Dr J Grospan's

Certificate

Paris Kentucky

It is hereby certified that Thomas Easton a volun
teer Light Dragoon in Capt Garrard Company
of Major Balls squadron of the United States
Cavalry; is rendered incapable of performing
the duty of a soldier by reason of a wound inflicted
while he was actually in the service aforesaid
and in the line of his duty viz: By ocular factory
evidence and accurate examination it ap
pears that on the day of December in
the year of being engaged at or
near a place called Mapiscenaway in
the territory of Indiana he received a severe
wound in his right arm near the shoulder
and is thereby not only incapacitated for
military duty but in the opinion of the un-
dersigned is three fourths disable from ob-
taining his subsistence by manual labor.
Given under my hand at Paris this the 20th
of May 1817

John Grosjean
Surgeon 4th Regt
K. M.

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Mr John Metcalfe Junr

1817

His Excellency

Gabriel Slaughter

Acting Governor

of Kentucky

Paris May 18th 1817

Sir.

Understanding that a vacancy will shortly take place in the office of Attorney for the Commonwealth in the second judicial District I will take the liberty of Recommending to your Honor Thos. Eastin Esqr. as a proper & fit person to fill that office. I have been acquainted with Mr. Eastin since his early youth & know him to be a young man of cleverness, both as a privet Citizen & in his profession, nor do I think you could confer that office on a more worthy person. Independant of his amiable deportment, as a Citizen & his Qualifications as an attorney Mr Eastin has justly a claim on a greatful Country for his Services in our last Contest with Great Britain;

If you should think proper to confer on him that office I have no doubt he will discharge the duties of the office with Honor to Himself & Country.

Hus Excellency
Gabl. Slaughter

I have the honor to be with sentiments of respect your obt. St.
John Metcalfe Jr.

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Washington May the 20th 1817

Sir

I have understood that Richard Southgate Esqr does not intend to hold the Office of Circuit Attorney in the 2nd Judicial District, and I have heretofore recommended James Hughes Esqr as a person well qualified to fill that Office, nor do I wish or intend by this letter to withdraw any part of that recommendation; but understanding that Thomas Castin Esqr is an applicant for the Office, I feel it my duty to recommend him also to your Excellency as a Gentleman eminently qualified to discharge its duties. I have been acquainted with Mr. Castin from my infancy. We were Colledge mates in acquiring a considerable portion of our education, and students together in the law about three years under the Hon. Robert Trimble Esqr. Having attended some of the Courts with Mr. Castin ever since our admission to the bar, and being intimately acquainted with him, I beg leave to speak of him to your Excellency as a Gentleman of very handsome and liberal Education, and as a regular bred and scientific Lawyer, with all the advantages that could

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he derived from the lectures and examinations of the Hon. Robert Trimble Esqr. during the space of three years. I would also speak of him as a Gentleman of the most exemplary moral, sober and industrious habits, and I would suggest that he has made great improvements in his legal knowledge since he commenced the practice. In short Sir I consider Mr. L. to be not only a Gentleman of classical education & of extensive legal learning, but a young man of very handsome talents and I think he promises to be an ornament to the profession and his country. Permit me Sir to suggest one circumstance which I think ought to operate in Mr. Lastin's favour. I have discovered since the passage of the law occasioning this innovation in our legal system and constituting the Office of Circuit Attorney for the Commonwealth, that it is almost impossible for any of the elder members of the bar, (owing to a multiplicity of business, a collision of the Courts and other circumstances,) to attend all the Courts in their District and bestow that attention to the duties of the Office which the best interests of the Commonwealth require. I know this to have been the case in those Districts, in which I have practised, where

the Office has been filled by men very much encumbered with business and whose circuit did not extend to all of the Courts in the District, owing to their having formed a fixed circuit consisting of some of the Courts of several Districts and not the whole of none. On the contrary Sir I have found that, where the Office has been filled by young men, qualified to discharge the duties thereof, they have been always enable to ride the whole circuit with the Judge and attend faithfully and punctually to all the interests of the Commonwealth. And Sir I would intimate to your Excellency that I am borne out in this position in the appointments of Thomas J. Chittenden Esqr and George Shannon Esqr formerly prosecuting Attorneys in the District in which the Hon. Ben. Johnson presides; to either of whom, in point of talents and qualifications, I think Mr. R. entirely equal. Suffer me also to remark Sir that independent of the claims which Mr. R. has to this Office on account of his qualifications, he is entitled to the notice and patronage of his Country for those eminent services which he rendered in the late struggle

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for our rights and in which he had the misfortune to receive a very severe wound, that will leave him an invalid during the ballance of his life. I have no hesitation in saying Sir that should Mr. E. receive the appointment, the Commonwealth will find in him an able advocate of her rights and that his appointment will meet with the entire approbation of the Publick.

I have the honour Sir to be your Excellency's very humble Servt

Alexander R. Depew

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His Excellency

Gabriel Houghter

Frankfort