

# ***THE LOST ORDERS***

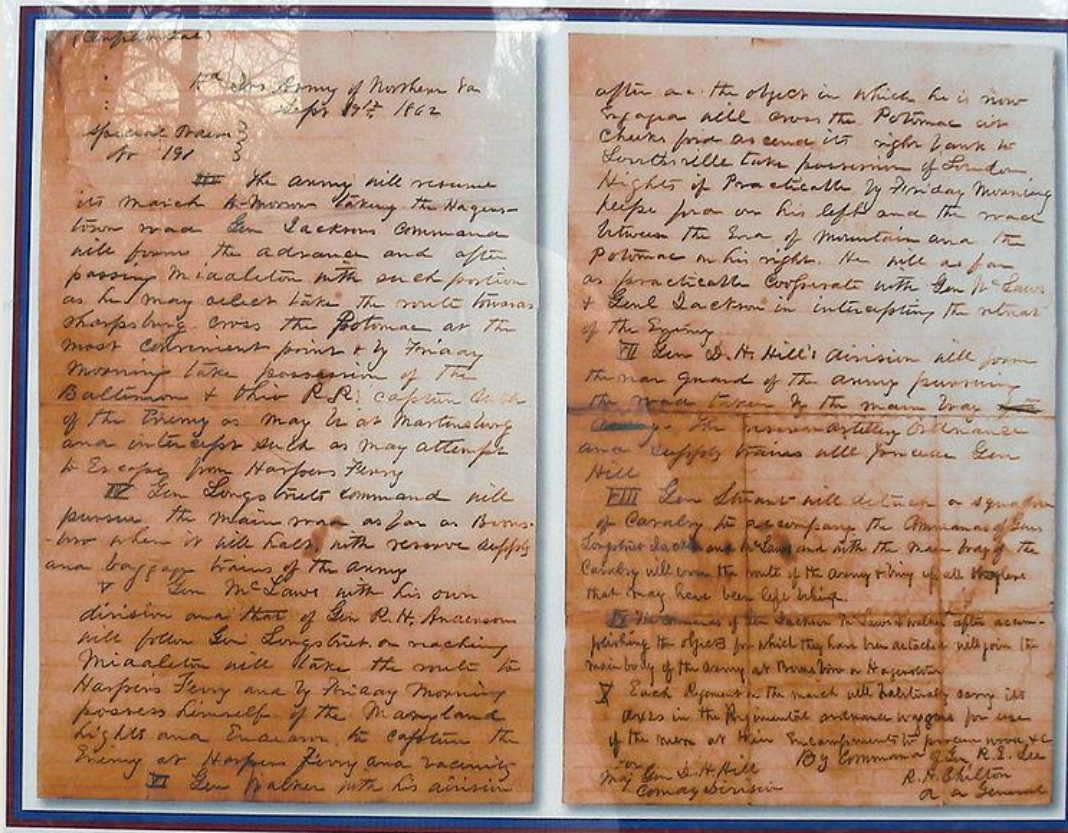
## ***Case Study in Contingency and the Nature of History***

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# ROBERT E. LEE'S LOST FIELD ORDERS

