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As there are only Mr Lowndes, Cranford, & Hagget besides myself Qualified under the Commission for holding the Orphans Court in this County, we have been disappointed in having a Court both in Augt and this month. Neither Mrs Weems, Beans, or Magruder will Qualifie, I must therefore Beg your Excellcy would be pleased to put three others in. If they are only to be taken out of the persons Named in the Commiss of the peace for the County, there is but one beside Mr Cranford that is Convenient to Malbro that is Qualified under that Commiss. Mr Craufd and myself think Mrs Alex Howard Magruder, Osborn Sprigg & Thomas Boyde would be as Convenient as any that are now Qualified under that Commiss, and most Likely to attend the business. We want men in both Commiss that are more Convenient to the court House than what they are at present. Mrs Leak and Hepburn who lives in Town I think would be proper persons for Either or both those Commiss. But shall refer you to Mr Lee for his Opinion on the matter. I have Adjourned the Orphans Court till the first Tuesday in Novr when I should be Glad we could have a new Commission for that Court. I am Sr

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