

Head Quarters, St. Louis District,

St Louis, Mo., May 4 1864

Rev. & dear Sir:

It will give me great pleasure to attend the exhibitions to which you, in such flattering terms, invite me - but as I am a servant of the Govt., and not master of my time, I can make no positive promise to be there. In common with the other members of my Father's family I feel a deep interest in the

Success of your Institutions
at Noke Dame to which
~~we~~ so many of them are
bound by such sacred
ties - and I ~~would~~ have
long wanted to see the evidences
of the propriety of which
all who visit you speak
so highly. I will therefore
be there if it be practicable
to lean my part.

With my kindest
regards to Father, Mother,
Angela, & love to the children
of my brother, I am sincerely
Yours
Thames Esq. &
Res^d W^h St^r St^r 3