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WITH HIS PRIVATE SECRETARIES, Nicolay and Hay. Photograph by Alexander Gardner, Washington, Sunday, November 8, 1863. On this day John Hay wrote in his diary: "Went with Mrs. Ames to Gardner's Gallery & were soon joined by Nico [John G. Nicolay] and the Prest. We had a great many pictures taken . . . some of the Prest. the best I have seen. . . . Nico & I immortalized ourselves by having ourselves done in a group with the Prest." Years later the White House correspondent Noah Brooks, writing from memory, mistakenly ascribed this sitting to November 15, five days before the Gettysburg address.