

Hd Qrs Army of Ga
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Dear Parents

As it may be that I shall not be able to write for a little time tho it may be too that Mail privileges will not be closed I thought I would indulge my self in this little pleasure of transmitting for your perusal a few lines before starting on the last grand Campaign of the War

I pray it may be a finishing touch to Rebellion. How astonished the Confederate leaders must be at the wide difference in the policy of Andy Johnson from that of Pres Lincoln Once they had hope of life but like the sinner after Death has him in its cold grasp Just retribution seems sure If any of those leaders were Confederate with those assassins I dare say they would give their little earthly possessions if Mr Lincoln were alive

I have just read a piece in the Raleigh Standard (vis) an extract from a speech of Mr Johnson delivered to a serenading party just after the reception of the news of the Fall of Petersburg & Richmond his sentiments are pointed discriminating and if fully carried out will teach the south to wait till they are sure of having the superiority of numbers before they attempt to raise another muzz Although it looks and seems hard it seems necessary that some examples should be made that people may be sufficiently horrified at the bare mention of that crime "Treason" and teach their children the "way they should go" and not bring them up in all the fanaticism and prejudice of the present age and especially that which seems to prevade nearly all the whole Southern mind

"Justice to the Conspirators but leniency to those who from good enough motives but very wrongly applied have struggled for the rights the southern leaders claimed were their due" is a motto that I believe Christianity it self will uphold at least in a moderate degree I firmly believe that the countrys good demands that some examples be made

I have just recieved an answer to a letter I wrote to a Mr Nedow in the State of Mass. It was with respect to his sons escape from the Rebs although I have not seen the young man since we left the Town I hope he is well and it would do me good if he could get a furlough to see his parents But I am glad of a prospect of our all seeing home & loved ones at an early day

Please give my love to all
Yours ever truly
Charlie
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