## SEPTEMBER 1862

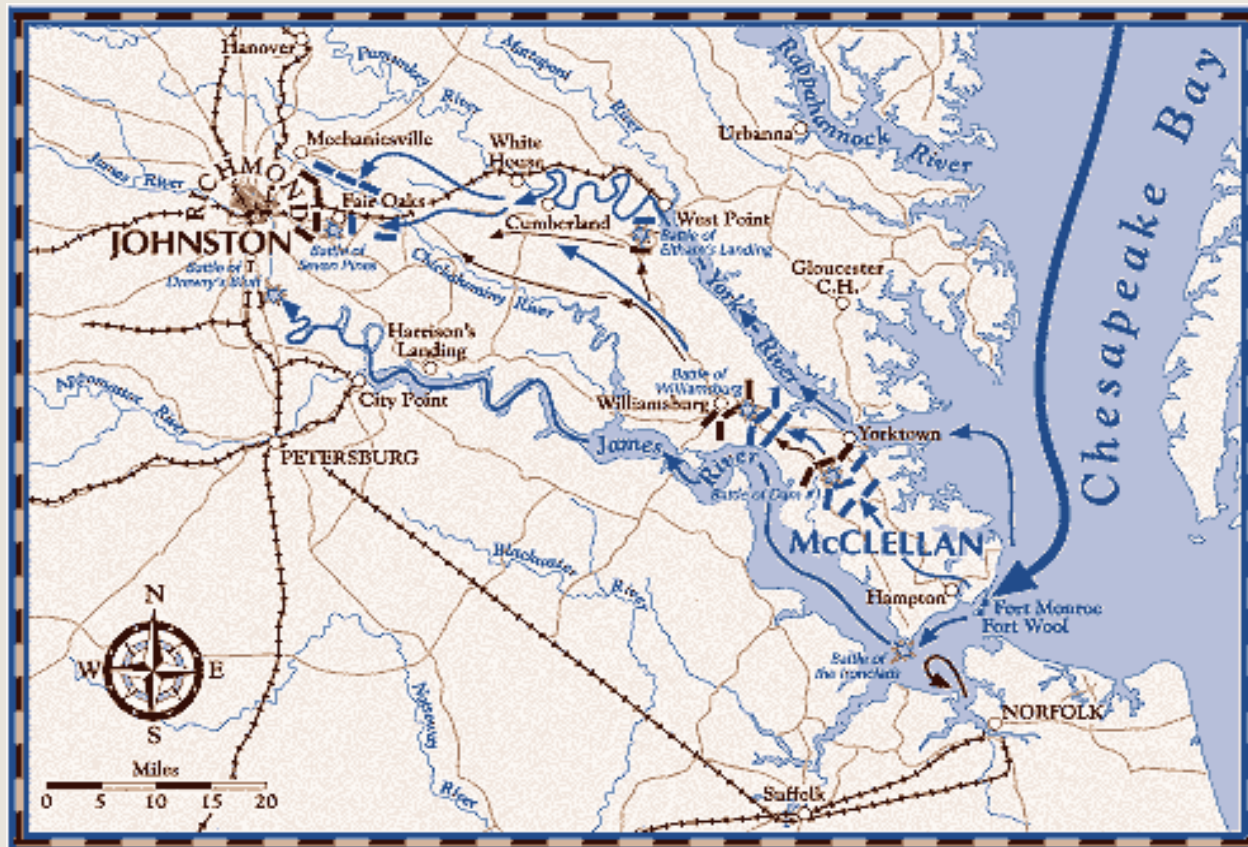


“No other campaign and battle in the war had such momentous, multiple consequences as Antietam.”

