

From William S. Field to George R. Smith

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Lexington Mo.

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G.R. Smith Esqr[.]

Georgetown Pettis Co.

Dear Sir,

Our council met last night[,] 45 persons present, nominated M.W. Smallwood as delegate to the Georgetown convention[,] no opposition to him. he was instructed by a majority vote for Akers, many not voting at all[.] your friends saw that he had a majority & did not but you up in opposition. had the ayes & noes between you been called it would in my opinion have stood about 20 for you & 23 for Akers. Smallwood was also instructed to go for me for circuit attorney--(confidentially) he will dodge here unless you are some others watch the corners--I have not exactly agreed with him in any of our recent nominations, & he may not desire to agree with me for that office.

[W. Hoxell?] was nominated to go to [Hasel?] Hill convention[,] no instructions[.] I think it likely that Neil will be the man. You have many friends here & should you receive the nomination you will get a heavy majority here notwithstanding the howl of freesoilism against you. we have deemed it prudent to let nomination be made & if you get it, we will be on the turf for you when & where it may be necessary[.]

truly yours

Wm. S. Field