Hashington, Oct. 5. 1861.

To His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, Inesident of the United States, Dear Sin:

As you were kind enough to refer the matter of a the reprountment of a theird chaplain for the hospitals in this District & vicinity to me, I take the liberty of saying, that it seems to me highly important that a chaplain should be appointed for the benefit of the sick and bounded in Alexandria. more than two hundred are in the Hospitals There, and there is no minister of the gospel to visit them and minister to their wants. I høpe, therefore, you will appoint the Rev. Mr. Holkins to that service, giving him the same kind of commission which you gave to mesers. Tols and Butter. Of his qualifications for such a service

there can be no doubt. His heart is in the work! As you are probably abready aware, he is a son of the Rev. mark Hopkins, D. D., the gifted and well-known Inesident of Williams Oollege. most Earneofly Theartily do I commend him to your Confidence. Yours respectfully, P. D. Gurley that a constant mounded for the acriel et et et et e sière and bounder in Hénamèria. more than one remodeld are in the Thomas whole har, and the is no miniches of the oregre to visit there and missister to their wants. nega, etermen, mer loville a quient de les. Per.