

Balt. Sunday, March 9,
1862.

My dear friend,

Will you do me
the favor to call on the President
to-morrow (Monday) & ask him
whether he intends to give me the
appointment of chaplain to
one of the Hospitals in Washing-
-ton, ~~ask~~ asked for by ^{Rev.} Bishop
^{James} Dr. Durbin. The President
said, when the letter was
presented that he would do
it if he could when Congress
gave him the authority to
app. chaplains - I see that
the Bill has passed Congress.
I am anxious to know at
once, as it will determine
whether I shall be returned
to Washington, or be appoin-
ted to a church in this city -
Please answer by telegraph
to the care of J. M. Lanahan ^{to be paid here}
Balt. Yours truly J. Lanahan

F. H. C. M.

Handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher but appears to contain a letter or report. Legible fragments include: "to the care of the", "the church in the city", "I am anxious to know", "the bill has passed Congress", "I am anxious to know", "the bill has passed Congress", "I am anxious to know", "the bill has passed Congress".