John Kimble

Recommended for

Circuit Judge

Harrison County
February 24th 1816

To his Excellency Isaac Shelby Esquire
Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Having been informed that the Honorable John Trimble intends resigning his Judicial Station with an intention of accepting a reappointment if he should meet the approbation of the lawyers & other Citizens of the District in which he has Presided: We the undersigned being residents of Harrison County which composes a Part of said District beg leave to recommend to your Excellency the said Trimble as a Person well qualified to Discharge the duties of said Office. He has heretofore given verry general Satisfaction in the District while he Presided in it. ~~a While he was at the bar held a Rank among the first Lawyers in the country~~

Saml. McMillin

W. Moore

Edwd Coleman

Thos. Holt

Wm Lowry

Jos. H. Holt

J. Coleman

Isaac Miller

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His Excellency
Isaac Shelby
Frankfort

Judge Boatly
Resignated

Mason county 23. febr. 1816

Sir,

I have hitherto withheld my resignation as circuit Judge, for the purpose of affording a fair competition for that office, should any person be disposed to become a candidate for it. Having some time since made known my determination to forward my resignation about this time, I now beg leave to tender to your Excellency my resignation as circuit Judge of the first Judicial District.

I owe it to myself to declare that the provisions of the act of the last session, respecting the circuit courts, meet my most cordial approbation.

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And it gives me pleasure to afford an opportunity, for the selection of a person, better qualified to discharge the duties of the office, I have lately filled, if to be obtained. I ought perhaps to add, that I am willing again to accept the appointment, should your Excellency think proper to confer it, under the provisions of the late act concerning the Circuit Court

It is desirable that an appointment should be made

if convenient, in time for the next Fleming circuit court, which sits the first monday in March.

Accept Sir assurances of my high respect

A Beatty

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Wo[illegible] Pope

24th Feb 7 1816

appointment of
a judge

Cape Girardeau
Frankfort
Kentucky

Charles S Barnes esquire

(Confidential)

Dear Sir

Louisville Feby. 24th 1816

It has been intimated to me that should Judge Coxby resign that the Gov would appoint me as his successor - This I esteem as a high ardence of the confidence which is reposed in me, but yet it seems to me that our long and private friendship has had some weight in estimating my qualifications for the office - To one not united as we are in friendly relations it might appear vain and egotic for me to say that I have some fitness and capacities for the office - but I cannot reconcile it to myself to go upon the Bench before I shall be a sound Lawyer upon Principle and that my circumstances shall be such as that the salary shall not be an inducement me to accept and hold such an office - I have no ambition a desire to be a politician man, and if I have any ambition at all it is to qualify myself for and at a future period to hold a place in the Judiciary - but it is not now necessary for me to detail the reasons why it does not comport with my interest views and plans at present -

I did not expect that the salary of the Judges would have been raised - I had been informed by Judge Coxby that he intended to resign - And as Metcalf is rich a single man and a Gentleman It was my wish that he should succeed Judge Coxby - Since the increase of salary I have understood that you wished that Alex. Pope or myself should be his successor - Alexander Pope has been urged to accept and has agreed to do so - but delicacy has induced me not to urge his or Metcalfs recommendations - I will say to you that I am sure Alex. Pope would make an independent prompt and impartial Judge - and that I have great respect for and confidence in Metcalf -

There is no better man than

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Judge Cosby and I feel much distressed at his situation now that the office seems to be his bread and meat, I should be glad to see him hold the office and discharge its duties to the satisfaction of the Bar and all honest litigants - His health has been for some time in the last year rendered him entirely unable to discharge his official duties; but he endeavored to do so to the full extent of his powers - His non attendance under those circumstances was made the ground of much complaint by some - I thought it to be unjust and ungenerous - Indeed sir we have a factious and troublesome Bar to manage - Some members will have to feel the power of the Judiciary to bring them to their senses and a decent respect for the constituted authorities of their Country -

P Judge Cosby will make the rotine of the spring Courts: It is said that he will send on his resignation to operate so as to have a new appointment made before our April Court which will commence on the third monday of the month

Yrs sincerely

Worden Pope

Martin D Hardin esqr