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—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear & kind General
Although disappointed
not to see you kind
friendly face on Monday
I returned home with the
pleasant thought that
you were peacefully keeping
at home that day of bitter
East wind. I found from your
letter to day you did venture
the journey to Skerton. I
had a bundle which I took
that morning (which to day
is keeping me altogether) & I
I believe if it had not been

that I was going to see
you I should have been
prevented by my careful
wife. How you have
got on with the secret
since I was there on the
25. The second occupation
you suspected or rather
was certain of is a
full evidence. I can
give an interesting series
of photographs by the
Grey. As most of the
which had just been
dispatched there are
only a few which had
been recovered that

morning. I fear I shall
be a prisoner for a few days
as I can not ~~truly~~ shadow.

I remain
ever your affec^ted
J. C. Macaulay-Merrill

Although I left the execution
at 2 I did not get home
before sunset for although
I had been with the band
on Friday my horse ran so
fresh going home becoming
about I was obliged sometimes
to go at a walk a considerable
part of the way - I have added
a present of a feed or two of
oats daily until further order