James McPherson



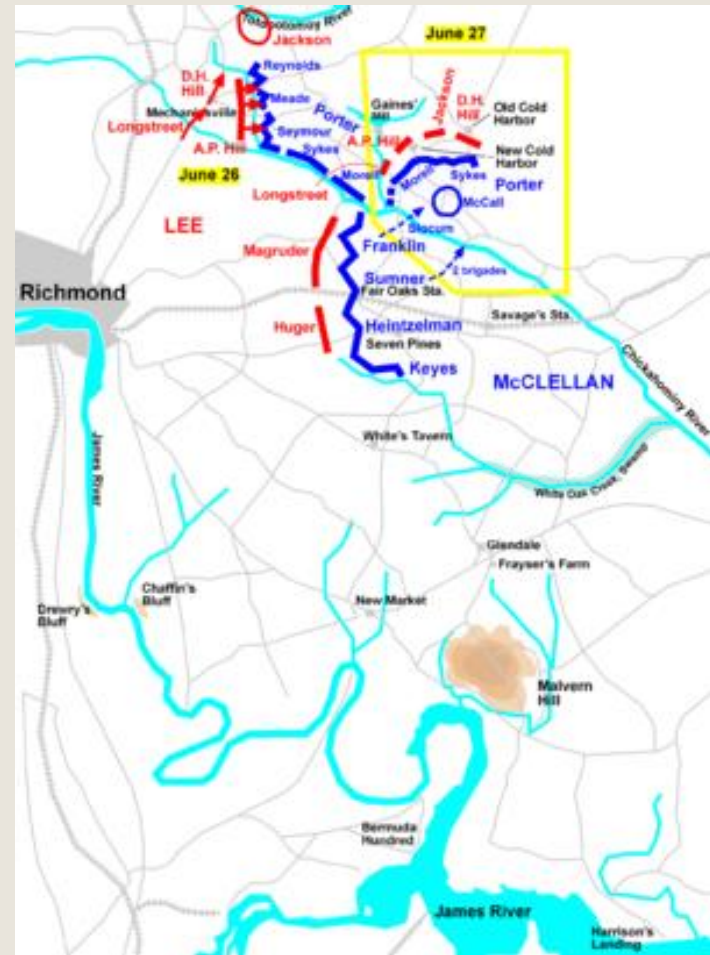
# THE PROMISE OF THE PENINSULA CAMPAIGN



# AT THE GATES OF RICHMOND



# ROBERT E. LEE AND THE SEVEN DAYS



# MCCLELLAN'S RETREAT TO HARRISON'S LANDING



# LINCOLN'S DECISION ON EMANCIPATION



# WILLIAM SEWARD'S ADVICE TO LINCOLN

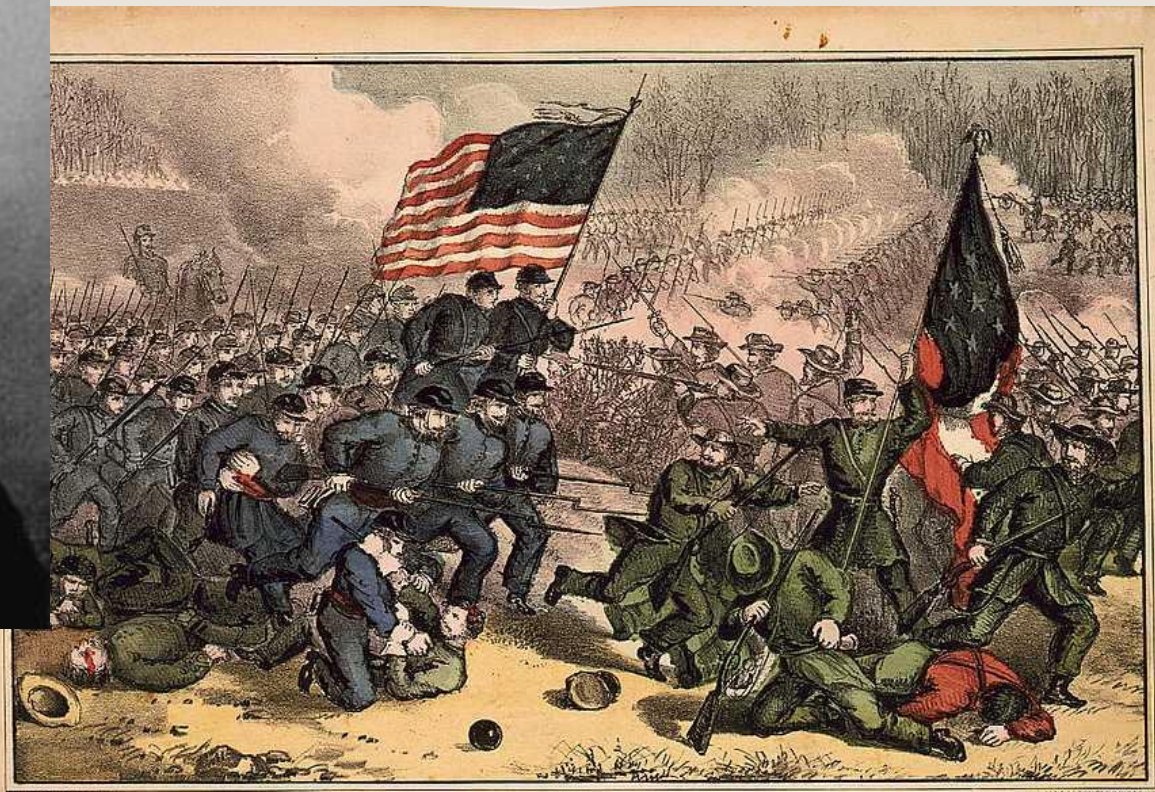


Seward's recommendation to delay issuing the Emancipation Proclamation until a victory was accepted by Lincoln and the cabinet. As Seward is reported to have said: "such a proclamation ought to be borne on the bayonets of an advancing army, not dragged in the dust behind a retreating one."





