

Lexington Va: 15 May 1869

My dear D^r--

I have rec^d a letter from Genl. E. G. W. Butler of Louisiana, who had his two sons in the late war, saying that Prince Leopold, Queen Victoria's youngest Son, had expressed through M^{rs} Grenville Winthrop now sojourning at the Isle of Wight, a desire to have the best History of the war between the States from a Southern Source, & that Bishop Gilmer of Louisiana whom you know, had recommended the Southern Review as the best & most philosophical vindication of the war, & that the Vols: of 66 & 67 might be included; whereupon Genl Butler wrote to the British Consul in Baltimore on the subject. If he has not acted on the suggestion Genl B. suggests that you might like to forward the Reviews to the Prince, & in that event if you would hand them to M^r W^m G. Harrison of Baltimore, that he Genl B. would request M^r Alexander Duncan, who will return to England in June, to take charge of & deliver them. My only desire is that you may have the opportunity of acting in the matter as you may please & determine best. As you may not recall Genl Butler, I will mention that about the time we graduated at W. P. he was in Genl Gaines Staff as A. Adjt Genl. That he resigned about that time, married Miss Lewis, a cousin of M^{rs} Lee's, & settled in Louisiana as a Sugar Planter --

With my best wishes for yourself & family

I am very resp^y & truly yours

R E Lee

D^r. A.  Bledsoe LL.D.