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Dear

Head Quarter Dist. of Pinalia  
New York 22 January 1862

My Dear Sir

I have no intelligence of later date  
than that driving through Col. McMillan  
which is to 4 P. M. of the 19th -

The report brought here yesterday  
morning by Capt. Hill from Hyde is of the 16th -  
and confirms my report of that date, but  
does not, of course discredit the subsequent  
reports -

I am momentarily expecting Col. Ingleson  
who left here on a steamer Tuesday  
afternoon at 5 o'clock to re-embark.

I am not inclined to be boastful, but I  
feel a conviction that if the enemy shall come  
up here, I will beat him off - He  
shall not rest quietly for one moment  
in the dry land -

Perhaps we will never be better  
prepared than at present -

I am Very Respectfully

Yours Truly  
H. A. March



22. June 1842

Signature of Proctor