

Oremus, Tenn.

26th April 1875

My very dear friend

Your most gratifying letter was read with deep feeling; it carried me back to the prayers you made on those solemn nights when we slept together near to Frazer's farm and Malvern-hill.

As I wrote to you in Feby. last circumstances might prevent me from being with you in Oct. next, and that during the month of April I could probably foresee whether it would be impracticable for me then to be with you. I now write to inform you that it will be so impracticable. This is the less to be regretted as I learn the inauguration of the statue of our friend, the

world's heroic cannot take place
before the anniversary in 1876.

May we not hope that by that
time it will more allowable
than now, for a southern man
to speak with free breath of the
cause which see so efficiently
maintained and so well illus-
trated.

It pains me to hear that your
health has not been good during the
winter, and I sincerely pray that
the advent of spring may bring
to you its genial influence.

Please make my acknowledgements
to you appreciated, and communicate
to them the fact of my inability
to meet them in next October
as invited.

With best wishes and cordial
regards to Mrs. Pundleton and each
of your daughters, and a hearty

best offering for yourself, I am
as ever truly

Your friend
Jefferson Davis

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