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Asahel Bush Esq.

The bearer of this is my friend, John Ferguson. He comes with a commission from the Post Office Department which he will explain to you. He is a reliable Democrat under all circumstances, and has been commissioned only from his extensive knowledge of the workings of our postal system. Please make him acquainted with all, particularly with our democratic friends, and when you start your paper, do by him the right thing.

Very truly yours, &c.

Saml. R. Thurston