Samd. Brents

May 14th 1814

W. D. Hansen Esq Secretary of State

Frankfort

Kentucky

Sir Frankfort May 14th 1814

On viewing an Act of the Legislature of Kentucky passed in 1798 I discover a provision made for the appointment of an Escheater in each County for the purpose of attending to land which may have escheated to the Government. This law it is believed has in no instance been Carried into execution. Knowing of several tracts of land in the County of Green which have escheated & to which the law would well apply have thought proper to recommend the appointment of an officer of that kind in that County.

An early attention to this subject is thought advisable as those tracts with which I am acquainted are surrounded by settlers who are availing themselves of every opportunity of Committing waste on the lands by Carrying off the timber & in some instances of Cultivating & destroying the soil.

It is also believed those lands may be sold to the accomodation of the neighboring Citizens & to the advantage of the Government. You will be good enough to Call the attention of the Governor to this subject as soon as Convenient. I shall be in town this week & Can receive & Carry a Commission to any person his excellency may think proper to appoint.

Your Most Obt & Very Humble
Servant Samuel Brents

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From James
Eubank Contr.
Oct. 25th

His Excellency. Gov. Shelby
Mr. Perry 3 Frankfort

Newport October 25. 1814

His Excellency Gov. Shelby.

This will be handed you by by friend Mr. Perry whom I take the liberty of introducing to you he will wait ~~on you~~ for an answer to my letter to you which you will please have made out in writing Mr. Perry is in haste and you will please dispatch him as soon as possible as he has to go to Louisville to give my agent notice & take him money

yours with great Respect

James T Eubank

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Wm. P. Durbal

His Excellency

Isaac Shelby

Frankfort

Kentucky

Wm. P. Durbal

1 Nov 1814

Dear Sir Washington City. Nov.r 1st 1844

Last winter the representatives of Kentucky received some resolutions (thro you,) from this Legislature requesting them to endeavour to obtain the passage of law, which would authorise one State to sue another, in order to settle their claims to boundary- permit me enquire, whether the state of Tennessee has taken any measures to adjust the dispute, with our state on the subject of the ~~the~~ lands claimed by each

If any thing is necessary to be done in congress on this subject the sooner we are advised, the better,

The Military committee have reported three bills, to the house of Represen=

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=tatives 1st to raise forty Regts in three by for the defence of the several states 2d making fur ther provision for filling the ranks of the regular army. by classifying the free male population of the united states The third, to authorise the President to accept of volunteers for nine months or during the war, with amendments. I believe they will all pass into laws- The southern Feder=alists will vote for taxes. at least they have pledged themselves to do so and so far, have complied. The feder=al from New Hampshire, Massachuse=tts, and Connecticut, have refused all support to the government. The new England congress threaten, I fear the safety of the union, The foreign

news proves that Europe is not so quiet as we supposed. The flame of war has only been smothered and if I was to form an opinion from the complaints of the English papers against France, I would say that these nations will soon recommence the war. I hope it will not be long before we shall find allies in Europe

I remain with
sentiments of high respect
and esteem

Wm P Duval

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