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Légation
des Etats Unis

Paris le 19 Juin 1865

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous
accuser réception de la lettre que
vous avez bien voulu m'écrire en
date du 10 courant, ainsi que
des exemplaires de la revue "Le
Monde Maçonique" qui l'accom-
pagnaient.

Rien ne saurait contribuer
davantage à adoucir la douleur
dans laquelle nous a plongés la
mort prématurée de M. le Président
Lincoln, que les nombreuses marques
de sympathie qui nous arrivent
de toutes parts, nous montrant

Monsieur Favre

à quel point tous les gens de
bien - en particulier en France -
s'associent à notre grand deuil
national.

Agreé, Monsieur, avec mes
remerciements pour ces témoignages
de votre sympathie, l'assurance
de mes sentiments distingués

John Bigelow.

Légation des États-Unis
d'Amérique à Paris.



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Monsieur Favre
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**THE AMERICAN MINISTER TO FRANCE WRITES TO AN
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AS THE NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY”**

JOHN BIGELOW (1817-1911). An American lawyer and diplomat, Bigelow co-owned *The Evening Post* with William Cullen Bryant. In 1861, President Lincoln as a consul to France, and did much to prevent France from recognizing the Confederacy. When the previous Minister, William Dayton, died in 1864, he ascended to Minister in 1865 and stayed there until 1867. He later did much writing, such as *France and the Confederate Navy*, and edited Benjamin Franklin's *Autobiography*.

JULES FAVRE (1809-1880), was a French lawyer and statesman, and the leader of opposition to the Second Empire. At the time of this letter, he was the head of the opposition party.

LS. 2pg. 5 ¼" x 8". June 19, 1865. Paris. A letter signed "**John Bigelow**" on black bordered mourning stationery, headed "*Legation des Etats Unis*". He wrote to Jules Favre: "*Monsieur, I have the honor of acknowledging receipt of the letter you wrote me on the 10th of this month as well as the copies of the Journal 'Masonic World' which accompanied it. Nothing has contributed to the easing of the pain into which we were plunged by the premature death of President Lincoln as much as the numerous expressions of sympathy we have received from all over the world which have shown us well - especially in France - that they relate to our great national mourning. Accept, Monsieur, with my thanks for the expressions of your sympathy, the assurance of my distinguished sentiments.*" The letter is in very fine condition overall, and is accompanied by the original Legation mailing envelope.

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