His Excellency

Christopher Greenup

Frankfort

Danville 29th Novr 1804

Dear Sir

It is reported here that the Circuit System will probably be extended, and consequently that it will be necessary to appoint more Circuit Judges. a friend to Mr William L. Kelly has intimated to me that he will be a candidate for the office of a Judge, in case such an arrangement takes place, and that he wishes me to mention him to you. You have no doubt been informed that on his first arrival in this State Mr Kelly settled at Danville, and that since his removal, his occupation as a Lawyer, and his Social connections have occasioned him to be frequently at this place; from which it is probable his Talents as a Judge of Law, and his character as a man, is tolerably

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well know by the Inhabitants of Danville and its vicinity.

Altho I cannot pretend to give an opinion as to the extent of Mr. Kelly's Legal information from my own knowledge yet from the intimate or of the Bar and Courts who have had an opportunity of Judging I have no reason to doubt of his being a sound Lawyer; as a Man his character for Integrity firmness and independance stands unimpeached so far as I know or believe and as a worthy member of Society, few men are thought more highly of by their intimate acquaintances.

If the occasion which is now contemplated should offer, you will no doubt hear from persons able to give you more perfect and satisfactory information than I have been but

I could not omit an opportunity of gratifying the feelings of a worthy man by thus adding my testimony to that of others, that he possesses the confidence, esteem & good wishes of those who know him

I am Dear with great esteem

Your Friend

Willis Green

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Recor[illegible] of
H. P. Brodnax
Circuit Judge

Col. Christopher Greenup
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort

Dear Sir, Bards Town Nov 3d 1804

The appointment of Mr Brodnax as Circuit Judge by the late Governor will expire this Session of Assembly and it now rests with you to renominate him or another in his place. Knowing that since Mr. Brodnax's residence in this State you have had but little opportunity of having a personal acquaintance with him, and supposing that as usual there will be many applicants for the office - I cannot in justice to my opinion of his merits, & his fitness to discharge that important office with advantage to the community, deny myself the privilege of addressing you in his favour. For eight or nine years I have had an intimate acquaintance with him as a Lawyer and

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in that character have observed in him the strictest attention to the business confided to his care. And without disparagement to the Gentlemen with whom he has practiced I can say that he has paid that kind of previous attention to the causes in which he was engaged which has enabled him to come to trial in a greater state of preparedness than most of the Gent. of the bar are in the habit of doing. In addition to these qualifications as a Lawyer (which I think at least hold out the promise of attention in a Judge) I can assure you that in point of rectitude of conduct & purity of morals he is held by his acquaintances in the highest estimation.

I have the honour to be with

the highest respect

Yrs Mo Obt. Servt.

Tho. Spud

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To his Excellency Christopher Greenup Governor of Kentucky.

Dr Sir We the the Subscribers take the liberty of recommending to your Excellency, David Ballingall & Thomas Vaughan; as Gentlemen worthy of your nomination as Associate Judges for the County of Nicholas we believe, that as much Integrity and Solidity as well as legal knowledge combine in each of those Gentlemen as perhaps any others in that County.

Henry C. Bruce
Thomas Fletcher
Dan Smith
John Stockton
Henry Clay