

Carrollton Ga
December 1st 1860

Abraham Lincoln
Sir

Being certain
that you have been elected President
of what were once called the United
States and knowing that your
principles are unconstitutional
and treasonable - also that your
death would greatly benefit the
whole Country - I therefore pro-
pose to meet you in mortal com-
bat - at Harpers Ferry on Washing-
ton's birthday, the 22nd of February
next. The weapons shall be double
barrelled shot-guns loaded with
lighten buck shot ^{each barrel} &c I shall be
just you to have a white man for
your second. If you fight and
are killed or prove too cowardly
to meet me send on Samuel
Hamlin and I will settle the mat-
ter with him. Let me hear
from you immediately in order
that I may be ready at the appoin-
ted time to meet and kill you - a
pale brother - If you do not ac-
cept - I will publish you as a cow-
ard - A copy of this letter has
been sent to the Carrollton Ad-
vertiser for publication.

Robert Hemmicks

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MORGAN PARK STATION
CHICAGO, ILL.

Samuel Merritt