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Dear Sir!

Our prospects are very encouraging. We shall carry Ohio with a sweep. This lev. will give 6000 Union men out. Our friends in Indiana are hopeful - some of them confident. I think Newton will be elected. In case we carry Ohio, Pa. and Ind. in October, Kentucky, with proper effort, may be carried in November. Our friends there want help in the shape of Shakers and documents. Stanley Matthews has agreed to go over. They also ask for Schenk and Garfield. Old Dr Breckinridge is doing fine work. Our military successes are putting us ahead

splendidly.

I signed a paper to-day re-  
- concerning Mr Buckingham  
for Pension Agent at this place,  
He was introduced to me by one  
of our bankers, and I am assured  
he is a good man. I signed the paper  
with the distinct understanding that  
it was not to be used to influence  
the removal of Harry Boarder.

It has since occurred to me that  
it would be very bad policy to  
import a man for the place  
I am sure it would make  
trouble. There are plenty of good  
men here who would be glad  
to get the office, and this being  
the case it would be unwise  
to go abroad for one. You  
know how sensitive people  
are on this point.

Truly Yours  
Richd Smith