



Department of State,
Washington, 9th Jan^y, 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 reposing entire confidence in your zeal, discretion, and loyalty, he thinks

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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
apprized thereof.

I am your very obedient servant,
Wm. H. Lewis.

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