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My dear Mr. Barrett,

Brantlett[?] and R. D. [Dodge?], leave for Washington this morning.

I received last evening from our correspondent at Lynchburg this dispatch. "Don't say anything more about Brantlett's proclamation. Don't reply to Louisville Journal. Will give reasons by mail." I infer from the fact the Union men have got Brantlett over from the South into "Phineas'" [Phineas [?] or Phineas?] [edit?], and they have therefore thought it best to have Brantlett go to Washington to assume the President's views will be no objection to the drafting of Negroes in Ky, and also that he does not represent the "Union Democrats." If you have,
The letter I send you to the President, those parts had also better be had before him. I have no parts on Brantley, but perhaps the Union men think they can use him. If we can find the journal to determine him, it will be all the better. He must show his head now, the cant dodge any longer.

Yours,

Richard Smith

I hope to see you the first of the month.
the letter I send you to the
President, this facts here
also better be had before him.
I have no faith in Brandetts,
but perhaps the Union men think
they can use him. I am sure
I don't have to have the
Journal to understand
him. I am sure he is not
the least worthy any longer.

Yours
Rich.Stuart

I hope to see you this winter
soon.
لا يوجد نص يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي من الصورة المقدمة.