Washington City
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My dear Wife –

After much trouble and annoyance I have had Cecil released – and had to go to the very highest authority! the President –

When I got to Harrisburg I found Cecil had gone to West Chester and there enlisted and went to Phila the col. went with me to the Gov and he gave me letters to Phila, I there got Jim Graff we set out to explore, there are three barracks for soldiers there at the second of which we found him – I then to the commander in charge Gen Gilbert but he informed he had no authority to release him – had ordered me to come here, which I did last night – I got McAllister this morning and we set off to

to the War office, and saw the Bro. Bro. Marshall Lyon and Beeby, at War neither of whom would interfere; at the instance of Judge Hale we went with him to the Resi- we found "Old Abe" and after hearing an anecdote on the from him - he signed the order "Let the Boy be discharged"

I made my best bow of course, Judge Hale told him I would have to vote for him and left -

I expect to leave to night for Phila. and expect to be home with him on Saturday - I am well and glad - Love to all -

Affectionately -

Yours -

Rad. Powell -