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Harrisburg July 7, 1863

Dear Sir

No pass is necessary by [reg] of Zook— I believe Mead's [kind] mostly will be this night at Frederick— I think Lee passed over the Waynesboro Gap (past my old Furnace—Tomorrow trains will run to Shippensburg within six miles of my Ashes— I think I shall go down tomorrow to see their 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 Gettysburg to hold it— For myself, it looks as if Lee was moving his forces to catch Meade dispersed, and relieve his loss. Others do not think so, and I hope it is not true—

Vicksburg news would be glorious if our anxiety about Meade did not expel it— Thousands are [Sojourning] to the field of battle

[Yours]

Thaddeus Stevens

Col. O. J. Dickey

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