Franklin Nov. 1st 1812

Sir I have this Day Seen a Petition With
Twenty Seven Signers, for a Devision
of this County a Cross the River, Mostly
the St Stephens People, Number of
Which have Signed the One for the
Devision by the River, this is intended
to injure the Devision by the River, this
Will do Well as a Plea to Argue the
Necessity of Removing the Seat of
Justice, it Will at Once Show that about
this Place Principal Among these
people has no Place- that On the
first View When their Minds were
free from Bias, they Signed for
a Devision by the River. but So Soon
as they found it disagreed With a
few Designing persons, these fellows
were Ready to Answer Any purpose
at the Sacrifice of their Own Honour-
you had Better Get the Tax List-

to Compare with this petition, it is Kept at Baldwins Tavern, Where many Strange pass - I Saw Some of this party Set a man from Baldwin County Heavy, Watch Carson, he is in my opinion at the Bottom - for Which I am Truly Sorry, if I am Correct he is On the Broad Way to Destruction. it is already Out -

Yours &c

John Hanes

Col. James Caller -

St Stephens M.T
9th Nov 1812

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Town of Washington
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