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My dear Sir:

I thank you for the interesting book referred to in your letter of inquiry. It came when I was far from well, which fact chiefly must account for the delay in my reply.

General Grant states in his memoirs, Vol 11, p 508, the principal motives for his departure from this city on April 14, 1865. He probably gave little thought, even if told of them, to certain occurrences which had that day acted on the nerves of Mrs Grant, rendering her impatient to be off.

Could I accept as established truth all the details set forth in your book, I would feel free to say confidently that, knowing these truths, he would have attached a far different significance than he did to the said occurrences.

I feel hardly able to detail them to you at present - especially as I think it not improbable that Mrs Grant's own account of them may at no distant day be made public.

Very truly yours,

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