Carollton Ga.
December 12th 1860

Abraham Lincoln
Sir,

Being certain that you have been elected President of what were once united the United States and knowing that your principles are unconstitutional and treasonable also that your death would greatly benefit the whole Country. I therefore propose to meet you in mortal combat at Harper's Ferry on Washington's birthday, the 22nd of February next. The weapons shall be double barrelled shot guns loaded with lighted buck shot. So I shall kill you in haste a while man for your record. If you fight and are killed orACES to your cowardly to meet me send on mulatto Harlin and I will settle the business with him. Let me hear from you immediately in order that I may be ready at the appointed time to meet and kill you a true traitor. If you do not accept I will publish you as a coward and copy this letter has been sent to the Carpenter to be copied for publication.

Robert Hopewell