Centre-Ville Janv. 9. 1832.

Dr Sir,

The Clerk's Office of this County having recently become Vacant by the death of Mr. Murphey its late incumbent and being an applicant for the Office. I take the liberty to solicit your Interest in my behalf, and from the politeness and kindness with which you have treated me induces me to ~~do~~ hope I do so with some probability of success. This appointment is most important to me and my family, it is about the only station in life for which I am fitted. From a very early age to the present my education has been entirely confined to it, and if I fail in my application, shall be thrown upon the world without any means to support a family entirely dependent upon my exertions. My Situation is different from all others, who may apply they have their present pursuits and engagements and can continue to live as they have lived, with me it is otherwise, I have no other engagements.

I therefore feel a hope it will accord with your feelings and Judgment to render me all the assistance in yr. power, as the first appointment will be from the Governor & Council I will thank you to use yr. influence with them in my behalf in such a manner as your own judgment may direct. —

I am Dr Sir yrs:
Most Respectfully
J. Palmer