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Magville,

N. Y.

My Dear Judge:-

The enclosed communication came to hand too late or I should have been glad to publish it. It was handed me the very day that the Governor gave his decision and if we had published it at all we would have published it on the day that we published his decision so that it would have been comparatively useless. For this reason I did not publish it and herewith return it to you. The other letter, which I received from Iowa, I have in my pocket. I have read it carefully. The whole subject is under consideration and my judgement is that it is better to let the facts that are before the American people be thoroughly digested before we undertake to pile anything more on to them. There is lots of time for the Lincoln boom and the principle danger is that it will get out so soon that it will run its course before it becomes efficient. I am overwhelmed with work and am about a hundred letters behind in my correspondence. If you have any suggestions on the political outlook for my private consideration I shall

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be glad to receive them at any time.

Very Truly Yours,

Wm. A. Duff

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