

Abraham Lincoln papers

From John E. Thomson to Abraham Lincoln¹, June 30, 1863

¹ The following is one of numerous appeals sent to Lincoln which urged him to re-appoint General George B. McClellan to a position of command. On the same day that Lincoln received the telegram from Thomson, he wrote to Alexander K. McClure that giving McClellan a command would be like "opening one leak to stop another." See *Collected Works*, VI, 311.

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In my Judgment it is essential that McClellan be placed in Charge of the forces in Penna not now attached to the Army of the Potomac I speak as a friend

J. Edgar Thomson