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Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston regarding
the former's arrival in Richmond and interview
with Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

John Hunt Morgan
Confederate States Army

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Abingdon Va April 3^o 1864

Genl Joseph E. Johnston
Genl:

When I arrived in Richmond I called ^{on} upon the President for the purpose of urging upon him the justice of restoring my command. In the course of our conversation on this subject, I incidentally mentioned the expedition which was intended against Nashville and the President replied that he was not aware of such an expedition having been projected. He then summoned Genl Bragg and inquired of him if he knew anything of the matter? He said he did not, this being the first information he had ever had on the subject.

I deem it my duty to mention to you this interview as you were so very kind as to write to me explaining the cause of my being ordered to this department and expressing your regret at our separation.

I assure you Genl that you do not regret it more than I do, as I felt when I was ordered to report to you, that I could have no difficulty in obtaining all that would be necessary to render my command efficient. I will take occasion to mention here that from information I have just obtained from one of my officers who

escaped from the Nashville Penitentiary about the
first of March, that there would have been no
difficulty in reaching Nashville and accomplishing
all that was intended, as there were not more than
three hundred troops there at the time most of whom
were negroes.

With many thanks for the kind and
complimentary expressions contained in your
letter

I remain Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt