

Sir, I have lately seen the list of app[ro]p[ri]ations
for this County and find that I am re[co]m[en]ded
to the levy court, and that [unclear] [unclear]
made the first named, or president of the
Board. If I recollect right (and I have made
some inquiry to satisfy myself) I am older
member of the levy court than [unclear] Brown
and of course am entitled to that grade
in the court, according to your usages in ap-
pointments, which has been accorded to
him; that is, if I am ^{entitled} ~~worthy~~ ^{duly} of re-appoint-
ment; which seems to have been acknow-
ledged by the act.

The President of the Board has no additional
duties to perform, which requires more talent
or aptitude for business than is required
to qualify another member, and of course the
question of "who is most capable" could not
have been agitated between the [unclear] and
myself - If it was an office that required
it, it would have been their duty ^{to agitate} ~~to make~~ it.
They had the right to judge between us, and
would have been bound ^{by their oath} to decide by their
^{according to that judgment,} ~~oath~~ and having decided, I acquiesce
in silence. It appears therefore to me

that no rational motives could have existed
for my degradation, and that it must have
been caused from a disposition to complement
[unclear] Brown at the expense, and regardless of
the feelings of others, or it was a direct intention
to mortify and insult me. I have written
to the clerk of the Council to ascertain whether
I have been right in my recollection of facts,
and if I find I have it in my ^{power} ~~intention~~ to forward