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Letter to Bishop Hopkins

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Bart. July 6. 65

my dear Bishop I thank you for your communication of your letter to By Hopkins. With me exception I had fest strongly all the grounds of objection to the bt's come which you trong forward, but and comestly desires that the surdered elements for our Body should be brought boyethon with the bost possible Delay that I was furn to overrome my advictaria to give sometime to a somewhat dungerous pricedent, to the extent of andhorsing By by to send his letter in his own hume with assurance frag consumed of in love lung fing note on hext leng. The point in regard of which

L do shave in your apprehensions is that of the danger of heaving a military representative sent to Jenoul Convention from June Lordham Devise I am very positively arraned by such of the claryer from Ar South as I have seen that the opinion of Unmhanen is strongly against the descention of the ministered Here by military dervice; and that no dery man who has been yould of it is likely to recover his standing with care a speedly. The attornees of our bother of Jenzin am grently to be rigretted: but even those had perhaps hitter be ynound by us, if he be disposed to take an altered time, outher Thun June hom, and Their in Jupport Alone into an attitude of your opposi. Rela De has I louine your further whom when

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2 huve veceived your printed indornal a drupt of a letter to the Bishops in the States lately in rebellion, for my signature.

I cument sign, as my own, a letter about the wortents and phrase. Ingy of which I have had no opportunity of occurrence conference.

But that the brotherly and timely action proposed by you may have, as far as I am concerned, the spirit and substance of entire unanimity, I wouldly authorize you to send your proposed letter. as written by you in my behalf with any hearty concumence in to puny out and end

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Daverport, Sowa. July 6, 1865.

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and dear Brother,

The arcular proposed to be Lent to the Southern Bishops was duly reced. I have given to it as full a consideration as I am capable of, and regret that I must decline giv. ing to it my signature. It contains Leveral Sentencey which are presceptible of an interpretation which I Could not approved, and which might give an imprepion to those to whom it is addreped that would be contrang to what I believe to be the facts in the case. I cannot go into de tails; but, my dear Bishop, will it not be better for our Southern bretheen to go to work to undo what they have done in organingung a deparate Ecclesiastical Body; and then, in the regular courte of things, return to that Body from which they voluntarily and prematurely retired? th He can hardly ask or Expect them to come to the General Convention to he long as their distinct organization is in Existence. Personally I should prefor to wait three years before having them again with us, to that time might be given for the purpose above indicated, and for the general quieting down of both civil and Ecclesiastical matters; but if they should, any of them, appear at the approaching Triennial Meeting, I thould be most strongly in favor of treating them only as brether in Christ; though I am opposed to any advances on compromises on our part which would, rither teamingly or in reality, give a false in pression of our position, or commit the Church at large to views or principles which the has never

adopted. If the ground thould be taken hiel that their General Organization falls ed? with the to-called Confederacy, it might to be said that the Confederacy did not 20 really Exist when they organized; and 4 yet the Diocese, concerned gave in prein a formal manner, their adherence 5 to the new Body. Is no action now ٥ required, on their part, to place 0 them where they were before? I -Cannot argue this point at length ie but it seems to me to be attended they with serious difficulties, which the the teceding Dioceses alone can remove 9 But to my mind the Circularis objectionable on other grounds, and I , an Know you will five me credit for him to centy and howesty when I say that I oun cannot contestently light. ingly Faithfully your Brother Henry M. Lee ····· rewy Bishop Hopkins.

