

I was badly crippled by the falling of the wall of a burning house in Paris, Ky., from which I shall never entirely recover, and so great was the injury received, that my life was despaired of. This too was the result of my exertions to save the property of my fellow citizens, when the whole town was threatened with immediate destruction, and where I had not a dollar in jeopardy from the flames. It was upwards of seven months before I was able to resume my business, which was now broken up from my protracted inability to attend to it. I might perhaps in time have regained it, but the necessity produced by my misfortune required an immediate supply of means, and within five days after I could walk without a crutch, I started for this place.

"Upon my arrival here, you were so fully sensible of the inadequacy of my salary to the services to be performed, that I received your cordial consent to pursue the practice of my profession, when public duty did not require my attention. I have continued to do so, under the sanction of that permission, until the present period, at no time neglecting, in the slightest degree, any official duty which devolved upon me. In this way, I have been able to render the office acceptable, which could not have been so from the salary alone.

"The first term of the County Court of this county, after my arrival, commenced the 1st day of November, 1830. At that term the grand jury found bills against Samuel Griffin, a licensed tavern-keeper, for selling spirituous liquors on Sunday; against Charles La Pointe, jun., and several others, for selling in less quantities than one quart, without licenses; and against John Dowling, a licensed tavern-keeper, for keeping a disorderly house. In the most of these cases, if not all, I believe that Capt. Mason was the prosecutor. There was no attorney attending the court, except Mr. Dallum, the Prosecuting Attorney, and myself. I was employed by Griffin and Dowling to defend them, and the court assigned me as counsel for La Pointe, in consideration of his circumstances. These were all the prosecutions that I defended at that or any other term of the court, and I have never been