

In Hospital

Annapolis Md. Feb. 5. 1865

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With love to your parents, I remain,

Very truly your cousin

B. F. Barron

Letter from B. F. Barrow, Maine Vol.

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Note: Seward and Lincoln did come through Annapolis on their way to the Hampton Roads Peace Conference which was held on February 2... “ ...he (Lincoln) decided to join Seward for the talks. Two hours after approving the meeting, the president, along with one attendant, departed Washington on a special train for Annapolis, wher he walked a half-mile to the landing and boarded the steamer Thomas Colyer for passage to Fort Monroe. (Ice on the Potomac made that river hazardous for travel). Pg. 45, 46 William C. Harris