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Little Rock 2^d Dec^r 1828

Col. C. Lyon

D^r Sir

I wrote you on the 24th Ultimo on the Subject of filling the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Governor Izard. M^r Crittenden is an applicant for that office, And I Prisume you will say with me that his Morel Character, Talents, Superior Qualifications and long and faithful Public Service Justly entitle him to that Station. During the first five years of our Teritorial Government whilst General Miller filed the Executive Chare M^r Crittenden Administered the Government Moore than two thirds of that time. To the universal Satisfaction of the People, and a Perfect State of Peace and harmony Prevailed throughout the Territory. General Miller and him Met in Peace Preserved the Most Perfect and uninterrupted friendship and Parted with the most filial affections for each Other.

The late unfortunate affair between Crittenden and Conway was to My own Knowledge the result of a Premeditated determination on the Part of Conways friends or rather Crittendens enemies to destroy the Confidence of the Government in him and thereby to destroy [duplicate word] him. In this affair Crittenden Never was the aggressor but as the Correspondence will Show he forebore to resent the foulest Slanders and Calumnies until further forbearance would have been ruinous and disgracefull to himself.

The Office of Governor of a Territory is a verry Important one and when Practicable Should be filled by a Citizen of the Country who is at once well acquainted with the Wants and Necessities of the People and who understands the Nature and [illegible word] of Such Governments I know not what other Candidates there May bee, but I Say to you in Candor and in Cincerity that in all things Crittenden is Much better Qualified to Administer this Government than any other Gentleman in the Territory. May I then as an old friend Call on you to lend your aid in Procurig his

appointment. Although I know his friends in Kentucky have differed from us in Politicks, Yet in this Country where we have Nothing of that Sort, It will have no influence you and me.

I rejoice that the Presidential Contest is over though as yet we know Nothing of the result in this County.

I am My Dear Sir Very Respectfully,

Your friend Cincerely

Cha^s Caldwell