Confederate States of America,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, Va. Feb 11th 1863

Hon James A. Seddon
Sec of War
Sir

The undersigned comprising the Congressional delegation from the State of Alabama, have the honor herewith to present for your consideration the recommendations of several distinguished gentlemen well acquainted with Capt H. L. Semple, for the appointment of that Officer to be Judge of the Military Court of Lt General Hardee's Corps,

We most heartily unite in these recommendations, and beg leave to say, that it would be difficult to find a gentleman better suited to the position in every respect, than Capt Semple Combining as he does, high legal attainments with great firmness and love of justice, and having some experience in military affairs, we regard him as peculiarly fitted for the position, We do not entertain a doubt as to his ability to give entire satisfaction in the position to which he desires to be transferred, We therefore respectfully but earnestly

ack his appointment,

We have the honor to be
very Respectfully Yrs obt Servts

Signed W. P. Chilton
David Clopton
J. S. M. Curry
W. R. Smith
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