

Latimer Tuesday Morning
June 20th 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have held it in Contemplation ever since I made the pledge to Mr. J. P. Russell to be equally bound with him to the amount of one Thousand Dollars, in the event of his sustaining loss to that amount as your security for the Sheriffalty ^{to back my pledge or paper in your possession} but a variety of engagements for several days immediately after and the indisposition of Mr. H. the last week has caused the subject to escape my mind till this morning. Enclosed I hand it to you of course if Mr. P. don't require it you will not use it but return it to me. Had I known his son in Law was to participate in the Sheriffalty as I afterwards learned I should not have made it, but as I consider Russell good for the Sheriffalty himself and if his Family are to share the profits he ought to bear and take all the risks, but my object in making the pledge was to serve you and I comply that Mr. P. may have no concern on my account from backing out. This note is of course strictly Confidential. Take my advice given at our last Court and make an act of all you have paid out of your own means and all you have paid by draft or order on the Sheriff as Court of Repair, charging yourself with the several sums of money yourself & Brother

received directly from the Sheriff - I cannot at
 very important to you to have your public ac-
 for the County settled satisfactorily now when
 you are entering on so ~~responsible~~ duty
 as the Office of Sheriff imposes -
 Wm. Smith

Yrs! Faithfully

R. E. Harrison

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 June 20th

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