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Feb 9th 1845

I received a line from Mayr Joseph Gillis bearing date the 3d of this Inst which he stated that he had presented my name to your (Honor) as a suitable man to fill the office of Gatekeeper it was done without my knowledge at the Cumberland River ford in Knox County & requested me to answer his letter immediately & let him no if I would accept that office in my answer I stated there was some doubts existing whether or no Mayr Colyer ~~could~~ would be able to give bond & should he fail I would prefer the appointment of Sheriff of this County but upon reflection I have thought proper to say if your Honor think proper to extend the favour I would accept the appointment of gatekeeper in preference I presume as you have heartofore ~~had~~, a full history of my studdy habbits & attention to business that it is not nessesary for any further recommodation

Your Friend
Truly
Alfred Smith

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To His Excellency William Owsley Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky

Your Excellency will pardon the liberty I have taken. I am persuaded in making this address. The reasons which have induced it originated in the information through Strange Rumor. that Your Excellency had delayed action upon the recommendation by the Ballard Cty. Court, of R.D. Cholson and T. Clark as proper persons to fill the vacancy, made by the resignation of Esqr. Kepshaw upon the Bench of said Court and that Your Excellency would probably await an expression of public sentiment upon the matter before commissioning the said Cholson Although I am to the utmost extent of the expression opposed to the said Cholson in a political point of view, and am aware that there are charges against his personal Character, which if true should be followed by complete degradation. Yet nevertheless, in the absence as I do know, of any thing surely going to the establishment of those charges, I cannot withold the opinion which I thoroughly entertain, that if the people of Ballard County, were indifferently consulted, a very respectable majority of them would say unhesitatingly that they preferred him to any other man to fill the office of Although there are other men whom I would prefer, as far as I am individually concerned. Yet as the

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at the same time I feel assured that there is not a man belonging to this county and comparatively few in the state of Kentucky, better calculated to fill the office of ~~[illegible]~~ Justice of the County Court. He is active punctual and obliging, and adds to a discriminating mind the quality, energy, and wachfulness of a business man For the foregoing reasons, and the additional fact that his opponent, (Turk) is a man of no qualifications whatever, which will be shown by the several petitions sent up, I indulge the hope that Your Excellency, will consider favorably, the recommendation of Gholson

In conclusion, permit me to tender to Your Excellency an assurance of my profound regard

A Sharden, P. M.

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To His Excellency —
William Owsley
Govenor of Ky
Frankfort Ky

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Secretary of State

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Dr God.

I expect you will have to make an appointment of Gate-keeper at Cumberland-ford. My brother Alfred Smith would like to have the appointment. You know him. He is every way qualified for the place. You will see by the act of last winter that unless the Gate sells for $3000. you have to make the appointment. The sale of the Gate is on the 4th Monday in this month. Yr

E. Smith

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Dear Sir

I am about leaving and take this opportunity to say to you that Mr Crawford Anderson of Graves County if appointed will make a good Receiver of the land office west of Tennessee River.

Respectfully

R T Patterson

We hope the Gov. will nominate to the Senate Crawford Anderson as above as the office is still vacant. Irwin Anderson Esq who was commissioned during the last session refusing to accept

Tho. Barnes
John Eakin

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Mr Guthrie
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His Excellency
Wm Owsley
Dr Sir

Mr. Alfred Smith informs me that he is an applicant for the Gate in Knox County in case it should not be sold and requests me to say to you something about his business habits &c. I can say that I have known Mr. Smith for some time and know him to be a man of study habits and a man of business and one who may be relied on to act his part

I am Yours Respectfully
W. H. Hartley

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