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God!!
Washington Dec. 3. 1845

Dear Sir

I have received your letter in relation to the
vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court occasioned
by the death of Judge Baldwin. Although I have
not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance
with Gov. Brown, yet I am no stranger to his standing
and character and have long entertained for him
my high respect both as a man and a jurist. His
name is frequently mentioned here, as one entirely
qualified for the appointment - as, indeed, are
the names of several other eminent gentlemen.
It is a matter however, as you justly suppose, in
which I should not be willing to interfere as a
volunteer. The subject has naturally been fre-
quently mentioned in conversation since the
Court assembled, but I have taken no part for
or against any of the gentlemen named. The
President has not mentioned the subject to me
and of course I have said nothing to him; nor
have I at this moment even an opinion as to who
will be selected - nor whether the nomination

will

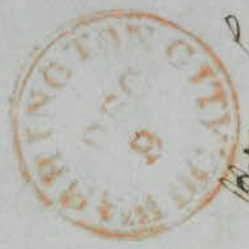
will be sent in today or postponed to some future
time.

I have the honor to be Dear Sir
with great respect & regard

Your Obedt. Lt.

R. B. Toney

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Hon. Gerrit S. Hall

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