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E. H. Smith Esqr

Dear Sir your favor of the 10th inst is at hand & would have been answered before, but for my absence from home. I will try and meet you at Owenton at the time you suggest and if it is thought best will agree to make the case for Judge

The general opinion here among Union men is against having a convention, but will be governed by the wishes of a majority in the district. I suppose that it would ^{have} a partisan effect and prevent our getting the votes of a good many Southern rights men which I believe we otherwise will get. However we can determine at Owenton what is best to be done, and I will be satisfied.

I wrote to you in answer to first letter but suppose from the tone of yours of the 10th inst you did not get it. The Union men here will very cordially support you for Commonwealth attorney. Should it be thought advisable for you to run

Yours Truly
R. W. Masterson