

Rochester Dec 19. 1845-

Dear Sir

Now that the election of Pierce
to both Houses of Congress is over, it is with
much pleasure, I congratulate you on the
result. It is a couple we are told you by the
D. Party, which you long & faithfully served
in their cause, ~~to which~~ you are justly en-
titled & a triumph over your political ene-
mies, of which, I have no doubt, you are highly
glorified & justly proud, for me, I can,
without flattery, say, I am sincerely pleas-
ed - I have no doubt, with ordinary business
& good management in conducting the P. print-
ing & the Union connected with it; you will
be enabled in a few years, should you retain
your usual health & indomitable energy,
~~you will~~ retire you to some & plan your
numerous family in comfortable circum-
stances.

The more I see & reflect on you & what
are now before me, the more highly I am im-
pressed with the conviction of the immense im-
portance to the best interests of the country
in our triumph in the election of Mr. Polk
to the Presidency, both as it regards our foreign
& domestic relations - in regard to our for-
eign relations he has plumed the track like
a stationer & Patriot - & I have no doubt
will be triumphantly sustained by the great
body of the American people & if war

should come, I most heartily trust - the whole au-
thority & power of the nation will be put
in requisition to meet ^{up} our affront & inso-
lence - for at every hour - & not because - any inch
of our rightful soil ^{is} polluted by their touch -
the game is great & must be played in the
North & hold on, in the end the victory ^{must}
must be ours.

Richmond for the season is quite gay
& ^{has been} unusually ~~at~~ crowded with strangers lately -
Mr. Smith, I understand accepts the appointment
of Governor. I have no doubt - he will make
an able & energetic Governor & will be at
his post - by the 1st Jan - the Cong. is now here
every day & it ^{will} should continue
to pay ^{the same} attention to it - he has
done ^{before} he must succeed - I remain

Yours truly
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