# JOHN POPE AND SECOND BULL RUN



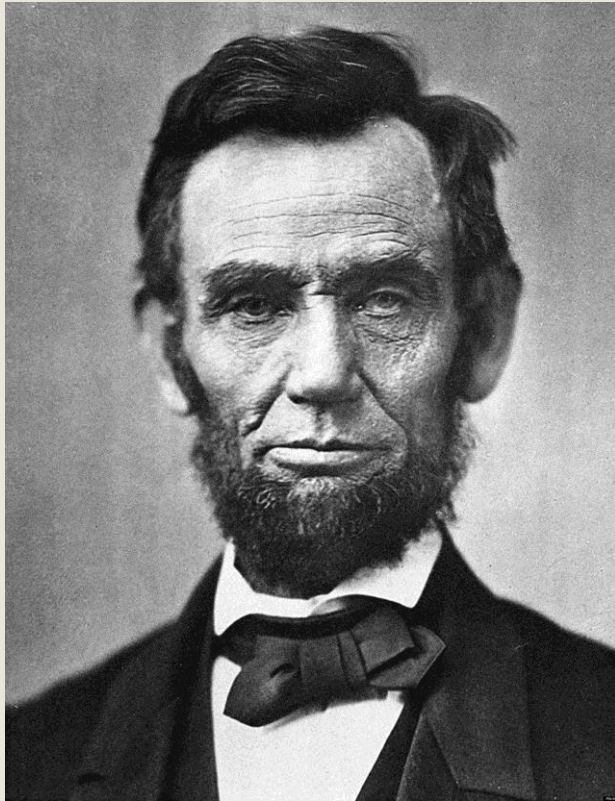
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## THE SECOND BATTLE OF BULL RUN, FOUGHT AUG. 29<sup>TH</sup> 1862.

*Between the "Army of Virginia" under Maj. Gen. John Pope, and the combined forces of the Rebel Army under Lee, Jackson, and others. This terrific battle was fought on the identical battle field of Bull run, and lasted with great fever from daylight until after dark, when the rebels were driven back and the Union Army rested in triumph on the field.*

# LINCOLN'S REACTION TO THE SECOND BATTLE OF BULL RUN



"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." A. Lincoln



# LEE INVADES MARYLAND



Ashleys Art Gallery



# MCCLELLAN RETURNED TO COMMAND AND REJUVENATES THE ARMY'S MORALE



When this sad war is over we will all return to our homes, and feel that we can ask no higher honor than the proud consciousness that we belonged to the Army of the Potomac.

