

Dear Mount Jackson,

March 28th, 1864.

My dear Doctor!

Mrs. Jackson writes that you appear desirous of taking the field. Should you do so, I hope that you will come to this Military District. If you come as a Chaplain, I will take special pains to see that neither you nor your family shall have cause for regret. But if you desire strictly Military duty, and you can secure a commission, I will give you a corresponding position. If you can not get such a commission as you desire, and would be willing to take a position on my Staff as Aid de Camp, I will try and secure it for you, with the understanding that you will remain with me until the war terminates, unless Mr. Spots do one of my aids who was taken prisoner at the Battle near Winchester, Va., and gives a satisfactory account of his being absent from me at the time of his capture. I do not mean by this to cast any reflection upon his loyalty to the South, but during the engagement I had cautioned him against leaving or being absent from me longer than was necessary for the transmission of orders. While I am greatly attached to him, yet examples must be made of Staff officers as well as others who disregard orders.

Should you come in any other capacity than that of chaplain, you will generally, except as heretofore to lay aside your holy calling, as no officer can attend to his own duties and those of chaplain.

Your suggestion respecting partisan warfare would if followed not be productive of great service, but the difficulty consists in finding sufficient patriotic people to see to join in such service.

Please let me hear from you.

I am thankful to God for sending so many of His children into this

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may and my prayer is, that He will continue to send them, and that
He will bless them and share with them their lot. I de-
sire granting the favors you requested.

Very truly your friend,

T. J. Jackson.

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