

Powers  
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My Dear Friend Marshall

I had rather that Mrs Marshall  
would come late than early - as I have  
a bust engaged within the next two or  
three weeks - and I dare say, that this  
would be quite as convenient to her and  
to you -

I take it, that you are not in earnest  
about a dinner of "100 plates" - The bare  
mention of such a thing, would frighten  
and slaughter if not give pain in Dow -  
but if you could give them a comfortable  
little family dinner - I know how much  
they would enjoy it -

I fully share in your apprehensions  
about the coming events at Fort Sumter -  
I do not doubt the will of the Commanding  
officer. but as he is yet an untried man  
on so large a scale. I feel apprehensive  
about his judgment and ability -  
a sudden dash, in an unexpected quarter  
might prove most disastrous - indeed  
there has been a sortie, but we do not  
know much about it, the Rebels claim  
a success! - and at Corinth, there has  
been greater loss, I doubt not, than  
has been acknowledged -  
We now hear that the Quartermaster, lost  
one of his guns - and, on that account,  
was obliged to put back -