

## Abraham Lincoln papers

From Joseph Hooker to Abraham Lincoln [With Endorsement by Lincoln]<sup>1</sup>, June 12, 1863

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<sup>1</sup> The endorsement helps to explain the document. Lincoln had telegraphed Hooker and proposed to visit him on June 13 in order to witness a demonstration of incendiary shells. Hooker at first sent the following dispatch, then agreed to the visit, and then the next day urged Lincoln not to come. The uncertainty of Lee's troop movements doubtless contributed to the vacillation. See *Collected Works*, VI, 270-71.

Recd in cipher

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Head Quarters Army of

the Potomac June 12" 63

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If I am not very much mistaken I shall be constrained to move my Army on to the Alexandria and Orange Rail Road before that time. I have three (3) corps near there at this time.

I presume that Gen Halleck showed you my dispatch of this morning. Also please see copy of my dispatch to Gen Dix of today.

Jos Hooker

Maj Genl

[Endorsed by Lincoln:]

The within comes in answer to a proposition of mine to visit Gen. Hooker on tomorrow night (Saturday).

I have thought perhaps Gen. Halleck better see it.

A. Lincoln

June 12. 1863.