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## Letter to Charles Petit Mcllvaine

Edwin M. Stanton

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Edwin M. Stanton, one time student at Kenyon College, Secretary of War to Bishop Charles P. McIlvaine.

War Department  
Washington City  
19th June 1865

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 12th instant, in regard to the Seminary buildings near Alexandria, has been received.

For the present the buildings will be vacated and turned over to the Quarter Master's Department. Their final disposition is undetermined; but your suggestions will be considered, and if practicable will be carried out.

I remain, with very great respect,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin M. Stanton

Right Reverend Charles P. McIlvaine  
Bishop of Ohio  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Notes: This letter is written in very clear style by a clerk or other. Stanton signed it in sweeping backhand. Lincoln appointed him former Attorney General under Buchanan, Secretary of War in January 1862. He shared with Lincoln the burden of vast war operations. At Kenyon he was a cheerful, bright prankster.