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Clara Barton, "War Lecture" (https://www.loc.gov/resource/mss11973.107_0270_0490/?sp=26)

But our work must be accomplished- and no wounded men once given into
our hands must be left- and with the spirit of desperation- we struggled on.

Transcription: "But our work must be accomplished- and no wounded men once given into our hands must be left -
and with the spirit of desperation, we struggled on."

Rosa Parks, reflections on race relations in the South
(<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mss85943.001810/?sp=25>)

Can you imagine how it feels to want
a drink of water and be within hand's
reach of it and not be permitted to

Transcription: "Can you imagine how it feels to want a drink of water and be within hand's reach of it and not be
permitted to"

Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863 (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mal.4356500/?sp=1>)

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought
forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived

Transcription: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived"

John Adams to Thomas Jefferson describing the cordial greeting he received as the first American minister to Great Britain, June 3, 1785 (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mcc.025/?sp=1>)

*to the Court of Great Britain. The Mission was treated
by his Majesty with all the Respect, and the Person.*

Transcription: "to the Court of Great Britain. The Mission was treated by his Majesty with all the Respect, and the Person". In the 18th century writers wrote "s"es that looked like "f"s, as in "Mission" above.

Elizabeth Blackwell to Lady Byron concerning education of women physicians, March 4, 1851
(<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mcc.065/?sp=2>)

*longer, when a College, Hospital, and all the ne-
cessary arrangements ^{should} exist, to welcome the woman
student, as they do the man, instead of obliging*

Transcription: "longer, when a College, Hospital, and all the necessary arrangements should exist, to welcome the woman student, as they do the man, instead of obliging"

Frederick Douglass, draft page from *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*
(<https://www.loc.gov/resource/mcc.011/>)

*fact that he was a free American sailor. The instrument
had at its head the American Eagle, which gave it the
appearance of an authorized document. This protection did*

Transcription: "fact that he was a free American sailor. The Instrument had at its head the American Eagle, which gave it the appearance of an authorized document. This protection did" In the draft manuscript "authorized" is spelled with an "s" rather than a "z," but in the published version the word is printed as "authorized."