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Sir

The undersigned, residents of Putnam County take this method of informing you <sup>their</sup> of interest in the success of Mr Stephen Smith who is applying for the office of Register in the D. C. at Dixon. We have been acquainted ~~with~~ <sup>that Gentleman</sup> through the medium of official transactions and otherwise for some years back, and the result of that knowledge of him leads us to the conclusion that he will make a faithful and efficient servant of the people. Respecting for him your best services should they not be promised to another, ~~and falling with it~~ but not ~~attempting~~ wishing to seem as dictating to you your course in the matter.

We remain yours very Resptly

Wm Mr Lincoln

George Dent  
Oakes Turner