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Abstract

Letter by William Starke Rosecrans, former Union general, regarding the presidential election of 1868, dated 25 August 1868. Rosecrans was writing from White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and the letter is written on stationery from the Greenbrier resort. The letter is addressed to Horatio Seymour, then Governor of New York and the Democratic presidential nominee. Rosecrans solicited support for Seymour while at the Greenbrier. In the letter, Rosecrans requests to meet with Seymour discreetly upon his return to New York, and refers obliquely to being on important business during his stay at the resort. See historical note for additional information.

Creator

Rosecrans, William S. (William Starke), 1819-1898

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While vacationing at the Greenbrier, Rosecrans met with Robert E. Lee and other prominent Southerners and former Confederates, hoping to solicit their support for Democratic presidential candidate Horatio Seymour. Lee and the others offered their support to Seymour. This meeting also resulted in the publication of the "White Sulphur Manifesto", a political tract endorsed by Robert E. Lee outlining a platform of issues related to Horatio Seymour's political campaign, some of which were critical of reconstruction policies, particularly African-American suffrage.

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White Sulphur Springs (W. Va.)

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Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Sabo, Tony

Seymour, Horatio, 1810-1886