

CW/VFM-22: Jubal A. Early

Business letter to Isaac Pennypacker of the Weekly Press. Dated 7 May 1886 from Lynchburg, VA. Also, a typed transcript of the letter. Ms 2pp. Tms 1pp.

In this letter, Early declines to write an article on the Battle of Gettysburg for the Weekly Press. He refers Pennypacker to an address that Early gave on 19 January 1872 and also to notes published in the Southern Historical Papers in response to publications of Longstreet's.

Then he vehemently denies that Meade could have destroyed Lee's army after that battle, saying that they simply needed to re-supply and the Potomac was flooded. He begs the question that, if General Grant almost couldn't get Lee to surrender at Appomattox with better odds, how on earth would Meade have done so after Gettysburg?

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