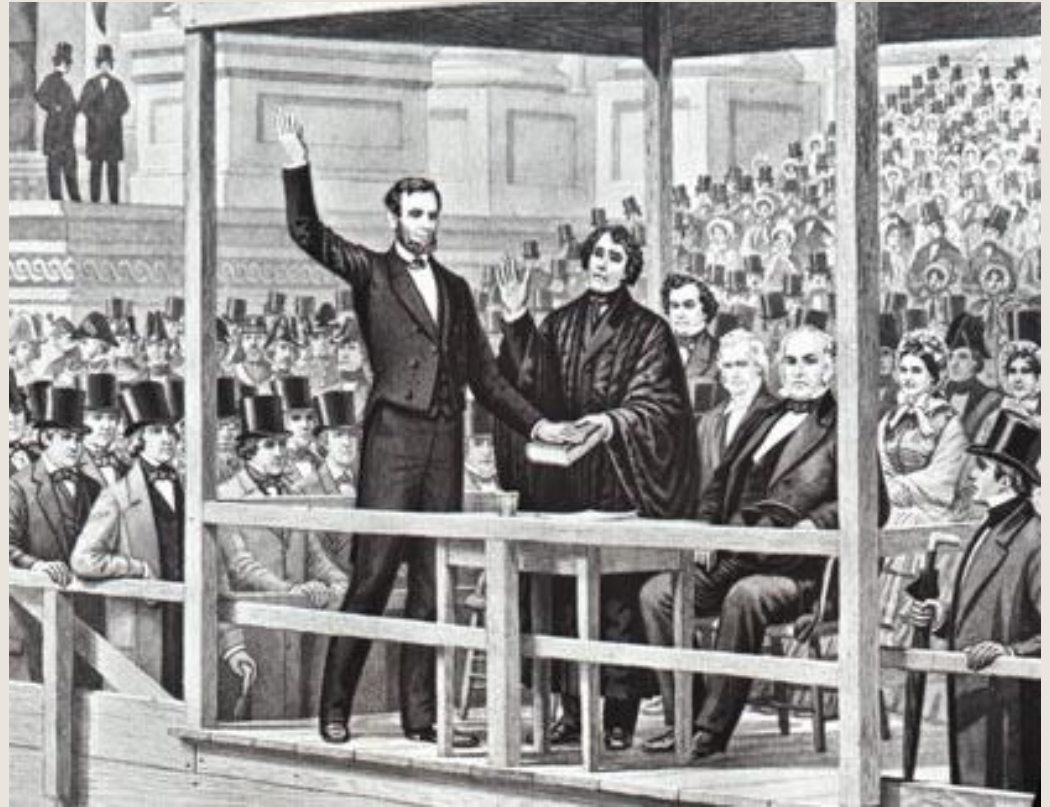
(George B. McClellan)

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# LINCOLN, GOD, AND THE FUTURE OF EMANCIPATION

According to Salmon Chase, Lincoln told him that "I made a solemn vow before God, that if General Lee was driven back from Maryland I would crown the result by the declaration of freedom to the slaves."



# ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND THE FUTURE OF CONFEDERATE RECOGNITION



Lord Palmerston, British Prime Minister



# BATTLE OF ANTIETAM

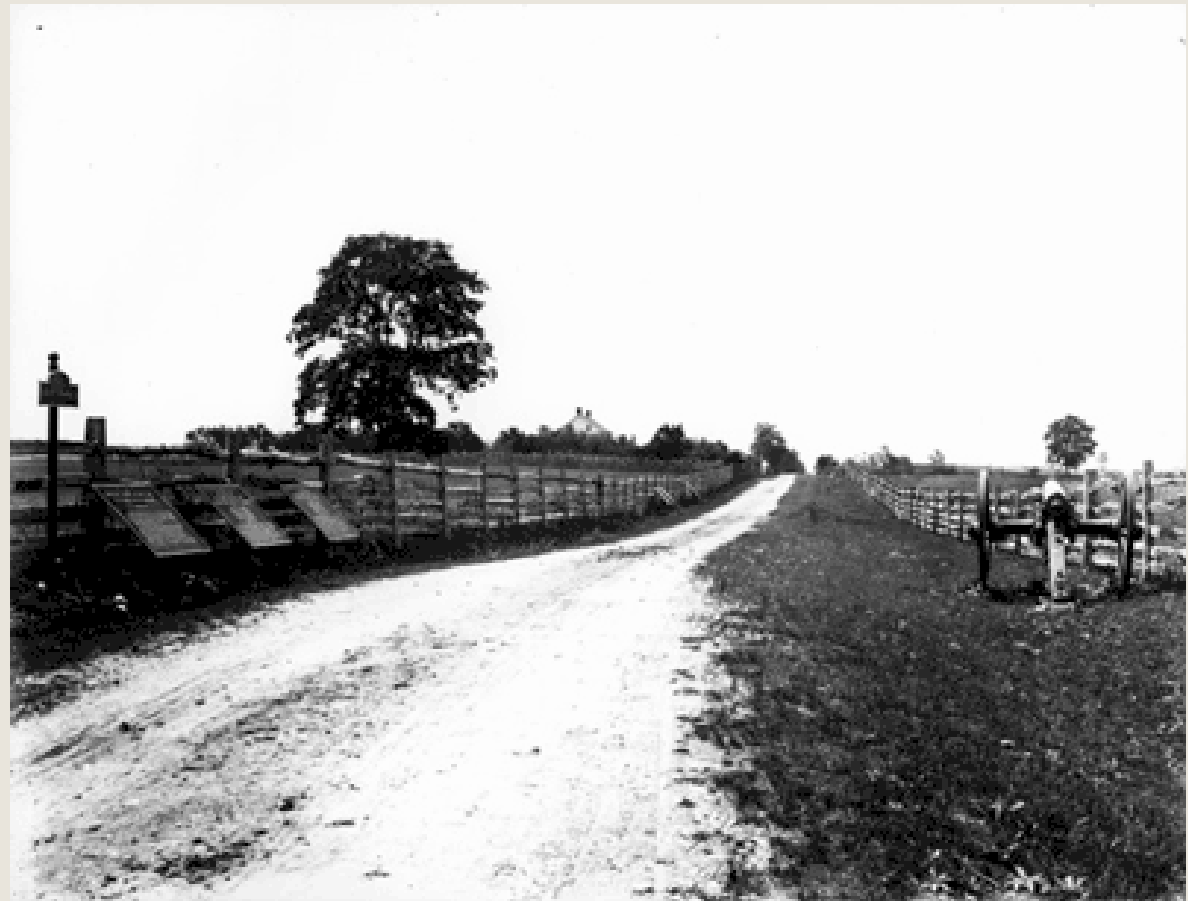
## 17 SEPTEMBER 1862



AFTER THE BATTLE—THE REBELS IN POSSESSION OF THE FIELD.—[See Page 606.]

