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seems to require unconditional surrender as a necessary correlative of its
total wars. The American Civil War brought that into focus."¹

The assertion that the United States insisted on unconditional
surrender in the Civil War can be quickly proven wrong. Grant's terms at
Fort Donelson were not those of Abraham Lincoln in Washington. As the
war approached its conclusion, Lincoln on three occasions wrote his
peace terms down on paper. In the first instance, instead of demanding
unconditional surrender, he insisted on two conditions for surrender. On
July 9, 1864, he told Horace Greeley, who was about to meet
Confederate agents in Canada, "If you can find, any person anywhere
professing to have any proposition of Jefferson Davis in writing, for
peace, embracing the restoration of the Union and abandonment of slavery, whatever else it embraces, say to him he may come to me with you." Lincoln would negotiate any other terms the Confederate agents might have in mind. As the summer wore on, the Northern military cause, and with it Republican political fortunes, sank dangerously low. On August 24 Lincoln drafted a letter about peace for New York Times editor Henry J. Raymond, saying, "you will propose, on behalf this government, that upon the restoration of the Union and the national authority, the war shall cease at once, all remaining questions to be left for adjustment by peaceful modes." The president chose not to use this letter and later insisted on the two conditions previously stipulated to Greeley, but he remained willing to negotiate other things.²

True, Congress might have some say as well, and Union and emancipation amounted to a great deal when one considers that the Confederate states seceded in order to become an independent nation and a slave republic. Yet there were many other things a less lenient president might reasonably have demanded: the exclusion of Confederate political leaders from future public office, disfranchisement of Confederate soldiers, enfranchisement of freed blacks, legal protection for the Republican Party in former Confederate states, recognition of West Virginia's statehood, the partition of other Southern states, no reprisals against ex-slaves who served in Union armies, and so on. More important, agreement to the abandonment of slavery did not consider how slavery would be abandoned, and this would matter a great deal five months later at the Hampton Roads peace conference, discussed below. For the purposes of this article, however, what Lincoln might have insisted on is not the point. The point is that he had, for much of the Civil War at least, only...
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