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At a Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland, one of the United States of America, begun and held for the Western Shore of the said State, at the City of Annapolis on the second Monday in June, being the tenth day of the said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, and in the forty sixth year of the Independence of the said United States.

Present

The Honourable Jeremiah Townley Chase, Chief Judge;

The Honourable { John Buchanan, Richard Tilghman Earle, William Bond Martin, Walter Dorsey and John Stephen } Judges

Thomas Harris, Clerk

The Honourable John Stephen produces to the Court here his Commission as Judge, and also certificates of his having taken the several Oaths required to be taken by the Constitution and Laws, which commission and certificates are as follow, to wit.

The State of Maryland To the Honourable John Stephen of A. A. County, Greeting. Be it known, that reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and sound legal knowledge, you are appointed and assigned Chief Judge of the first Judicial District, and in virtue thereof, Judge of the Court of Appeals, to do equal right and justice according to law in every case in which you shall act as Judge, freely without fale, fully without any denial and speedily without delay; and you are to execute the said office of Judge, justly, honestly, — diligently and faithfully according to law; and you are to hold and execute the said office for and during your good behaviour, and removable only in the manner prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

Sam. Sprigg

Jno. Johnson

Given under the seal of the State of