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My dear Dr. Morris

Thanks for your of 26th inst. I shall not be with you on Thursday of my ~~this~~ quite uncertain about my being there by 7 prox. Certainly 23 good men there are enough to make a suitable choice of a surgeon for the Hospital. I hope you can command a higher reputation than that yet earned by either of the gentlemen named by you. Hardy has hitherto been an unsuccessful candidate & might on that account not be willing to take the post. Of the three of them you have spoken Hunter would be my choice decidedly, basing my action on his reputation. Haynes & Manard have both been residents & I believe the former lives convenient to the Hospital but neither have had any experience in surgical out door practice. So the vacancy known to the profession? If so then I think there would be more applicants. However I must leave the matter in your hands. I came here to get out of the world & while I delight to hear from home, on business matters I pronounce the mail & telegraph both nuisances.

This evening we expect to leave here for the Hot Springs & after a few days there, will visit the Warm Springs and then turn our faces homeward.

Our company consists of William & his wife, my daughter Mrs. Smith her son & myself. Thus far our time has passed very pleasantly.

With affectionate remembrances to Mrs Morris & yourself

I am sincerely

Jno Welsh

White Sulphur 29 May 1877.