

My dear friend March,

Many thanks for your kind
letter. This is to both of you -
We are beginning to rally somewhat from
our late terrible trial, and my wife says
that ere long she will be able to write to
Mrs March some particulars of our poor
Florence. During her illness we cannot
now dwell upon the subject, without
relapsing into the state we have been in
these last several months -
Your remarks upon the present state of
things at home, I am just, although
I am disposed to hesitate a little in
regard to your conclusions - of Genl. Meade's
conduct, we must make great allow-
ances for a General - hampered per-
haps, by his superiors, and in Com-
mand of men who are the free
born and enlightened Citizens of
the United States. Perhaps if Genl.
Meade could tell his story, we should
then change our minds. - But you
may possess information unknown to
me, and so I rest the question as