Irish-American Office, 116 Nassau Street,
New York, 24 Dec. 1855

Private

My Dear Sir,

As soon as I ascertain the result of the Convention at Boston I shall write you when I can go to Philadelphia in compliance with your friendly and flattering invitation. I am the more desirous to avail of it as I am convinced you have no earthly object in connecting yourself with the movement for Ireland save the advancement of that cause which you have been, for years, the able and unflinching advocate.

While I condemn the unseemly and turbulent conduct of Michael Dohery and his associates at
It is opening of the late Convention at the Astor House. I must not overlook the fact that the Board (of which I am a permanent member) have acted and now have Automatic at work, have spent money in propaganda; and have otherwise exhibited progress in their agitation. What is the nature of that action and those movements? Is I am inclined to consider to paper, but when we meet I shall be happy to acquaint you with particulars. So that we must admit that the indignant violence of these men is not excusable. I can be easily accounted for. I do think that you and I could do much towards peace and cooperation.
As far Delegation or any official position I have made up my mind that the less a Newspaper Editor has to do with public matters outside his Professional Sanction the better for the Success of the movement whatever it may be. To be a Mediator or a Bearer of Unanimity founded on Principle Sincerity and Truthfulness I have no objection but farther I am unprepared to go.

Believe me Yours Very Faithfully

G. Smith

and I shan’t happy returns of this festive season!