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W. K. Pendleton to Isaac Errett, July 3, 1862

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Belchamp No. 193rd, 1862

Dear Bro. Irwin,

Your favor was thankfully received. By all means send me the Box on the "Plan de." Though some pages have been removed, your articles shall be welcome to a choice location and proper place. The newspaper will still have a very kind of all the names and most influential part of our congressmen. I shall see you the next coming Tuesday. I am told that a few of the old friends have been joined by several others, but only a few that are of chief importance to the party. Meeting the day, the spirit was very fruitful of new ideas.

We have a very great time politically, and Rumors make his boasts greater than their deeds. I was invited to take tea in company with him at a small party of special friends and had a long and very agreeable conversation.
With him, he is a very agreeable and kind
minded gentleman as well as a very public
officer. Major Nair, his present Marshall, say
kindly and Courteously offers to forward letters
for us to our friends in India, pointing out
they are handed to him unclosed. This is,
of course, all we could desire under the
existing circumstances. The other causes though
are changes of protocol prevailing.

I have not heard of the arrival of Mr. Jemmis. All is in a state of suspense, and I
am anxious to know the state of the people. I shall promise them at least a piece of work as they
are. I intend any explanation to answer
noting a good deal of work for Mr. Jemmis is
I shall be always happy to hear from you,
and I hope that
the letter of a cheering future of mutual ends in the near
future. 

Affe[cte][d] Jo[u][m]

P. F. Todd, Esq.
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Bethany Va. July 3rd. 1862

Dear Bro. Errett,

Your favor was thankfully recd. By all means send on the Nov. on the “Plea etc.”¹ Though our pages have been reduced,² your articles shall be welcome to a choice prefer and prefered [sic] place. The Harbinger will still have a very wide if not as numerous a circulation and will be read by the best minds and most influential part of our brotherhood. I hope you recd the No. containing Bro. Elly’s Procrustean bed.³ Our views have been growled at by several others – but only in a short and sort of chained-bull-dog way – revealing the dog-matic spirit, very literally if not etymologically.

We have a very quiet time politically. Genl. Rosencrans⁴ [sic; Rosecrans] makes his headquarters in Wheeling. I was invited to take tea in company with him, at a small party of special friends and had a long and very agreeable conversation [begin page 2] with him. He is a very agreeable and liberal minded gentleman – as well as a very gallant officer. Major Darr,⁵ his provost Marshall, very kindly and courteously proffered to forward letters for us to our friends in Dixie – provided only they are handed to him unsealed.⁶ This is, of course, all we could desire, under the circumstances. The chances are through exchanged & paroled prisoners.⁷

Present us all very kindly to Sister Errett & Miss Jinnie [sic]. Tell Sister Errett if she will give us such material as she furnished the Pleasant Hill⁸ people, we will promise to return her at least as good a piece of work as they did. This without any compliment to ourselves is saying a good deal for Miss Jennie’s.

I shall be always happy to hear from you, both for auld lang syne, and for the hopes, that I have never allowed for a moment to grow idle, of a charming future of mutual work in the great cause.

Affectionately Yours,

W. K. Pendleton

[In left margin starting at bottom] That bal. for last year will all be paid. Mr. C. by the absence of Alex.⁹ is really behind. Land is his finances. This I know. But it is coming.

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¹ Errett was writing a series of articles on “A Plea for Reformation” in the Millennial Harbinger. The first in the series appeared in January 1861. Nov. probably refers to the article Pendleton, as Co-Editor, planned to include in the November number. Errett was also a co-editor in 1862, thus Pendleton’s assurance that Errett’s article would receive a “choice and preferred place.”

² The number of pages in the Harbinger was reduced from 720 in 1861 to 576 in 1862.

³ Geo. W. Elley’s article is “Communion with the ‘Sects,’” Millennial Harbinger (January, 1862) 39-42. Franklin comes to Elley’s defense in “Review of Brethren Pendleton and Errett,” American Christian Quarterly Review 1.2 (Cincinnati, 1862) 31. This is a debate on open communion, involving Pendleton, Errett, and Robert Richardson v. Elley and Franklin that continued in 1862 in the Harbinger and the American Christian Review. For Elley, see
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100640705/george-w-elley. The spelling of his name is randomly changed from Elley to Elly throughout the articles in the *Harbinger*. He signs his articles with Elley.


5 Joseph Darr, Jr., https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54119449/joseph-darr (1829-1904) His memorial has details about his service in the Civil War under Rosecrans.

6 In August 1861, mail service to the South was suspended, stopping the exchange of mail between citizens of the North and South. https://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_civil-war-mail-history.pdf. Leaving the letters unsealed allowed inspection of their contents, a minor inconvenience considering Darr granted an exception to mail protocols in force at the time.

7 Perhaps an ellipsis for “The chances [for losing mail


9 Alex. in this case is no doubt Alexander Campbell, Jr., who was living in Louisiana at this time and remained there during most of the Civil War.