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Lancaster April 24, 1861

Hon. Wm. B. Thomas Collector—

Sir

The bearer J. J. Cochran [Esq] our Post Master visits you to try to get some appointments under you for this county—He especially desires the employment of Judge Hibsman and H. A. Zook—They are both excellent man, and very meritorious as Republicans—their appointment would greatly oblige Lancaster County and give [me] real pleasure—Mr. Cochran will truly represent our people.

With great rpt

[Yours]

Thaddeus Stevens

[Cob.] Phila.