

earned before he received them. \* \* \* As soon as it was known, that he was thus displaced from his office, his worth now being known through the country, he began, and continued for some time, to receive voluntary and strong expressions of sympathy, and the confidence of the public in his merit, a few of which will follow.

August 16th, 1834, Judge Doty wrote him from Mineral Point: "After a long conversation with Mr. Ansley, I have, at his request, concluded to suggest to you, the propriety of fixing your residence at this place, now that you are no longer required in the Indian Department. It is certainly a fine opening for a lawyer. You will, in addition, have the advantage of a good understanding with the people now, for everybody that I speak with, thinks well of you. It appears to me you ought to avail yourself of these circumstances. Your friends wish to have you appointed District Attorney, and I think you must take it, because I think there will soon be a vacant judgeship in the District, and this will enable us to help you to it, if it should be desirable to you."

On the 28th of August, Robert Dougherty, then clerk of the Circuit Court at Mineral Point, wrote: "The people in general in this section of the country are very anxious for you to come and reside with us. We have got up a petition to the Governor with almost a thousand signatures, which will be sent on to-morrow morning, in your favor for District Attorney. Every man that saw it, signed it."

Sept. 4th, Col. R. M. Johnson wrote: "My dear Sir:—I sincerely regret to learn that you are out of office. I know your capacity for such a place, and the sacrifices you have made.—You know quite as well as I do, the uncertainty and difficulty of obtaining office. All I can say is, that if an opportunity offers at the next session, I shall be ready to serve you sincerely, as I have always done."

Sept. 5th, Alexis Bailey, Esq., writes from St. Peters: "I always feel a pleasure when I hear from my friends. But this letter of yours made me feel the truth of the fable of the fox in the