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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Annapolis Maryland April 18th 1865

Non Annie

I've received no word from you yet though I wrote immediately upon my arrival home. I still expect to hear from you though perhaps you have forgotten to write - perhaps the fault is in the mails

I'm in excellent health and able for the duties that may devolve upon me. I cannot tell you what disposition will be made of me, for I know not as yet. Nearly all the paroled prisoners have arrived here, I reported on the 16th inst. though my leave of absence expired on the 14. I was detained at the Relay House, also at Annapolis Junction west of here, at the former I heard the sad news of the horrible murder of that great and good man Abraham Lincoln - How sad! Our nation weeps. The cities are clothed in habiliments of mourning - the flags are draped in black & suspended at half mast. Tomorrow the officers go in a body -

to Washington to attend the funeral of the greatest man in the world. May God pity us! for indeed we are stricken with sorrow that moves the soul Gen Grant has given us leave to go and I shall avail myself of the opportunity

My father has no wish to move West at present He thinks it would be much more beneficial to us to remain where we are at the present But I differ with him, having, as you know, more evidence that there is more of the world ~~that~~ⁱⁿ that which lies around and adjacent to either Gratiot or Hopewell, than he has, for you know "I've traveled"

Well I'll close hoping to hear from you as soon as convenient.

My Kind regards to your father's family also to Jos. J. Kelly & family also to others whom you please. Wishing you a kind farewell I subscribe myself

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servt.

J. S. Armstrong
Annapolis
Md



Miss Frank P. Porter
Clinton

Dewitt Co { Illinois



April 18, 1965

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois

Mon Amie

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T.S. Armstrong

Annapolis, Md.