Charleston S.C. Nov. 19, 1860

Dear Sir,

Allow me to take this my earliest opportunity of congratulating you on your recent election to the "highest office in the gift of the people." No doubt with your "colored associate" you feel quite proud of the fact that as you no doubt think your near approach to the White House is the seat once occupied by such men as Washington, Jefferson, Adams, and now graced by the venerable form of James A. Buchanan, the Sudder.

I understand that a young friend of mine has sent you the Epitaph of our once glorious Union and accompanying pamphlet, I will be useless for me at this time to refer to these, only to say that had I known of his intention earlier I would have advised him to send something simpler, in order that it might be appreciated by one of your very limited education.

Should you ever respect to rule over the free educated people of the South, let me beg you not to lay that

flatteringunction to your soul.
I am authorized to say that they will never have for their President "a rail splitter."

Remember me to your friend. Danial (down South, we call respectable mulatto's daddy, of course, but as your colleague is not of that high order of oddities, it would be improper for me to tell anything to his name, except such as is generally prefixed to jail birds, such as rascal, thief, or some thing of that sort.) Tell him, for me, that the people of these United States will never consent a person so much inferior to a white man, to occupy the chair now held by that true Southern gentleman John C. Bucknridge. Allow me in conclusion to say that before many days have passed over your head, that the sovereign State of SoCa will no consequence of the triumph of sectional candidates (one who did not receive a single vote in any of the Southern States, viz. the respectable portion of the Union) declare herself to be an independent and separate confederacy, thus placing herself in her original true position.
Never expect to occupy the White House (when you get into it, it will be a Black House) for that it is only intended for Southern Yankees and for Black Republicans and mulatto Scammers.

And so with the earnest wish that you will live to see the downfall of the northern portion of the confederacy, the rapid rise of this Southern Confederacy. I will be one of your feelings (if you have any).

Respectfully,

[Signature]
David Herriott
MORGAN PARK STATION
CHICAGO, ILL.
Washington, D.C.
November 24, 1860

Dear Sir.

Caesar had his Brutus! Charles the First his Cromwell.
And the President may profit by their example.

From one of a sworn band of 10 who have resolved to shoot you from the south side of the Avenue—in the inaugural procession—on the 4th March 1861.

Yours.
Abraham Lincoln, Jr.

To:

You will be shot on the 14th of March next by a Louisianan Creek, and am assured you are destined and our am is sure.

A young Creek.

Beware.

[Envelope with a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and postmarks]
David Herriot
Morgan Park Station
Chicago, Ill.