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From A. W. Torrey
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir

When I parted with you last Sunday I handed you a letter asking your aid in securing an appointment from the Dept of Interior. I now wish to call your attention to the fact that I have on file in the Department of Interior, the indorsement of the Citizens of my town where I have resided for the last six years, and the most prominent Republicans of South Dakota, among them Judge Edgerton, Senator Moody, Gov. Mellett, and Mr. Matthews their Delegate in Congress. While I have this indorsement I do not feel that any one of the Dakota Senators or members



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of Congress will urge my
appointment, or work for me,
for the reason they may not
regard me as a Dakota custodian,
or in other words a man that
will work for their interest to
carry out any plan that may be
put forth by them, while none will
question my integrity, ~~or~~ my
ability, or my being a Republican.

The foregoing are some of the
reasons ~~that~~ ^{why} I desire that you
should write out noble, and
besides you have known me
for a number of years, and know
who and what I am.

I will call your attention to the
fact that I was removed from
a position by a Democrat for the
only reason that I was a
Republican.



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I'm asking to be appointed a Special Agent. I would not confine my request to that alone. I know that I am competent to be Register of a Land office, and in this connection will call your attention to the fact that when the reservation is opened there will be three new offices established, and the men that are now applying for them have no experience, and know nothing of the duties. I feel that I should not be considered an intruder in asking for a position as long as any one of them are held by a Democrat.

And I trust my Dear Sir that I am not intruding upon your good nature, by asking your help in this matter.



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It is true, that I can give up
this unpleasant work that I am
now engaged in, and return to
Mitchell and live with, and upon
my son, but this is a most
painfull thought to me, and I
am miserable unless I am at
work, and some steady employment.
It is true that I feel humiliated to
ask this favor, or the help of a
friend, but such is my condi-
-tion, and I make bold to ask
the favor, feeling that I am
competent, and will be true to
my friends and faithful to the
Government,

I have spoken freely to you as
a friend, and will trust to
you to manage, as you may
think best.

I will state that as I was
removed from the position I



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in the Land office at Mitchell
by the present Democratic Register
it would be nothing but justice
for him to be removed and put
in the position - or at least
in some position as good.

But act and write as you
think best and I shall ever
be thankful,

Pardon this long letter

Yours sincerely
Emitt Smith