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Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Feb. 18. 1861.

Miss Stanton:

It would afford me  
real pleasure to comply with  
your request to send you an  
autograph of Gen. Stryker, if  
I could do so with propriety.

His papers, in my custody,  
belong to the Stryker family,  
and not to me, and I am  
in honor bound to return every  
scrap entrusted to my care.  
Were they mine, I would  
cheerfully comply with your  
desire. There are, however, but  
few papers in his own hand-  
writing. The papers consist chief-  
ly of letters to him.

Yours very respectfully  
Dwight J. Lossing