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To J. L. Chambelain, Dear Sir

Your very kind and gentlemanly letter was received to night and in behalf of all our family friends, we deem it a very great kindness, that you a stranger, should send us tidings, of so precious and yet so sad a moment.

We have never heard from my brother, since that terrible battle of ¹⁸61 and have long since mourned him as dead, and it will be a kindness the memory of which death only can efface, if you will forward the book to C. H. Towne Esq. Rockville, Ct.
Very Respectfully. M. S. Morse.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]

