Dear Sir Pikeville Morrow Cty ala 22d oct 1840

Last winter I had written you relavent to the mention of my name for an appointment in the anticipated land office in the Cherokee counties, and mentioned, altho' I supported White, as the result of my honest & independant convictions, yet, as every good citizen should I bowed to the will of the nation, Had and was still inclined, to support the measures of Mr. van Buren, so far, as my Judgement become Satisfied, they were good and safe for the nation; more, I would not do. if White or anyone else was president, Well Sir, the president recommended the Bankrupting our State Banks and said it was clearly Constitutional, see message of 37 - Congress passed over it, I thot that measure dead, It only slept, Last congress it was resuscitated. By Benton again at the present. That Bill into law, does it not place every Bank in the U, States at the feet & in the presidents power. Such had been the course of things, the Banks, the Government and the issues of Treasury notes, I thot an experiment of the subtreasury might be ventured, But when I come to search Coaly and (as I think) deeper into the opperations of this measure, the power it creates, increases, and gives to the president, with the increase of temptation, to so many, holding the Keys over the public money, and all those, dependent on, and too many, subservient to, the creative & dismissing power, I think this measure most happily calculated, well to destroy, the liberties of any Country.

The army Bill, tho recommended by the president, so important to All America, tho never seen, stops me short, I cannot advocate the elevation of no man who advocates those measures, for office I will not help destroy my Country, Believing Harrison will do all in his power to bring back the Country to the ways of Jefferson, I go for him. you will therefore withdraw my name altogether, With a single remark I close, and that is, I wish Harrison may do well, and that the best good feelings may be constantly cherished by us both.

W Terrell

Dear Sir Pikeville Marion Cty ala 22d octr 1840

Last winter I wrote you relevant to the mention of my name for an appointment in the anticipated land office in the Cherokee Counties, & mentioned - altho, as the result of my honest & independant Convictions I supported White, yet, as every good Citizen should, I bow'd to the nations will, Had & was still inclined to support the measures of Mr. Van Buren so far, as my judgment become satisfied, they were safe for the nation, more I would not do no matter who was president, Well Sir, The president recommended the bankrupting our State Banks, and said it was clearly Constitutional, see message of 37. Congress passed it over, I had thot that measure dead, It only slept, Last Congress it was resuscitated, and I expect it may be again looked for at the next Session, That Bill matured into law, will it not place every Bank in the U, States & their influence mainly, at the feet of & in the presidents power, Such had been the Course of things, the Banks, the government & the repeated issues of Treasury notes, I thot an experiment of the subtreasury might be ventured, But when I come to search coolly and as I think deeper into the operation of this measure, The power it creates, increases and gives to the president, the vast spread temptation & evil power, to so many holding the Keys over the public money, & all those dependant on and too many subservient and useful to the creative & dismissing power, I think this measure most happily calculated well to destroy. the liberties of any Country, That any Bill, palpably violative of the constitution and so distrepingly important as it was in detail to all America, recommended, tho never seen, by the president, stops me short. No man in America, or that ever was in it, should be trusted with the powers delegated in these three Bills. They would Corrupt & make a tyrant of any man and destroy any Country. I Cannot advocate the elevation of no man, who advocates such doctrines. for office I cannot help destroy my Country. Believing that Harrison will do all that honesty, ability, independance & love of Country can do to bring us back to the ways of Jefferson, I go for him. you will therefore withdraw my name altogether. I close with a single remark and that is that Harrison may succeed & do well, and that kind feelings

may be cherished constantly by us both, and to you I renew those friendly considerations.

J D Terrell