Columbus Octo. 17th 1824

Dear Sir

When I wrote to you upon the subject of appointing Mr James, it was in consideration of these facts –

1st That Mr James had resigned his Assistant Judgeship for the purpose of becoming a Candidate for the Legislature

2d upon an assurance given to me by him that he had actually resigned, for which fact Mr Edrington esq. your personal friend can vouch, having seen Mr James resignation, in the office of the Secretary of State, –

The attendance of the Hon B. Shackelford being dependent upon

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many incidents, and the solicitous murmurings of the people, being so repeated I am impelled by a wish, to conform to the duties of a citizen (laying aside my professional interests) to solicit your excellency to make the appointment, as early as you receive Mr James's resignation, which will go by thy mail.—

Perhaps your Secretary may have found the original letter of Mr James — if so — I hope we shall yet have a court — May I suggest to your consideration the propriety of dispatching a special Messenger with the commission?

This section of the country, with its vices and misfortunes, the sure product of an irregular population, requires

the aid of a Judiciary —

In Concluding this letter with a request, that you will, lend your aid as the chief of our State, I hope you will believe that I am actuated by motives tending Simply to the preservation of the interests of this Orphan portion of the Community, and believe me to be with Sentiments of Respect and Esteem

Your Sincere Personal
Friend
Wm L Wiggington

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W. G. Wigginton
Oct. 17. 1824

W. T.

Columbus Ky
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Ohio Excellency Joseph Desha
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort

Morganfield October 20th 1824

Dear

The Court of Union County at our session of the present Term under the law directing the mode of nominating fit persons to fill the Office of Sheriff went on to make the nomination of John S Chapman, (who was commissioned in the name of John Chapman) when it was objected to by Robert Gillespie he claiming the Secretary of Magistracy by a Certificate signed by Secretary of State in which the name of Chapman was omitted, but from a thorough examination of their claims we find that their commissions are separate and distinct, both bearing the same date; we find that there

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was a memorandum made by the for-
mer Clerk of our Court, in his minute
Book of the names of the Magistrates &
we find from examining the memo
randum that John S Chapman
stands first on that memorandum
we find from examining the Clerk
that it was made for the purpose
of Governing the Court in their nom
inations aforesaid we find that
the Court has invariably been govern
ed by the memorandum in their
nominations af^d by it and its kn
own by manner of us that John Adair
Certified Chapman to be the Senr
Magistrate while Govr and we
know of our own knowledge that
Chapman has uniformly presided

as has constantly and invariably
discharged the duties of Senr Majis
trate Whele Gellchrest has not
this Stake the liberty of Stating
to your Excellency lest there should
be some misstatements by a semon
strance of a few on this subject
as Nun a member of that body
that made the nomination of
of Chapm; this nomination was
made under the influence as I
conceive the strictest feelings of justice
and as man I am happy to be
leive that in Ministering justice
at met the approbation of three
fourths of the people of this County

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~~[illegible]~~ with the highest

consideration & respect

yrs &c

Geo F. [illegible]

To his Excellency

Joseph Desha

Frankfort

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Letter from

G. F. Cattell.

Oct. 20. 1824