

Pelton May 31st 1849

Dear Sir,

I address you in behalf of my friend J. H. King who wishes the place of Register or Receiver in the Springfield Land office. Thinking our end of the district would get a man in that post, I supposed Tazewell may claim the man, if so. King would be much preferred over any one in the county.

Indeed, his appointment would spread joy and gladness through the hearts of every Whig I know.

He is very well qualified and a good business man. He has ever been a firm and consistent Whig -

Apart from personal and political preferences charity points to him as the man. He is unable to work and can not procure any business here and has not capital sufficient to start with. He sold out some years since to a man who died very soon and he lost all or nearly all he had. In addition to this his health, is not good enough to enable him to prosecute out door business. Lastly his physical affliction and a very great one it is should of right appeal to your sympathies. I trust and believe you will give these things their due weight. Truly

mention them because you are not an observer
at present.

Will you not some time when
convenient send me some documents and if
not too quiet a day on your time write me
a letter. Who will be our candidate for
Congress next time. Does Ned have
any likelihood of being appointed one of the
Cabinet. It will be much of a lift if he gets
it, being in luck perhaps he may

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain
ever your friend

J. R. B. Over

P.S.

Lest the thought may suggest itself that
King could get a county office, I will say that
owing to sectional difficulties at present
a Texian man could not be elected to any
thing - besides a "bird in the hand is worth
two in the bush"

J. R. B.