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Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1889

Hon. A. W. Forges.

Dear Sir.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April last. I filed an application with the Secretary of Interior. for the position of Special Agent. in the fraud department.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last the Secretary. had a Commission made out to have one appointed Register of the Land Office at Mitchell. Dak. At the suggestion of Gov. Mudgett and Mr. Matthews the delegate in Congress. that Commission was held up. for the purpose of having Mr. R. N. Krotz appointed, that appointment has not been made. owing to the political influence of those who were candidates. before the people of South Dakota. While I am a friend of



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Mr. Kratz and recommended  
him for the position of Register  
I do hope that I will not be  
overlooked by the Hon. Secretary.  
I now ask the favor of you  
to write the Sec<sup>y</sup> in my behalf  
asking him to give me the  
appointment of Special Agent  
or Register of some Land office  
that is now held by a demo-  
=crat.

My representative in Congress has  
recently written me that "all of  
those positions were filled," this  
I know full well, but they are  
not all filled by Republicans,  
if such was the fact, then I would  
not ask for an appointment.  
If you can aid me in the matter  
so that I can secure a position  
that will enable me live and  
support myself and daughter



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in my new Western home  
I shall use every effort to  
make myself a correct and  
useful officer, and will  
conduct myself in such a  
manner, that <sup>you</sup> will never  
regret the favor that I now  
ask at your hands.

I Am Truly Yours  
Friend  
Ernest Smith  
of Mitchell  
South Dak