His Excellency

Chevalier Greenough

Frankfort

Danville Nov 26th 1804

Dear Sir

It has been intimated to me that an additional number of Judges will be appointed for the Circuit Court of Kentucky Should ~~it~~ that law pass I hope you will be So Good as to appoint William T. Kelly Esqr one of them as I Know him to be a man of firmness and a man that you may depend on as to his Knowledge of Law I am no Judge my Self but I have been told by Judge Hunter and Several other Gentlemen that heard him at the bar that are Judges of Law that he is a man of talents and are at this time Superior to any at our bar in fine to his character there is no Gentleman in ~~he~~ in the State can be better recommended then he can by all that is acquinted With him I have heard my friend Mr Neill and Mr Ferguson both of them of Maryland Say that he is a credit to his Country before I had the pleasure of being acquinted with him or before he came out to this Country and by Experience discover it to be most unexceptionable I therefore flatter my

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Self that he would do Great Justice to the appointment and importance Service to the Country

I am Dear Sir With Esteem and regard your most obt. Servt.

Panl. McIlvoy

His Excellency
Christo. Greenup

His Excellency

Governor Greenup

Frankfort

Danville 27th Novemr. 1804

Sir

from accounts which I have lately Recived from Frankfort I understand the Legislature are about to Extend the Judiciary of the State to one or more Judges Independent of the present Establishment

in the Nomination of those no Doubt the Executive will prefer those Candidaty which will Come Best Recomended for firmness & Integrity which (in my Humble opinion) are Requisits without which no Judge Can do Justice to his Country, Both which qualifications Mr William L. Kelly whome I believe will be a Candidate is Possesd of in an Eminent Degree I have known him a Considerable Time and believe him to be a man of as much Independence of Mind as perhaps the State Can Produce

Mr Kellys legal Knowledge as a Professional man it is not for me to Speak an opinion on no Doubt you will have Information on that Subject from those whose Opinions ought to have more weight with you than mine However I assure you that I have heard Eminent attorneys (at least those Generally Called so) frequently observe that he was well Qualified for the Bar

I am Sir
your Mo Obed. Servt
J Birney

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M. H. Wickliff
concerning a Judge
H. Davidge

Hartford K
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M. H. Wickliff Esq

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His Excellency Christo Greenup
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort

Dear Sir Hartford 16. nov^th 28 1804

I have taken the liberty from my acquantance with you to write your Excellency this the appointment of a circuit Judge In our part of the Country is much Expected & spoken of amongst the Citizens of this County & the Counties adgestent and they wish one appoint^d that does & will reside a mong them and Sir assure you that the people wish Mr Henry Davidge to receive the appointment & their is no one in our part the people would be so well satisfied to receive that office then Mr Davidge as to his quattifications I will leave that with yourself

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Who is a better Judge of Mr Daviesses qualifica-
tions than I am as to those publications
which has appeared against Mr Daviese
are from his personal Enemies and those
who perhaps wish the Appointment themselves
Excuse my Freedom and believe me Sir
to be your Freend & Wishes

Martin H. Wickliff