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Dear Sir (

Philadelphia 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1803 —

My son will have informed you that it does not suit him to continue in the Indian Agency beyond a certain time, but as I know not whether he has assigned the cause, I think it proper that him or I should — That part of Pennsylvania in which he resides having been laid off into a new County the Governor has been pleased to appoint him to several of the most important offices, & at the same time informed him that holding them with an office under the United States would be incompatible — as those under the State are much more important, in all respects I flatter myself you will be pleased with his promotion —

There can be but little doubt of getting a good man to succeed him, and I am certain you may rely on his advice & assistance if necessary, to any person you think proper to appoint, as he feels the most lively gratitude for your friendship and attention to him — Captain Irvine thinks well of William Bell Esq<sup>r</sup>. who was lately a Judge — but disqualified by the limits or bounds of the County being altered, & residence is necessary in the new — no fault to him as such, on the contrary, his constituents regret the disqualification —

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I am Dear Sir

Your friend & servant

Wm. Greene

Mr. Bell is a reputable  
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(Private)

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