Atlanta, Aug. 9, 1869

My dear General:

General E. P. Alexander,

it seems, is bent on publishing his history of Longstreet's Corps, whether or no. Have we still another communication from him begging for fact, data, reminiscences, etc., notwithstanding what has passed hitherto between us. Ergo I have reluctantly concluded to so far reconsider my determination to have nothing to do with anything that might tend to glorify Longstreet as to give Alexander an idea of respecting the service of some of those who achieved the reputation of the Corps—Grant Heroes ante Agamemnona—and infinitely greater that the million was not of. If the book should be given to the public somebody will read it, and it ought to embody the truth. I desire to say a word of what occurred after the second day's fight at Gettysburg. How far shall I go into details? Every intelligent officer of the Brigade know that your firmness saved the Army there. If I should tell the truth plainly, has Alexander the manliness to print the whole truth? Let me hear from you. With affectionate regard,

Your friend always,

J. D. Waddell