

Washington City

6th March 1841

Sir

As it seems to be generally anticipated that a change will be made in the office of Marshall for the District of Missouri; I ask leave, in connection with the application of myself for appointment to that office, respectfully to present the enclosed papers emanating from the entire whig portion of the Missouri Legislature with whom I have been recently associated as a member —

In addition ~~addition~~ to the enclosed testimonials (of themselves perhaps too complimentary): I am kindly permitted to refer you and the President if necessary to the Hon^s W. Clay and James F. Norcross of the U. S. Senate, and John F. Crittenden U. S. Atty Gen^l, to whom I have long been intimately known, and also to my friend and neighbor Colo James W. Birch of Missouri at present

Secretary of State

Wm Daniel Webster