

Barryville Va

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1865-

Dear Sir

I have been expecting you to come up for several weeks as I wished to see you concerning my salary - but as you are not certain about coming thought it best to write you a note - My present salary is not sufficient to support <sup>me</sup> having my board & washing to pay which leaves me very little to buy clothing and other articles of necessity - I am also suffering from a wound which requires surgical attendance, that I have to pay for - I do not ask this in any spirit of extortion, but merely wish sufficient to live comfortably and independent of my friends - I hope I have pleased you and your son, who can give you any information

Concerning my qualifications &c

I greatly prefer living with you than  
going elsewhere as I have become very  
much attached to Ireland -

I will take \$50 - a month and stay  
with you as long as it is agreeable to  
both parties and shall always use  
my best endeavors to promote your  
interest - Business has been quite dull  
for the past week owing to the farmers  
being in their harvest fields - but it  
is soon improving and I think in a  
week trade will be quite brisk -

With my kindest regards to yourself  
& family I remain very Respectfully  
&c your friend

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