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8vo. Executive Mansion, Washington, Jan. 15, 1864. To Gen.
Benjamin F. Butler.

Interesting letter in which Mrs. Lincoln requests Gen. Butler,
at this time in command of the Army of the James, to permit a
friend of the President's, Capt. Stackpole, to engage in the
oyster trade. "Capt. Stackpole, a most worthy man & an especial
friend of the President, is anxious to have his vessel to go
into the Oyster trade; he is anxious for a permit from you to
that effect. Any kindness shown him will be gratefully appreci-
ated by the President." Etc.

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Major Genl Butler

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