Washington, January 4th 1864.

My dear Mrs. Barnes,

I have the pleasure of sending you, with the President's permission, the original draft of his September proclamation. The body of it is in his own handwriting, the pencilled additions in the hand of the Secretary of State, and the formal beginning and ending, in the hand of the Chief Clerk.

Yours very sincerely,

W. Seward

Mrs. Emily W. Barnes
Albany, N.Y.

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