

Another legislative is now in operation  
against us. Our people have with  
great unanimity repudiated the  
validity of elections held under  
these laws - they will do so to the  
end, whatever be their fate.

A ballot box tampered &  
polluted as is ours, presents no  
temptation to the free electors.

Our cause will be  
decided at the Presidential  
election. It may endure a defeat  
without destruction, but success  
at that time will speedily save  
us from new trouble & a prolonged  
warfare. Earnestly I hope the  
people comprehend our cause  
& will sustain it.

8 P.M.

I have just received by the  
mail your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

The morals of our army, was not  
below the average of morals in peaceful  
localities. I have adhered to my  
promise to you, save when in camp  
at a distance from Head Quarters  
a small portion of the time.