

Monroe Dec 1st 1862 Dover

Wmth George P. Marsh.

My dear Friend

I am afraid that your estimate of Genl. McClellan is the true one, and if so a terrible amount of responsibility rests on his head - It is almost unexcusable, however - that any educated human being could carry on with him war on so vast a scale - But any how, it was high time to displace him for it is quite clear now, that he was the unwilling agent in the policy of the Government - The Democrats claim him and the rebels respect him above all our other officers - and these are high grounds for suspicion - We shall see now, what Genl. Burnside will do, but I fear the season is past for any thing decisive -

I hope that President Lincoln has got his eyes open to the situation - and is convinced at last, of the determination of the South - to listen to no terms of amicable - liation or compromise - He seems never to have abandoned the hope - that kindness would - in time - bring back to duty "our Southern Brethren" and in this he has been supported by the simple well meaning Democrats, who however object to his proclamation as too stringent a measure! They have not been kicked enough by the South - both checks have been slapped over and over again - and even sticks have not been wanting to convince them, but all in vain - The cry is still "our erring and wronged Southern