wrote it, without alteration. Pray find time to send me a line saying if Field reports your words rightly. And if you can find time to add anything about Lincoln for my enlightenment I pray you earnestly to do so.

Ever most truly yours,

George Bancroft.

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Letter from  
Charles Colver  
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for Bancroft  
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