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CINCINNATI GAZETTE, IN A RECENT
LETTER

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So many traces were found of a previous knowledge that the President was to be murdered, in all parts of the North, as to establish the fact that many parties in the North were accomplices - at least so far as to be aware of what was contemplated. A surgeon, well known and of high standing, who was connected with the enrollment in New England, wrote as follows to Gen. Butler after the appointment of the Special Committee on Assassination:

"We received a telegram, about 8 o'clock on the morning after the President was murdered, stating the fact. Our office was closed immediately, and I went to my home, where I found the death of the President had been currently reported since noon the day previous, some ten hours before it actually occurred. I traced the report to ---, and then reported the facts to the Assistant Provost Marshal-General. He immediately sent one of his deputies, and a large number of affidavits were taken, showing that parties here were so sure the President would be shot that the report became public some fourteen hours in advance of the sad catastrophe."

Evidence exists to show that certain parties in Middletown, N.Y. had knowledge that murder was to take place. A Maryland gentleman heard in New York City, in February, that Mr. Lincoln was to be assassinated at his inauguration. No clue, however, was found to the man who made this assertion. A man in York, Penn., made a bet at the time of the inauguration that the President would not live a month, and that he would be murdered. A citizen of Doliver, Mo., predicted that Mr. Lincoln would be murdered within a few days of the time it really happened. In the above cases the names of the parties are known. The Judiciary Committee, when investigating the

complicity of Jefferson Davis, obtained a great deal of evidence of this sort, which has been turned over to General Butler's committee.