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(Légation) des États Unis

Laris le 19 Luin 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 Maçonnique" qui l'accom-; pagnaient.

Rien ne saurait contribuer d'avantage 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 avrivent 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.

agréez, Monsieur, avec mes remerciements pour ces témoignages de sotre sympathie, l'afsurance de mes sentiments distingués

Mm Digchore.

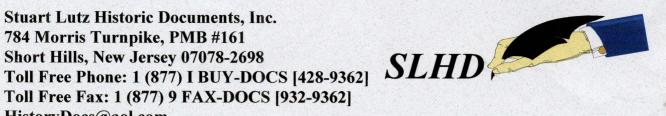
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> Monsieur Favre Administrateur de l'Avenir National g Rue des Fossés Montmartre



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THE AMERICAN MINISTER TO FRANCE WRITES TO AN IMPORTANT FRENCH POLITICIAN: "NOTHING HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE EASING OF THE PAIN...BY THE PREMATURE DEATH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN AS MUCH 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 1/4" 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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