I think, upon reflection, you will with me be satisfied that any one who could misapply it to you, would have been just as likely to have done so, if I had designated the Clerk of the Commissioners of the County instead of saying the proper Officer of the County - He might Even more naturally have supposed that you were the Clerk of the Commissioners, since they were substituted for the Levy Court of which the County Clerk was usually, ex officio the Clerk, than that the County Clerk who, as such, never had the duty to perform, was the proper officer [illegible] I consider the language I used, as especially appropriate and delicate, and as showing incompletely my indisposition to designate the officer invidiously, by using either his name or official style - In conclusion, allow me to hope that this Explanation will be satisfactory, and that you will equally [illegible] design to say any thing more than that I had done what I was ordered to do without effect.

I am very respectfully Yr. Obt. Servt.
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