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U. S. Commissioner,
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My Dear Judge.

For the first time in 20 years I have been 10 days on my back - just crawled out. thought you might want to know how things stand - especially in Collection.

Will. Q. Young - Phil Hawkins. W. O. Jenkins + E. A. White - candidates. have all been at Washington ever since inauguration. All about worn out, and returning. I don't think one of them has had an interview with the President, Young gathered the most friends and bought the loudest and longest. therefore every body thought he had the inside track. Cheatham has been hurrahing for him - telling every body that but for Young he wouldn't be in Congress. that Young made it possible for republicans to hold office by going on bonds &c. which last is true - witness our Sheriff's bond. who he signed for \$30,000. on condition that the Shff take one of his, Young's friends as Chf Dep at \$100. per mo. and pay him, Young \$100. per mo besides. Also our Reg of Deeds. Young went on his bond for \$10,000. on condition that he take Jim Young as

clerk at \$75. per mo. and pay him, Q.
\$75. per mo beside. Of course both
Shoff & Key soon found it evil bankrupt
them before their terms expired, and both
bucked out the first year. As Q couldn't
get off the bonds for two years he advertised
himself the worst abused Bond jobber in
the Country. I cannot think the president will
appoint such a man as Young - In the first place,
he is not fit for it. Second, he would be ruled
and dominated by Jim Young, and Cheatham, two
negroes - and his surties, whom they might be.
He has in one tenth the power of She, and soon
disgrace the entire district.

As to Hawkins, that would be equivalent
to appointing the whole Hawkins family, who are
now in, having given the bond & taken the job
places. Marmaduke is the chief, at \$1800.
was the chief adviser & abettor of the
Co Causassing Board, who threw out 7, out of
12 townships last fall. Phil has no claims
upon party or president - and like Q - is sup-
held by Dem's & Negroes. Claims that A. B.
Andrews, of the R & H R R - would make
the bond.

White is at W, still undecided,
waiting for an interview with the President.

Shoued think he might have had one before this
time. Wants a Western appointment, or abroad,
will then turn in & support me.

W. W. Jenkins is there - waiting for the call
of the Black Horse. On the whole - I don't think
it looks so very bad for me. Nichols, outgoing
member, is for me, Cheatham is for Young. Nobody
knows about Brewer. Everett reported standing
off. I think nothing will be done before about
July 1.

Log. Harris has been making a big fight
for the post office - seems to have got a black
eye lately, though pretty much everybody, democrat
& republican - seems to have recommended him.
I would as soon have the devil at the fore-
over Post Master he would be Master of all
in no time. His strikers mostly returned last
night. He is reported as stopping to help
Nichols on public printer. which he has never
had the slightest chance of getting in my
judgement, but it may give him a lift for
something good elsewhere.

Do you really contemplate going to Washington
Linton? I would like to go if I feel here.
You have no idea how the bottom has fallen
out of everything. With \$40,000 to \$50,000.

of property, I can hardly get enough to
support my family and don't believe I could
get away from her with our \$15,000.
Everything is clean busted. Something
over 6,000 negroes have left the state since the
election and as many more going. Money
there is none, Employment there is none.
I think I must get something to do - or get
out while I can afford to ride out.

What can be done in Tacoma?

Kindest regards to all. I am not
well on strong yet - so if this letter is
a little wild on "scattering" - you know
why -

Yours truly

W. G. Shaffer

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