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Head Quarters, Military Division
of the Mississippi - In the Field

Gully Station N Ca
April 12 1865 -

To His Excellency
Z. B. Vance, Governor of N Carolina

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this date, and enclose you a safe guard for yourself and any members of the State Government that choose to remain in Raleigh - I would gladly have enabled you to meet me here, but some interruption occurred to the Train by the order of General Johnston after it had passed within the lines of my cavalry advance but as it came out of Raleigh in good faith it shall return in good faith, and will in no manner be detained by us -

I doubt if hostilities can be suspended as between the army of the Confederate States and the one I command but I will aid you all in my power to contribute to the end you aim to reach the termination of the existing war.

I am truly
Yr Ob Sr
W. T. Sherman
Maj Genl -

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