

There is ~~no~~ necessity  
to suppose that Dr.  
Rucker has, from  
the first been confined  
on various pretences,  
but in reality be-  
cause of his strong  
attachment to the  
Union. He has been  
twice tried & acquitted  
by Virginia Courts and  
is now held upon some  
third accusation, the  
nature of which is un-  
known to the undersigned.

Ed Mitchell  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Came for Rob. of Paris.

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ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK  
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