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Little Rock, May 25th 1828

D^r Sir

An event has occurred here which has thrown the politicians of our little community into great commotion. I mean the death of Gen'l George Izard late governor, he died two days since and expectation is on tiptoe as to his successor. Here we know nothing of national politicks or the subjects which have convulsed the nation, disfranchised as we are. What is wrath to you is merriment to us. We are politicians for amusement. You in the states are in earnest. As matters go here I am an Administration man, but believing Sir that you have too much magnanimity to be influenced by such a consideration I have determined to ask your kindly intervention and assistance in urging my claim to the succession. I have been nine years Sect. and for near half that period have discharged also the duties of Gov. Would it be arrogance then in me to ask a commission for an office the duties of which I have so long discharged. No man regrets more than I the melancholy fate of Mr. Conway or the sad necessity which impelled me. You may see in the city in the hands of Judge Trimble of the Territory all the publications which ad to that unhappy catastrophe. read them and I feel assured that you will agree with me that when such things are tolerated. I had no alternative. I risked family fame and fortune upon the issue of the conflict, he only his person because no ruthless enemies had required that he should put ruin at issue & family he had none. You can not believe I would have met such a conflict but from a stern conviction of dire necessity. We had no personal altercation, the papers show all - How could I get over his last publication? I mention this subject because his near relative has succeeded him (Col. [illegible word]) who is my ruthless enemy and may attempt to prejudice my friends by mis-representing the transactions.

If Sir you can consistently serve me in the promotion I seek, I shall feel honored and appreciate as I should the obligation, be pleased to show this note to my old acquaintance Mr. Yancy. You and he are my Green River representatives & I feel as if I had a double claim on you both Once I been overlooked where I believed I had just claims. my age, identity with the country, and a [illegible word] bought-experience, together with nine years faithful service, place me in such a situation that I cannot consistently retain my present office should the Government again put such an indignity upon me. I trust and believe that both of you will unite in warding such dishonors from me. You have both known me personally from infancy and can appreciate my situation, as well as my claims.

Your Friend

Rob't Crittenden

Sig'n The Honble C. Lyon

John Pope was appointed
by Jackson in 1827

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