New York, Feb 18, 1868.

My dear Sir,

In pursuance of views which Mr. Dana and myself, laid before the Attorney General, by our letter under date of Nov. 2nd of last year a copy of which was transmitted to you by Mr. Stanbery, we arranged with you self and Genl. Wells that you were to proceed from day to day with the Grand Jury in attendance upon the Circuit Court at Richmond, in the examination of witnesses for the finding of an Indictment against Jefferson Davis. The evidence thus taken, whenever, in your and General Wells' opinion, it had sufficiently explored the proofs which were accessible to furnish a reliable and sufficient support for the averment of the overt acts to be laid in the indictment, was to be arranged by you & Genl. Wells in connection with the documentary evidence drawn from the Archive Office at Washington, and placed before Mr. Dana and myself for a deliberate and careful consideration in selecting the overt acts capable of proof in framing the indictment.

It was understood that the examination of witnesses which you commenced while we were at Richmond might need to be protracted till the middle of December and it was arranged that you should adjourn the Grand Jury till about the middle of January to afford time for Mr. Dana and myself.
to pass upon the result of your & Gen'l Wells' labors, and complete the draft of the indictment - which would then require to be submitted to the Attorney General and to receive his approval - The adjournment of the grand jury was also thought important to give opportunity to supply further evidence if that already taken by you should not be deemed sufficient or trustworthy.

From the middle of December Mr Dana & myself anxiously expected a report from yourself and Gen'l Wells upon which we might proceed - We did not feel that we needed to distrust the diligence or thoroughness with which this laborious and responsible duty would be discharged by yourself and Gen'l Wells, and knew that both of you had many avocations, and it was not till Jan. 11th, 1861, that in a brief note to yourself, I intimated our uneasiness at not hearing from you -

Your hurried visit to New York, upon which you merely left with me the unarranged mass of papers which Mr Dana & myself had looked over at Richmond in November, was the only reply to the solicitude expressed in my note, and four weeks have now passed since you left and I have not yet received any report of the evidence before the grand jury.

In suggesting as I did in October last to the Attorney General that it would be proper to have an associate counsel in Virginia of ability and ready to devote his attention to
The explanation and preparation of the proofs, both for the indictment and the trial, I had in mind both your official engagements and the inability of Mr Dana or myself to undertake or be responsible for these preliminary labors.

He are now within four weeks of the day assigned for the attendance of Mr. Davis for trial, and as far as I am aware we are in precisely the same position as to preparation that we were in in November last. It is not necessary that I should insist upon what was fully considered when we were at Richmond viz: that the three years within which an indictment can be found is rapidly running out and will expire in April.

In this situation of the case it will be necessary to postpone the day of Mr. Davis' attendance till the close of the present term and give notice to his counsel to that effect without delay. This will carry the trial into the summer term of the court, a delay which cannot, in my judgment now be avoided.

We may, I trust, be able to repair the lapse of time which has occurred in season to procure an indictment which we can properly trust to, within the period of absolute limitation, at least.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Genl. Wells and you and he will probably take occasion to confer with
The increase in our population of the United States has led to increased urbanization, leading to overcrowded living conditions and decreased quality of life. Urban areas have been growing at a rapid pace, with the need for more housing to accommodate the growing population. This has put a strain on the environment, with increased pollution and depletion of natural resources. The government has implemented policies to address these issues, with mixed success. The need for sustainable development and conservation efforts is crucial to ensure a better future for our planet.

The importance of protecting our environment cannot be overstated. The health of our planet is directly related to our well-being. The need for cleaner energy sources and reduced carbon emissions is critical to mitigate the effects of climate change. It is essential that we take action now to ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

In conclusion, the increase in our population has led to increased urbanization and a need for more housing. This, in turn, has put a strain on the environment. The government must implement effective policies to address these issues and ensure a sustainable future for our planet. Let us work together to protect our environment for future generations.
the Attorney General on the subject of the postponement, in view of which I have also sent a copy to Mr. Stanbery.

I am yours very truly,

Wm. H. Evarts.

The Hon. Mr.

L. H. Chandler

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Richmond.