

Washington, Feb. 3. 1864.



His Excellency

President Lincoln:

Dear Sir:

This note will be handed to you by Mrs. Speiden of Alexandria, along with other papers from well known gentlemen in that city. From all I know of the case presented in these papers, I think it would be wise, Mr. President, to gratify the wishes of Mr. Bitting and his people. At any rate, it gives me great pleasure to commend Mrs. Speiden to your confidence & kindness as a most estimable Christian lady. She formerly resided in Washington & is highly esteemed here by a large circle of acquaintances & friends.

Yours truly,
P. D. Gurley.