

Richard Smith

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P.S. The remuneration of  
Mr. Lincoln looks like  
a freque enclosure.

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Gazette Office,  
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dear Mr. Banett:

Soon after the receipt  
of your welcome favor word came  
of Rosecrans' defeat which dis-  
heartened me for writing. Today we  
have good news and therefore I  
hasten to write you. Let me state  
first that Rosey is my favorite  
General & I could not bear to  
think that the good cause had  
been delayed thro' him. But he  
has proved himself a better Gen-  
eral than we had yet given him  
credit for.

Of that private matter I shall  
write you frankly. I very much  
doubt whether Hany can succeed  
in obtain'g new bondsmen. He



good judgment. Let me state the case as briefly as I can. Since I wrote you before the Office has advanced my salary to \$1200. I have additional labor to perform however. I find the place very pleasant, as Richard and the rest are very kind and agreeable; so much so that I dislike to touch the subject of leaving the Office. On the other hand I find myself too closely confined, being employed about 14 hours out of the 24. I feel too little exercise and too little rest. And I am breaking down under the labor. I shall be compelled to quit the newspaper business — or at least so laboring a part of it — in the Spring if I do not thing fall. However disagreeable the reflection it is folly to attempt to conceal the fact.

I have been doing Mr. Perry's work in addition to my own during the past two weeks, & when he returns on Saturday I propose to make a trip also. Therefore, if you are not in too much haste to fill any vacancy you may have, I write to ask you to favor me with a further communication during the next twelve days, directing to me at "Unionville Centre, Ohio."

care S. M. Fairbank.  
Wm. Hays, Henry Smith.

is a very clever fellow and is recognized as such by nearly every body. On the other hand he possesses no great strength of character promising to accomplish nothing for himself in life. Business men do not like to go on the bond of such a man. I hope he may succeed. The place does not seem to me to be very desirable in consideration of all that is ~~it~~ required and the small salary. Hays probably fits it as well as any one.

I am certainly very much obliged to you for that offer, and am ~~more~~ than half inclined to accept it. The prospect of a salary of \$1800 is pleasant to contemplate. But before I can give you a definite answer I must take more time to consider this matter. I shall certainly have to depend more or less upon you