

Executive Mansion,

Washington, D.C. Jun 19th 1870

My dear Ames,

I have
just rec'd your telegram
and after consultation
with Belknap telegraphed
you to apply to Sherman
officially. Sherman was
pitched into both you
and me in regard to
communicating directly,
and we thought it would
be much better to wait
till our objection comes

wh. especially, there will
be no trouble about
your request being granted
& I shall appear more fully, when ^{next}
I correspond to you most
heartily in the very great
honor that has been
conferred on you. It is

an honor which no one
can dispute.

The President says you
have taken the best course
to come to Washington to
decide the matter.

Yours truly
Abner Porter