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Jackson, Miss. March 29th, 1868.

Col. John A. Blair,

Tupelo, Miss.

My dear Colonel:-

Some time last winter Hon. C. H. Mitchell handed me a letter from you informing me that you contemplated making application for the appointment as Chancellor to succeed Chancellor McFarland, and asking me to indicate to you whether your application would embarrass me,

I did not feel then that I could answer ~~XXXX~~ in a manner satisfactory to myself or to you, and therefore laid aside the letter for further consideration. I desire to say there is no personal reason why I should prefer to reappoint McFarland, but I have made inquiry through the District and there seems to be a general demand for his reappointment, and as you are aware it has been my custom, founded, as I have thought, upon good reasons, to re-appoint all judicial officers whose administration had been satisfactory, and having once re-appointed Chancellor McFarland, and the desire still seeming to be general for his retention, unless some change shall take place I shall feel it my duty to the bar and people of the district to re-appoint him. This must not be taken as a commitment to his appointment, for I can imagine many things that may transpire to prevent it; and I have always kept myself in a position to act independently when the time arrives for a decision. From my present view of the situation, however, I do not see how I can fail to re-appoint McFarland. It is exceedingly painful to me deny you anything in my power to bestow, but in this case, if I am not mistaken in the wishes of the bar and the people, I should lay aside personal pref-

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erences and do that which they seem to desire.

I sincerely hope, my dear Colonel, that in yielding to my convictions of duty to the people in this matter, that the relations which have always existed between us may not be disturbed, but that I shall continue to enjoy your confidence, friendship and esteem, and no matter what may occur, now or in the future, I hope to be ever permitted to subscribe myself

Sincerely your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. S. Stone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M" and "S".