

No. of Russ
Washington D.C. July 20, 1861

My dear Sir: Permit me to introduce
to your notice Mr. Crookshank of
Boston Mass. who takes an interest
in our military movements and
is about to visit your Camp. There
is no doubt of his patriotism.

Let me say that our delegation will
not forget you or spare any labor in
having justice served to your merits.

Very truly yours
Justin S. Merrill

Col. W. Phelps
Newport News
Va.