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Baltimore, Oct. 25, 1830

My Dear Sir,

I should have replied to your former letter as soon as I received it, but as Mr. Noble had not communicated to me his intention to resign I felt unwilling to designate his successor. [phrase excised] And as I have not yet heard anything from him on the subject, I can now only state to you the principles by which I have thought it right to be governed in the selection of my deputies.

It had been my fixed opinion that my [phrase excised] office ought not to be used for party purposes. In the first place it is [word excised] too intimately connected with the administration of justice in its most important department, [phrase excised] and nothing should be done [phrase excised] that would be calculated to shake the confidence of the public in its strict impartiality.

In the second place I received the appointment from a party to whom I was then & still am in decided & open opposition, and I ought not to have accepted it at their hands

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if I had not made up my mind not to use it as a political Engine against them. [word excised] Because I could not but feel that while they made the appointment without reference to party influence, they [phrase excised] had a right to that if I accepted it, it would be accepted in the spirit of impartiality in which it was offered – and administered accordingly.

Under such circumstances I think that I ought not to allow party consideration to sway me in [phrase excised] the discharge of my official duties & the most important part of my duty is the proper selection of my deputies. [phrase excised] I have constantly acted on these principles since I have held the office. You and my other friends when you deliberately consider the subject will agree with me in opinion.

I am Dr. sir very truly yours R. B. Taney

Edward Lloyd Esq. Easton