

April 15, 1863

Done let us form in Surgeon.

Copy  
Isaac Hooper  
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Van Buren April 13<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Hon Isaac Hacker

Dr Sir,

Your favor of 13<sup>th</sup> inst  
and for Mr Paul is recd, and in  
reply I will say, —

First; There is, in this collection  
District, what is designed to be a secret  
office, "Aid to the Revenue."

Second; The office has no particular location.  
Third; I am the incumbent of said  
and fourth; I am the recipient of all  
the emoluments of said office.

The office is too much a sinecure,  
and in justice to the country, and to  
the existing State of national affairs, ought to  
be abolished. Nevertheless, it would be  
gratifying to me to retain the office  
during the present year, at least. But should  
there be a movement to abolish the office  
I trust I shall be too patriotic to make  
any complaint.

Oblige me by considering this communication  
~~entirely~~ wholly confidential.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully Yours  
A. S. Richards