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Secretary Stanton says the assassination of Mr. Lincoln was planned in Canada and approved in Richmond. Yet Booth, the assassin, had not been in either place. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that this damnable and atrocious act was approved in Richmond, much as we condemn the nest of conspirators that ruled this unfortunate section with the iron rod of despotism. We would not screen them, if guilty, for God knows we have had little sympathy in common. If it was approved or instigated by any individual or individuals connected with the management of the Richmond Government, stern justice must be meted out to every one of them so implicated, and no one than ourself will rejoice more when the guilty parties shall be made to pay the penalty so richly deserved. The death of Mr. Lincoln is lamented by the Union men of the South quite as much as those of the North; and it is a calamity in which we of the South are far more deeply interested, even than our fellow-citizens of the Northern States of the Union.

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