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Through the instrumentality of his friend Genl Pomeroy of Macon, an order, I understand, had been issued for his exchange of ~~my son~~, but which failed to be carried into effect owing to the interruption of exchanges by the advance of Genl. Grant. I take the liberty of writing to you, my dear Sir, in the hope that by your good offices with the Commissioner of Exchange, something may yet be done to effect his release, as has been the case with others, from his long and weary confinement. He is intensely anxious to be again engaged in the active service of his country, in which he had, at the time of his capture in the severest of the fight at Chickamauga, acquired a distinguished reputation, as a brave and efficient officer. Any assistance you may be able to render in this matter will be most gratefully received,

Very respectfully,
W^m Smyth.

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Description: William Smyth of Brunswick wrote to George F. Shepley seeking his help in getting his son, Lt. William H. Smyth of the 16th Maine, a prisoner of war in Macon, Georgia, exchanged.

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