

Executive Mansion,

Washington, August 9, 1862

Mr. John M. Llay.

My dear Sir:

The snuff-box you sent, with the accompanying note, was received yesterday.

Thanks for this memento of your great and patriotic father. Thanks also for the assurance that, in these days of dereliction, you remain true to his principles. In the concurrent sentiment of your venerable mother, so long the partner of his bosom and his honors, and lingering now, where he was, but for the call to rejoin him where he is, I recognize his voice, speaking as it ever spoke, for the Union, the Constitution, and the freedom of mankind.

Your Obedt. Serv^t.

A. Lincoln