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Indianapolis, June 1. 1863
His Excellency,
Abraham Lincoln
President of the United States.
Sir,

Having understood that there is or may be a vacancy in the office of Chaplain in one of the Military Hospitals in New Albany, Indiana, we cordially recommend to you the appointment of the Rev. Samuel S. Potter, an ordained Presbyterian Minister residing in that City to fill such position, either in New Albany, if a vacancy occurs there, or in one of the Government Hospitals about being put in use at Madison, in this State. Mr. P. is a member of the New Albany Presbytery, A.S. Mr. Potter is a faithful and acceptable Minister in all his duties, and an earnestly loyal friend of his country. Originally from Newark New Jersey, where he labored successfully, and lately from Glendale Ohio, to New Albany, he is a western man of special working qualities, and we are satisfied he will acquit himself to your satisfaction, if you favor him with the appointment of Chaplain. Having surrendered his Female Seminary buildings at New Albany (where he had a fine school in operation) on request, for the use of sick soldiers as a hospital, Mr. Potter is unable to procure a building for his Institute, and has to abandon his enterprise.

With great respect,
James M. Ray
Thos Mac Intire
Wm Smith
Afred Harrison
J. H. Nixon
T. H. Sharpe
O. P. Morton
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