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Letter to C. P. McIlvaine

Salmon P. Chase

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Mr Chase

Treasury Department.

June 3 1863

Dear Bishop,

I have called the President's attention to the West Point vacancies and expressed my desire that you may be preferred. My hope is pretty strong that you will be.

Mr. Lee, you see, has been appointed Codifier of the District Laws.

In my poor judgment the venture of Lee was rash in the extreme and ^{had} presented a providential opportunity to crush the rebellion by the destruction of his Army and the capture of Richmond. I incline also to the opinion that had Hooker been left unembarrassed

by order for Washint, with their object
and have been accomplished & the
good result obtained. I am not
without hope that the same ends
may be attained upon Mead, whom
I scarcely know, but of whom ^{who I know} all seem
to speak well.

Yours friend & hearty

R. W. Allen

Rev. C. P. McWhorter