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Attorney General's Office
Washington, November 4th 1867.

L. H. Chandler Esq.
United States Dist. Attorney
Richmond, Virga.

Sir,

I wrote you on the 25th ultimo in relation to the trial of Mr. Davis, and have since had no communication from you. I now enclose copy of a letter just received from Mr. Evarts and Mr. Dana, associated with you in the prosecution of the case. I beg to call your special attention to the first point referred to in their letter, viz., the preparation of the indictment, and I would suggest that

again to call your early attention to this im-
portant subject, and to ask you to acknowledge
promptly the receipt of this communication, and to
advise me what steps you have taken towards the
preparation of the case.

Yours very respectfully

Henry Fairbank
Att. Gen.

that, without delay, you frame such an indictment as you think necessary, and submit it to your associate counsel for revision, and, if deemed necessary by you or them, to arrange for a consultation here either as to the indictment or any other matter which you deem necessary.

It would be well, besides preparing the indictment, to prepare carefully, an abstract of the proofs necessary to be made out, and of the evidence, oral or written, which you expect to adduce, and to furnish your associates with such an abstract also for their consideration.

The time fixed for the trial being so near at hand, I deem it proper again



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