

Ky. University, June 10th 1872.

Messrs W. J. Withers, N. C. Ricketts, + A. Steele:-

Dear Brethren:- I have just had a conversation with our excellent Tutor, ~~Bro.~~ Bro. Wm. B. Smith, with regard to his intentions + prospects. He informs me that it is his settled purpose, God willing to devote his life to the work of educating the youth of our country. And he says, moreover, that he would greatly prefer a position in Ky. University, to one in any other Institution; but he thinks that he cannot in justice to himself remain in it after the present session without an increase of salary.

What then can be done for him? I would very much regret his leaving the University; for I regard him as one of the very best scholars + educators of his age, known to me in America; + I therefore think it important that we obtain him in the University if possible.

It has occurred to me that it might be well to make him Adjunct-Professor of English Literature, with the understanding that