

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., May 5 1870

Re Robt E. Smith.

Notre Dame. Ind-
iana. Ind.

I have received your
very flattering note of the
5th. and assure you of
the great interest all my
family feel in the success
of your Institution. I
would like to contribute
my little mite to your
pleasure & satisfaction
by attending the Annual
Exhibition.

on the 22nd of June -

I get so many of these
you almost by quarter
that I find the force
of the French Depression.

Embarrass - in - Richness.

as to invitations - thoughts

by no means touched
with that other kind

of riches represented by
Greenbacks. I must

go to West Point June 20

because it is my office

to hand the diplomas

to the Embryo - officers -

and I am under a

promise to go to Cambridge

Roston right after - & that
the very time June 22 is
closed. Apart from
them I desire providly to
make no extended trips till
Congress determines by delay -
I have no doubt it will
be reduced very materially
and all the calculations
based on present incomes
will have to be changed -
indeed I will be forced
to sacrifice my present
house, because its size
and cost of maintenance
will be beyond the reach

of the new Salary proposed -
and I must chafe for
a smaller one. or run away
altogether. I little dreamed
that after the war - my income
would be diminished by little
demagogues, and narrowed
down to their sense of Economy -
but so it is - the governing
Elements are for the meanest
Classes. and he who would
flatter & curress in 1865
must come to this level in
fact. if not in spirit.

I write you thus fully to
manifest my sense of
your Extreme Kindness -

With great respect

W. S. Sherman
General.