



Executive Mansion,

Washington, December 14., 1863.

Whom it may concern

It is my wish that  
Mrs Emily J. Helm, (widow of the  
late Gen. B. H. Helm, who fell in  
the Confederate service) now returning  
to Kentucky, may have protection  
of person and property, except as  
to slaves, of which I say nothing.

A. Lincoln

## Emily Helm: Presidential Pass for a Confederate Lady

Mary Lincoln's family was divided by war. Her sister, Emily Helm, was invited to the White House following the battlefield death of Emily's Confederate husband. Prior to her return to Kentucky, Lincoln issued Emily a pass which ordered that she "may have protection of person and property, except as to slaves, of which I say nothing."

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