

Washington, D. C.
June 24, 1864.

Mr. Phillip Mick,

Dear Sir:-

I had the pleasure of receiving ^{on yesterday,} your excellent favor of the 18th inst, in relation to the affairs of our country. I have read it over carefully, and I must assure you I was forcibly struck with its important suggestions. I am confident if Congress and the People, would act on its important suggestions, that Peace and a restored Union, would speedily follow. Beside, I feel greatly encouraged to believe that the people are beginning to comprehend the true condition of the country, and that extreme men, and extreme measures, on either side, will neither bring us peace or Union. I trust you will labor faithfully in the channel to which you have so ably directed my attention, and may the Good Lord

bless our mutual labors for the good
of our common country.

I expect to be home about the
4th of July. I should be much pleased
to see you and have a personal in-
terview with you. Your views, as ex-
pressed in your letter to me, so nearly
coincide with my own, that I should
like to form a personal acquaintance
with you. If you should ever pass
by the way of Marion, you will find
my "latch string" out; and if I should
(as I most likely will) pass through
Dundee during the fall, I will endeavor
to see you.

To-day I mailed you some
Turnip seed. The "Orange Jelly" is said
to have no superior. I hope you
will try them.

By next winter I hope to be able to
procure you the seed you so much
desired last spring.

Again thanking you for your favor,
I remain, Your friend, truly,
Jas. McDowell.