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My Dear Brother,

I have just recd. and perused your truly welcomed letter. I will reply as well as my exhausted powers will permit. I have had but little sleep for several nights on account of the excitement and my making preparation for war. Nearly all are drilling.

Now my brother allow me to speak plain that you may truly judge my motives. I believe in no common tie that binds our hearts together - my feeling being the criterion. When this great national crisis came - when I felt