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Executive Mansion,

Washington, 26 January, 1865.

My Dear Sir

My father Dⁿ Charles
Hay is at present Postmaster at
Warsaw, Hancock Co. As usual
at the beginning of a new term,
there will probably be made an attempt
by some one to supersede him.

I think he is as good a man as
there is in the County, but do not
wish my word to be taken for
that. I write merely to ask

you, as a personal favor, and one that
I will appreciate, not to pledge
your influence against my father
before fully examining the matter
and that, if possible, you will

delay any action in the matter until I have an opportunity of meeting you in Washington.

I rejoice in the fact that we have a representative in harmony with the loyal sentiment of the government and the country, and I am of course in favor of entrusting to you the fullest influence in recommendations for officers in the district. It will have no conflict. If you think a change at Warsaw is demanded by the public interests, I shall bow to your superior means of judgment. I only ask that you will not act hastily on the statement of posters

who are interested in the
matter.

May I ask the favor of
an answer to this note?

I am very truly

Your Obedt. Servt

John Hay

Genl. A. C. Harding