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Columbus O  
6th Jan'y 1868

I am well acquainted with the  
writer of the within. Maj Smith is  
believed a patriotic honest and capable  
officer and would I have no doubt  
discharge faithfully the duties of the  
place he seeks

R B Hayes

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Voluntarily  
at 10:15 AM

I have with a copy of the  
letter of the writer. Prof. Smith is  
pleased to have the  
affair at once. I have no doubt  
that the writer has the best of the  
matter in his hands.

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Office Bureau ~~of the~~  
Macou Miss Decr 31<sup>st</sup> 1807

For R. B. Hayes  
Governor of State of his  
Cincinnati Ohio.

My dear Sir,

I received today an order mustering me out of service, take effect tomorrow, and have just finished a letter to Genl Howard requesting his assistance in procuring me a position as Manager, or Superintendent, in the event of any action by Congress to prevent suffering among the freed people, by locating & working them on abandoned or other lands.

If Congress legislates in that direction, will you assist in advancing my interests by writing Genl Howard, or whom may have charge of the matter?

I am Sir,

Very respectfully,

Monrobert Berat

Capt. J. Smith

Capt. R. C. B. Mas,

Sub West Point

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Office of the  
Commissioner of the  
General Land Office  
Washington, D.C.

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Very truly  
yours,  
Wm. B. Smith  
Care 222 13th St.  
San Francisco