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Dr Casper Morris.

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your kind note of yesterday; but for two very good reasons I can not accede to your withdrawal

1. I have not enlisted

2. I have not repudiated my debts on account of the war; if I had done so, I think even a soldier would be willing and anxious to pay for his life.

John Williams & Jem Biddle expect to go with the Washington Greys. I do not intend to leave until I have become something of a soldier.

We have entered upon a long and bloody contest. God only holds the issues in his hands. Hicks & Letcher as human instruments could have shortened the fight; but they have now lost the opportunity.

Allow me to express to you my keen appreciation of your faithful and tender attendance during my illness