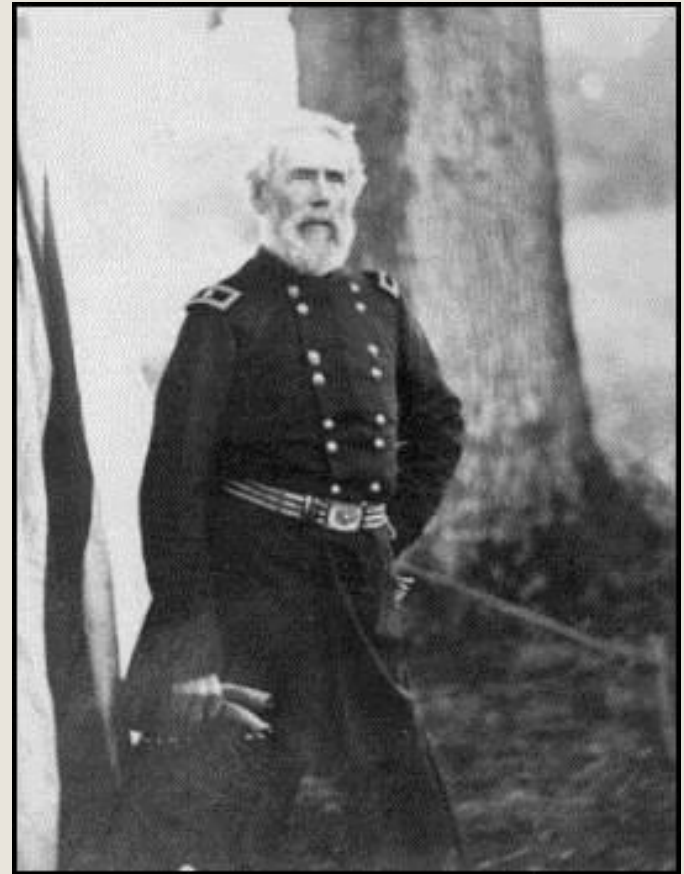


# JOSEPH HOOKER





# THE SUNKEN ROAD, GENERAL EDWIN SUMNER, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR THE CENTER



# BURNSIDE'S BRIDGE



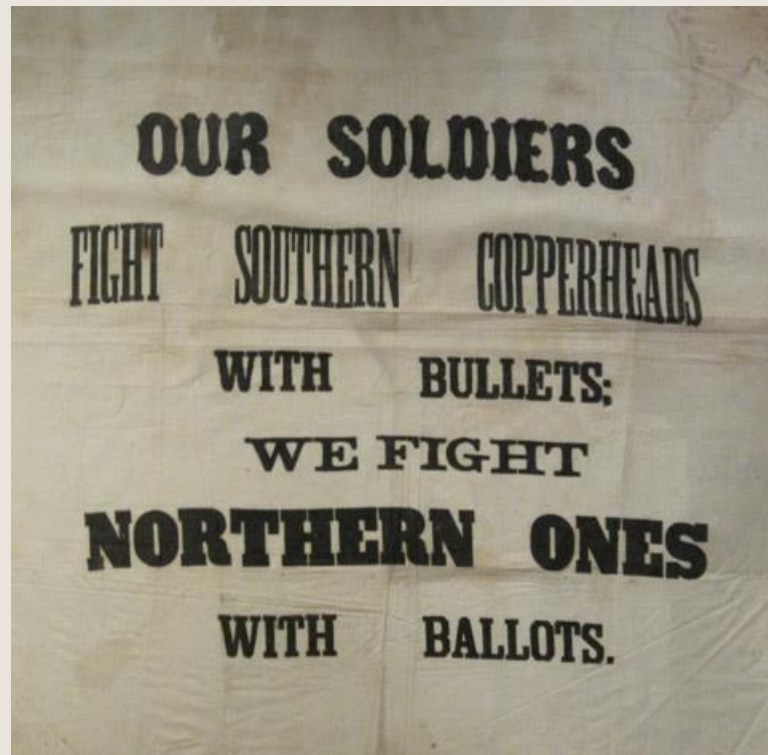
# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTIETAM, PART ONE



McClellan's victory dashed the best chance that the Confederacy had to win foreign recognition. Only two days before news of Antietam reached London, the Confederacy's diplomats had been told that "the event you so strongly desire ... is very close at hand."



# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTIETAM, PART TWO



It helped slow the growth of the Peace Democrats in the North who otherwise might have gained control of Congress in the November elections.



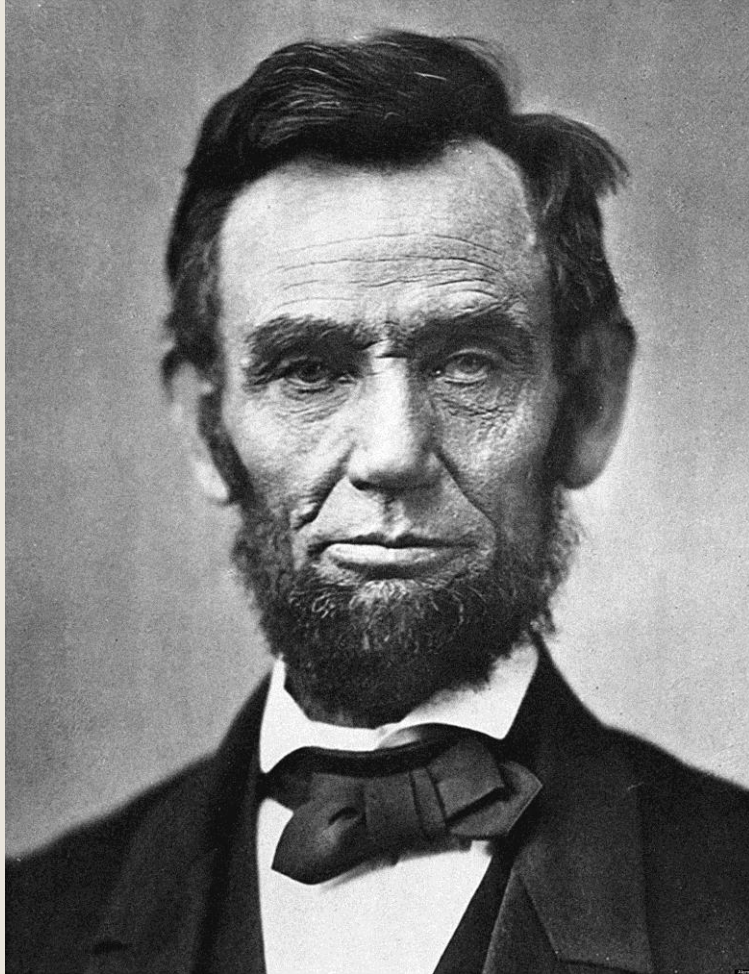
# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTIETAM, PART THREE



It allowed Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Over 186,000 blacks would eventually serve in the Union armies.



# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTIETAM, PART FOUR: STRENGTHENING OF LINCOLN'S DETERMINATION



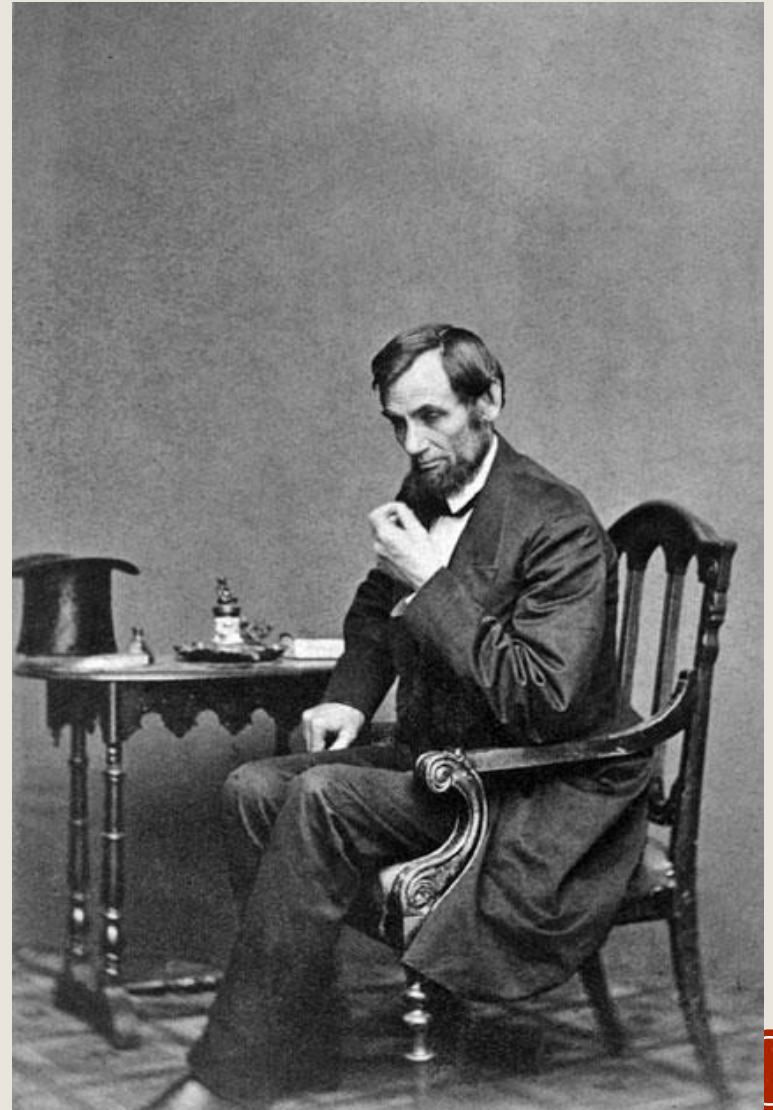
“The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise -- with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country.”  
December 1, 1862



# LINCOLN'S CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN 1862

“ The people are impatient;  
Chase has no money...; the  
General of the Army has  
typhoid fever. The bottom is  
out of the tub. What shall I  
do?”

Abraham Lincoln to General  
Montgomery Meigs, January  
10, 1862



# FINDING THE LOST ORDERS





# MCCLELLAN'S FAILURE TO DESTROY LEE



# LINCOLN ON THE PURPOSE OF THE WAR

## *ALMOST TWO YEARS BEFORE THE SECOND INAUGURAL*

“The will of God prevails.... In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party .... I am almost ready to say that this is probably true -- that God wills this contest, and wills that it shall not end yet. By his mere great power, on the minds of the now contestants, He could have either saved or destroyed the Union without a human contest. Yet the contest began. And, having begun He could give the final victory to either side any day. Yet the contest proceeds.”





*“Sir, my concern is not whether  
God is on my side;  
my greatest concern is to be  
on God’s side,  
for God is always right.”  
-Abraham Lincoln*

