Dear Mr. Lincoln,

Two things I shall hasten to do. I have been thinking of answering your letter. The last one I wrote had not been done to my satisfaction, and I don't know why I shouldn't require you to say something unless perhaps to attest a simple act of friendship. In short, I am sorry I cannot do more. But the reasons which have actuated McClellan, by my own judgment, I do not know. I knew the timidity of the Administration about Washington, and wanted to approach Richmond and keep him turning between Strasbourg and Washington, when the savage were commenced, and we could then make Fredericksburg was such a perfect misfortune, and
and to times I think even physically. That he probably had impressions when the
men told that he could not
protect the Army of the
States of the James.

One can imagine that with
the best men in the world
Father Morris - a good line of
Communications like the James
and a heavy such as he had
in Combination with the rebels
and finally with Washington
protected with forts and strong
fortifications that he could have
taken the South side of the
James which would have
been a stab at the heart
in place of a flush bound
on the Gulf of the Bay,

After the surrender was not
of the day I hoped he (DC) would
cross the James - then perhaps
his old friends come on him
and his hopes for the world,
joining him. He was reaching
joining him at Manassas Court
for him at Manassas Court
and his fears and hopes
Arms and his fears and hopes
like him into the fight at
like him into the fight at

Crossed out.

Another place - trying
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to make for a new decision I know my mind with you society all that I can say as to the real moving cause of Brown's ferry and Mississaug Ridge. I ask now grappling with the idea of having a good work and giving a short description without notes turning over my brain for any one friend we decide who chooses does. I have been sick and am still threatened with an attack of bronchitis which it always is serious affair with me. I am not up muchwork but am doing my best.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

PS To your day Jan 2nd 77 1770 who wish you in the fire shall have me in the 2nd friend as the best leave here in the 2nd friend do not to come to meet you at 77.