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Letter: Lafayette McLaws to Isaac R. Pennypacker, March 27, 1886

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Savannah Georgia
March 27. 1886

Bro. A. Pennyfoother
Editor Weekly Press
Rt 1 Pa

Dear Sir

Your letter of 27th with acknowledgments
the receipt of manuscript & reply (a copy of my address
before S. Historical Society was also enclosed) was
received a few moments since

I thank you for your frank comments on
my composition, and agree with you that
the paragraph relating to the testimony of Genl
Sickles should not be inserted, and therefore, by
what you will erase the whole of it. Com-
mencing "Genl Sickles testifies" and ending
"As he had been but a short time previous
assigned to command" - as quoted in your letter -
Since forwarding the article, I have regretted
that I had written Sickles "opinion" or part of it,
and am glad that your discriminating, good taste
and frankness, has given me the opportunity
of correcting my error.

The Confederate Congressman, from whom I obtained
Ex-Senator Jefferson Davis' opinion of Gen. Meade
was, Col R. R. Bridges, who was at the time and may
be now, President & Chief-Superintendent
of the "Coast Line R. Road" - Wilmington and Weldon
N.C. - I can have no objection to your inserting
the paragraph as a Foot Note, as you intimate

While writing of Gen. Meade, allow me to suggest
that, it would be a valuable contribution to the history
of the times, if Gen. Meade's Son, would give an "inside"
account of Gen. Meade's administration in Georgia,
especially, so much of it, as relates to the trial of the
"Columbus prisoners", and the agreement entered into
with Gen. Joseph E. Brown, now Senator from
Georgia, when by the Gov. B., he became the Procureur,
attorney, receiving therefor, Ten thousand dollars,
- Gov. B. published a pamphlet, giving his version of
transaction, but not until after the death of Gen.
M. - If Col Meade has never seen a copy of the
"Pamphlet" alluded to of Gov. B., I will if he so desires
try and find one for him.

Very respectfully

L. M. How,