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From Queen Victoria to Mary Todd Lincoln¹, April 29, 1865

Osborne.

April 29 -- 1865.

Dear Madam,

Though a stranger to you I cannot remain silent when so terrible a calamity has fallen upon you & your country, & most personally express my deep & heartfelt sympathy with you under the shocking circumstances of your present dreadful misfortunes.

No one can better appreciate than I can, who am myself utterly broken-hearted by the loss of my own beloved Husband,² who was the Light of my Life, -- my Stay -- my All,-- What your sufferings must be; and I earnestly pray that you may be supported by Him to whom alone the sorely stricken can look for comfort, in this hour of heavy affliction.

With the renewed expression of true sympathy,

I remain,

dear Madam,

Your Sincere

friend

Victorially

[Note 1 Victoria occupied the British throne from 1837 to 1901.]

[Note 2 Prince Albert, Victoria's husband of twenty-one years, died in 1861.]



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