

Washington D.C. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Judge S. Holt.

Dear Sir

You will accept my  
gratitude for kindness. While in the Capital  
of our Sorrowing, Bleeding Country.

I shall leave to day, for Louisville, Ky  
to use (though fickle it may be) my influence  
to give a proper direction, to the legislation  
of our Native State -

I shall leave the Consummation of the business  
on which I visited this City to Yourself &  
the Hon Samuel L. Casey.

Which hope you urge through as fast  
as practicable and Direct to me - to care  
of Dr. S. Bell Louisville Ky.

I would be glad an order could  
be issued giving Mr. J. M. Shackelford a  
Special Command including that part  
of Ky lying North of Cumberland River  
and South of Ohio - West of line from  
Clarksville Tenn to Owenboro on Ohio River

I am Confident The Gurrella & other Raids will be  
Stopped -