Executive Mansion,
Washington, Oct. 21, 1862

Major General Grant,
Governor Johnson, &
all having Military,
Naval, and Civilian
authority under the Uni-
ted States, within the
State of Tennessee.

The bearer of this, Thomas R.
Smith, a citizen of Tennessee, goes to that state,
seeking to have such of its people through ordi-
sine to avoid the unsatisfactory prospect of insurrec-
tion and to have peace again upon the old terms un-
der the Constitution of the United States, to man-
ifest such desire by election of Members to
the Congress of the United States, particularly, and
perhaps a legislator, State officer, and a United
States Senator, friendly to that object. I shall
be glad for you and each of you to and him, &
all other acting for the object, as much as possible.
In all available ways give the people a chance.
to express their wishes at these elections. Under these laws, and forms of law as far as convenient, but at all events, get the expression of the largest number of the people possible. All we know that such action will correct with, and affect the proclamation of 1822. Of course, the new election should be gentlemen of character, likely to swear support to the Constitution as of old; and, known to be able, in favor of simplicity,

Your very respectful,

A. Smith