

Geoscegen Iowa July 22/91
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Respected - Sir

I have just been receiving the "By Standers notes" in the Inter Ocean of July 7. And can never find words to express my surprise and disapproval of a large proportion of what is contained in those notes. How you can find any apology for Jeff Davis or the leaders of the Rebellion is more than I can understand, to assume that Jeff Davis was either honest or sincere is to presume that the leaders of those notes lack ordinary discernment or to assert that Jeff Davis really, honestly & sincerely believed in individual State rights, commands to change the law looking ordinary common sense, and to cherish the thought that his daughter should change the name of her son to that of Jeff Davis. Out of pure love and affection for

for her father is simply preposterous not
worthy a second thought. We have
the best of reason to believe that it
was done in some rebellious spirit that
dishonoured her Father - defiance - contempt
towards the North and not for the name
of her father. As a father I should be
kept in remembrance, not to keep green
the name of the Chief of Rebels
Of ~~the~~ the millions of loving daughters
all over this land did you ever know
or hear of any other daughter doing such
a such a thing as that and do you believe that these
daughters are less loving or less dutiful than the child of
Jeff Davis = I desire no newspaper comment no con-
tinuing so you will pardon if I subscribe myself a Dyke
in the Wood Republican a reader of & believe in the Union
Ocean and not one apology for that cursed war that stained
so many battle fields with loved ones just to gratify a hate
against the North & satisfy an unholy ambition and to
extend & perpetuate Slavery