

Washington Oct 19th, 87

Hon Henry Stemberry
 N. S. Atty, Genl
 Sir

In the matter of
 the United States vs Jefferson Davis, I have
 notified Messrs O'Connor and Shea of
 counsel for the accused, that the govern-
 -ment would be ready for trial at the
 regular time at Richmond 25th of Nov
 next

I have now respectfully to request that
 Genl H. H. Wells of Alexandria be retained
 by the United States to assist in the prosecution

He entered the Union Army at the
 commencement of the war as a Colonel
 and at its close held the rank of Brigadier
 Genl, is a lawyer of much learning and
 research a good advocate and one of
 the best men I have ever known in the
 preparation of a case.

I am Sir

at all times and thus have the benefit
of his advice. When it would be out of my
power to have an interview with Mr
Evarts I have no question that the
interests of the Government would be
truly subserved by having the Genl in
the case and should regard it as a
great personal favor.

This application has
the sanction of Mr Evarts made directly
to me.

I have the honor to be
Yours obt. Servant
L A Chandler
N D Dist Atty for Va



