

To.

Col. F. J. Parker
Boston, Mass.

Washington

January 24th '63

My dear Colonel,

From my heart I thank you for your cordial expressions of friendship, warm sympathy, and of unabated confidence in my ability and patriotism, which, as based on personal knowledge of me in active service, it is most gratifying to know, cannot be shaken even by the dark suspicion which the finding of the courts would throw upon my motives.

I rest at present under a dark cloud. So be it. If Providence designs me as an instrument to restore to our distracted country, peace, a wise government and prudent councils, my reputation

and life would be but slight offerings
in such a cause, and would be as they
have been often, willingly risked or
surrendered to check what to be our
race to ruin, and to prevent the darker
times which you fear are at hand and
which I trust will not be necessary
to cause justice to be rendered me.

Accept my assurances of gratitude
and believe me

Ever your friend
J. J. Porter.

Dr. F. W. Johnson Posters.

January 22, 1865