

108 West 88th Street
New York
June 11th 1898

Miss Ida M. Yarbelle

Dear Madam

My daughter
Mr Charles Kirkland, has just-
received from his sister in law,
Miss Julia Kirkland of Utica N.Y,
a copy of the letter to which
Yours of June 2^d refers. That
copy is enclosed. No one of
the family remembers the subject of the
letter of Mr Kirkland to Benjamin
H Curtis. Of course no one has
a copy of it. President Lincoln's
praise of it is strong. Mr Charles
Kirkland was a distinguished
lawyer first at the bar of ^{County} Otsego

and afterwards of this city. He
was a strong friend of the
administration & the war.

Yours respectfully
Ernest C. Clark

Executive Mansion

Washington Dec. 7. 1863

Charles P. Kirkland Esq.

New-York

I have just
reund and hastily read your
~~publication~~ published letter
to the Hon. Benjamin R.
Curtis. Under the circum-
stances, I may not be the
most competent judge, but
it appears to me to be a paper
of great ability, and for the
country's sake more than for
my own. I thank you for it.

Yours very truly
A. Lincoln