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Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. J.H. Holland

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Chicago, June 6th 1867

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I met him at Hampden and
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All of his private papers are in my possession but can never be returned. Undoubtedly, a confused state that they cannot be, but it is of

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Chicago June 6th/65

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(June 6th, 1865.)