plot of the 80 acres in that Territory. Without it, he would have more difficulty in gaining confidence among the inhabitants.

Can you oblige me by sending such a letter to him at St. Louis?

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

The Most Reverend
John Hughes
Archbishop of New York
Department of State.
May 7th, 1861

My dear Archbishop,

Mr. W. G. Cotten is the newly appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Superintendency. He desires a letter from you introducing him to the Catholic clergy of the Indian Territory, or some one of them, or to those of St. Louis. With such a letter, he thinks he could work effectively against the