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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the
appointment of a Surgeon General to the United States Army. I am sorry to hear that the
Department has not yet been able to reach a decision upon the subject. I am, however,
satisfied that the Department is doing its best to expedite the matter, and I am confident
that a decision will be reached in due season. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very truly,
John A. B. Smith
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