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Dover Del Aug 30 1862

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I think it will be hard, thus to be snatched away; but if the Government needs our services I shall go without a murmur. I know you would not have me stay. The darkest period of my life is, I feel, near at hand. yet I do not properly appreciate the fact, and will only do so, when stern necessity compels me to. My Company accounts are very much entangled and it will require sometime for me to straighten them out, so that my time is too much taken up for me to reflect on future events. I will not ask you to answer this note, as I will write again as soon as I know my destiny. I will still fondly hope

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