Gazette Office
Lexi., June 15th, 1857

Joseph H. Barrett, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 20th inst.

 Came duly to hand. Owing to the absence of one of our proprietors an answer has been delayed a few days.

I see no difficulty in the way of your writing some general articles, i.e., articles on general subjects, while remaining in your present home. This, we would like to have you do. Then, in September, say, you might come to Cincinnati, and spend two or three months as you propose. For this service, as well as for the articles we ask you to furnish, some satisfactory compensation will be made. If this proposition suits, we shall expect to get at least an article a week from you; and if you can write more frequently so much the better. You will from this time receive the daily Gazette. This will better enable you to understand the tone and character of the paper than our tri-weekly or weekly which do not contain all the matter of the
daily

Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Reel Smutts.