

Washington, Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1864.



To His Excellency

A. Lincoln, Pres. U.S.

Dear Sir:

This will be handed  
to you by Dr. J. M. McKenzie, <sup>of Paducah, Ky.</sup> whom you have  
seen before, though you may not recollect him.  
He is commended to me as a gentleman of  
the highest excellence of character, who "has  
few equals and no superiors any where as  
a man of business"; and this commendation  
comes from the Rev. J. T. Hendrick, whom  
I know to be a man of thorough loyalty and  
high ministerial standing. I enclose his  
letter with this, and commend it, as I  
commend Dr. McKenzie, to your fullest confi-  
dence.

Yours truly,

J. D. Gurley.