Phila. Dec. 12th 1815

Rev. Edwards,

I received your very kind letter of the 27th ult. only reached us yesterday, having been detained by the heavy snowstorms with which we have been

visited recently. For your kindness in transmitting the names of several New Subscribers to the Herald, I return you my sincere thanks, and that such be under still greater obligations if you succeed in procuring the number of subscribers you anticipate.

This was calculated to dispel the gloom which the preceding mail brought, in a letter from my trysting agent who revisited your establishment.

I went to St. Louis and was disappointed in not receiving a box of Books which had been sent to meet them there but had not arrived. Hence the expenses, which were heavy, were not lessened in this way as I expected.

I have sent the papers to all whose names are contained in your letter, beginning with the 67th, not having any of the previous list to send, owing to getting a No. by New Subscribers, since they were printed.

You desire that we will insert occasionally in the Herald a notice of the progress of your different branches of your establishments. This
My dear friend,

Your recent letter by your attorney's hand

...with all my compliments, your friend,

A. C. Smith, St.

[Signature]