Beauvoir, Harrison, Co., Miss.,

1st Dec. 1880.

Dear and dear Friend,

Genl. Pendleton,

I received your note, and subsequently the fulfillment of the promise it contained of your letting the 24th once. Did I not know that the labor you performed in preparing the sketch was for a cause as near to your heart as my own, I would not apologize to you for the delay my application imposed.

I have not contemplated anything like a minute account of campaigns and battles because I knew that could, and I hope, would be better done by those who were actually engaged in them.
I wish in general terms to come to the
prevailing errors, and to do justice to some
prose whose it had been withheld, also
to show under what great disgrace
laws we labored from want of the virtue
of war, and some imprudent waste
of the little we had.

In this last connection, I should be
glad if you could give me a short
statement of our losses in the
guard by the retreat of the Army of
the Potomac, and of the Peninsular
if you could add a sketch of the
Battle of Gettysburg, and the condition
and fortifications of Charleston South
When you visited at Charleston in the
month of May, if you could let
me know it, I should be very grateful.

I have devoted most of my time
and attention to the vindicating
our cause and conduct. Not being a
rascal, I am convinced that
the time I should be.
of fulfilling the wish which
stimulated me to write. The
assistant whom I employed
to collect material for the non-
tive portion of the work, had
by faith no. He is known
entitled to the expense I found
those to whom I direct him
to make application, either of
fruit or unwilling to incur the
responsibility of a reply, setup
when I expected it to be already.
I have had to go to work as I have
done but for that dependence
long ago, and as of the last month,
fell myself. Burried.
Our People after making sacrifices
and performing heroic deeds un
any age or county
seen like the ship which being
over the storm goes down into
be now ready to ascend in the
lightning for life than a snake.
My efforts to indicate their cause
will find therefore probably but
favor with this generation. Perhaps
they may arrange me for dissolving
the harmony about which
they wrote, and of which the only
evidence is to be found in this
inartificial conception. If true
my object had been to gain
applause, reason would teach me
that I had better burn what we
hath than have the printed
I have not less any guilt in the
People if they could only be exposed
to the side of their works and
but grinding poverty on one side,
and fields in health on the other
which the computation which pre
ceded the downfall of all ancient
republics, and the body of the
People whose only interest is
be in good government, an idgami
In the eternity of truth, and the government of the world, by Him who doth all things well and the only hope which is left to me.

I do not expect to see a resurrection but shall die hoping, almost believing that it will come, and that the example of our fathers will in some future generations be emulated by their posterity.

I ardently desire to see you again and to hear again from your lips each prayer and every word of love.

Sherrin, narrow led, dear Stephen, Form a Melbourne Club.

My wife joins me in endless prayers for your safety.

Affectionately,

Your friend,

George H. Barlow