

Hansburg  
July 7 1868

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Hornby Aug 7 1863

Dear -

No pass is necessary by way of  
 York - I believe Mead's New Mexico  
 will be this night at Frederick -  
 I think Lee passed over the Wagnershoe  
 Gap (past my old furnace -) tomorrow  
 trains will run to Shippensburg  
 within six miles of my house -  
 then I shall go down tomorrow  
 to see this color - Mead is in great  
 hopes of reaching Lee, and says he  
 will strike him as soon as he  
 does - Our troops here go at his  
 request to get things to hand it  
 for myself, it looks as if Lee was  
 massing his forces to catch Mead  
 dispersed, and relieving his loss. Others  
 do not think so, and I hope it is  
 not true -  
 Nothing news would be glorious if  
 our anxiety about Mead did  
 not appear it - Thousands on  
 journeying to the pit of battle

Wm. O. Sickles

Frederick Stearns