

Burlington March 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

Gen. Marsh Esqr  
Dear Sir

The Ghost of McCracken is laid, the Senate of Office bill passed over the veto of Andrew the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Reconstruction bill ditto and the country draws a long breath for the first time this many a day. Business is dull money close consequently your humble servant has nothing to keep him out of mischief but write letters. One Congress passed away but another cometh worse (for rebels) than the first. The rebels just begin to see that the sooner they settle the better it will be for them, for we Radicals give the screw one more turn every election. All decent people feel very much disgraced to think that such a cur as the infamous McCracken is should have recd the slightest attention from our worthy Secretary of State. The old question, "who struck Billy Patterson" is now obsolete and "who is McCracken is now" asked, but nobody knows. Affairs about this place remain much as when I wrote before. Your brother has been very sick. Do Marsh said "the sickest man he ever saw get well" He is now about and is improving. Mrs Edmunds is improving and will soon be about. Miss Lucia Wheeler seems better