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me to obtain a picture of your-
self in order that an engraving
may be made by the publishers
of the magazine. I should like
it as soon as possible, if you
can conveniently send me a
photograph, in order that it
may be placed at once in the
hands of the engravers. I also
send you by mail the latest
and best steel engraving of
General Curtis.

With many thanks for
your kind letter and ~~the~~ best
wishes for your welfare I am
as always

Very truly your friend
Saml Prentiss Curtis

Gov Isaac Murphy
Little Rock
Arkansas

Saml
Prentiss
Curtis
Dec 17. 1868

U.S.A.
Geoburr Bower Dec 27, 1867
Dear Friend

I received your
kind letter some time ago, for which
I am much obliged. I think you
do yourself injustice and are far
too modest. There are few men
whose names appear to me more
worthy of being honored.

The editors of the Phreno-
logical Journal desire such a
sketch of your life as will fill about
four pages of their magazine. Gen-
eral Curtis' life, more lengthy than
any previously written, occupying
six pages.

To write this I am still anx-
ious to obtain all the information
I can about your life. I hope
I do not trouble you too much,
but I desire to do you justice,
and a fair sketch of your life

will I think prove very useful.

I desire further information than that already furnished for which I am much obliged. If not too great trouble please let me know the date and place of your birth. When also were you in California? If you can take the trouble to ~~re~~ relate them, I should like a more detailed account of your sufferings in Arkansas after your vote against secession, the sufferings of other refugees and Union men which are proper matters of history, the return of yourself to Arkansas, and the manner of your election as Governor. Also have you been reelected? If you can furnish me with any documents bearing on the subject or tell me where to find them I shall be equally obliged, In short I want any and all information bearing

on this subject that I can obtain. The terrible sufferings of Arkansas unionists are perhaps less generally known than any other portion of the Southern people. Justice requires that more should be said of them, I design both to give a sketch of your life and to show somewhat of the afflictions undergone by the people of which you are the head. I hope thus to make an interesting magazine article which may do you justice.

The Phrenological Journal is devoted to biography and the study of human character. The editors aim to show peoples' faces while they publish their lives, in order to give more of an idea of the character of a man by showing his countenance, its expression &c. Hence it will be important for