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Wheatland, near Lancaster
2 July 1865.

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On this hallowed Anniversary, let us rejoice, that, through the intervention of Divine Providence, peace has once more returned to bless our land. Our joy, however, will be tinged with a cloud of

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