Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT,

Montgomery ~~Richmond, Va~~ Feb 4th 1863

Hon Wm P. Chilton
Sir

I enclose the application of Henry C. Semple for the appointment of Judge of the Military Court of Genl Hardee's Corps approved and recommended by Generals Wood, Cleburn, Hardee and Bragg Also recommendation of Judges Walker & Stone of Supreme Court and a letter from Gov Fitzpatrick - I will in a day or two obtain and forward you letters from Gov Shorter who is now absent and hope in the meantime you will see Curry and the other of our members and get them to back the application as strongly as possible -
He is in every respect deserving of the appointment, He is strong sense of Justice - firmness with his professional attainments fit him admirably for the position

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Signed

Your truly
Geo Goldthwaite