Confederate States of America,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Montgomery ~~Richmond, Va.~~ 3 Feby 1863

Sir

Capt H. C. Semple of this place I understand desires the appointment of one of Judges of Genl Harvies Corps, Capt Semple is a lawyer by profession and before the present war commenced was extensively engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a gentleman of a high order of talents stands justly high in his profession and is in every respect eminently qualified for the position which he seeks, shortly after the war commenced he raised an artillery company and was elected Capt and has been actively engaged in the public service ever since. He was in the Battle of Perryville Ky and the late battle of Murfreesboro in Tenn. and behaved with great gallantry and bravery -

If consistent with your sense of public duty, I would be exceedingly gratified to see the office conferred upon him

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Ben Fitzpatrick

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Signed