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Head Quarter Dist. of Panchio
New York 22 January 1862

My Dear Sir

I have no intelligence of later date than that deriving 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 conforms my reports 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 day land -

Perhaps you will never be better prepared than at present -
I am very respectfully
Yours
A. S. March

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Signature of Proctor