

Dover, Delaware
Jan. 30. 1858

Joseph Boyd Esq^r

Dear Sir:

When your letter of the 14th instant reached me I was at home, confined to my bed by sickness, where I still am.

I am now sitting up, and, though still very feeble, take pleasure in complying with your request by signing my name to this note.

With great respect
Your
O. B. Smith

Mrs. Bates