IN AUGUST, 1864, when LINCOLN'S DEFEAT seemed certain, he penned this statement of his willingness to co-operate with his opponent, between the election and the inauguration, to save the UNION. SHERMAN'S capture of Atlanta and FARRAGUT'S success in Mobile Bay turned the tide and assured Lincoln's re-election.
William H. War
W. P. Anderson
Edwin M. Stanton
Alvin W. Nelles
Edward Bates

M. Blair
E. H. Haskell

August 23, 1864.
Executive Mansion
Washington, Aug. 23, 1864.

This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be re-elected. Then it will be my duty to so co-operate with the President elect, as to save the Union between the election and the inauguration, as he will have secured his election on such grounds that he cannot possibly save it afterward.

A. Lincoln