

Malcom Poweshiek, Lee Iowa Oct. 6th 1865

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that went to bed and Father with sugar in
and no such can have nothing to answer
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