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Dear Sir

"All right," and will commence stereotyping & -monow.

From the various notices in the newspapers of the Generals of the Revolution, you cannot fail to have been struck by the dignity and importance which that book acquired by (being understood to have been written) by a number of authors. Most of the criticisms, I observed, take notice of the superior advantage of having several writers employed, over the wretched work which is written by a single person. It takes off some of the odium, also, of a direct ~~revelation~~ or of individual writers; and gives, obviously, many other advantages. The author of your Napoleon & the Marshals of the Empire agreed to the suggestion, and approves of the same announcement being made in the present case. He will make it literally true by having some of the smaller lives written by different hands. If you approve, the announcements may be made accordingly, and the book may appear as edited by some one. Be so good as to signify your wishes.

The list of marshals is as follows—

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| ✓ Napoleon  | ✓ Augustin     | ✓ Oudinot  |
| ✓ Lannes    | ✓ Bernadotte * | ✓ Marmont (Portrait in <u>Galerie Historique de Versailles</u> Oct. 7. 1785) |
| ✓ Soult     | ✓ Bessieres    | ✓ Poyatowski   |
| ✓ Davoust   | ✓ Soult *      | ✓ Grouchy  |
| ✓ Massena   | ✓ Suchet *     | ✓ Jourdan  |
| ✓ Ney       | ✓ Soult & L'ep | ✓ Brune  |
| ✓ Mouton    | ✓ Prignon      | ✓ Kellerman the Old  |
| ✓ Villotier | ✓ Jellone      |  |
| ✓ Berthier  | ✓ Victor       |  |
| ✓ Mouton *  | ✓ Macdonald    |  |

\* Portraits in Arc de Triumphe. The most interesting and least known portrait of Napoleon is that in Leul's life of Napoleon, taken in 1786. I have several portraits of your service, that have not been engraved in this country.

I have been wretchedly sick with the influenza several days and am just recovering, so I should have written to you before respecting these matters.

Yours very truly

R. W. Griswold

Carey & Hart, Philad.

New York Hotel  
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