Department of State,
Washington, 9th Jan. 1862.

To His Grace,
Archbishop Hughes,
Paris.

My dear Archbishop:

Your interesting and luminous letter of the 18th ultimo has been received and laid before the President. In answer to that part of it which suggests that the time originally contemplated for your absence in Europe on public business should be increased, he directs me to say that, while highly appreciating the services which you have already rendered, and reporing entire confidence in your zeal, discretion, and loyalty, he thinks...
that, as at present advised, the public interests do not require that your suggestion should be complied with. If, however, events should happen which would change his opinion on this point, you shall be duly apprised thereof.

I am your very obedient servant,

[Signature]

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