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LETTER OF JAMES THOMPSON TO ALLEN WRIGHT

Scullyville C. N.

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Allen Wright

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Dr Sir

I now call your attention to a certain question which will come before you soon at the last election. Edmond McCurtain was elected county judge of Sans Bois Co. though he is a non resident of that County and I have refused to issue him a certificate of his election upon the plea that he is a non resident as I am well aware he owns a place in the county aforesaid but for the last two years has lived and voted in Scullyville County and has been so acknowledged by other counties, who have played ball with Scullyville, his present home is very near the line of Sans Boi and Scullyville and some few persons claim him a resident of Sans boi

especially one McKee King. I told King that before the election that I would not issue any certificate to McCurtain for he was a non resident and I knew it to be so, his reply was that he knew the county line as well as any one did and that he was right. I told him that I would not be governed by him for I knew something about the line my self and that I would not issue any certificate unless ordered by you, according to my understanding of the line Ed McCurtain is a resident of Scullyville hence his election for judge is void. Another plea is that he McCurtain is about to remove to his former old place in Sans Boi and the election is valid I say no because he was not a resident at the time of his Election you will please to give me your opinion. In order that the case may be fairly stated to you I would suggest that you write to Cols J McCurtain and Lewis Cass they booth can give you the same as I have done and allso their oppinion about the line, address them at Red Oak Po offec Scullyville C N it is a matter of no interest to me for McCurtain will make them a good judge, and I am very willing for him to be so if he was really a resident of that County, at our last interview King was very abrupt with me

about this case which made me some what angry, and for that reason I wish you to address McCurtain & Cass for their opinion for I may be prejuduced. Your instructions will be adhered to what ever it may be.

Allow me to congratulate you on your success in my District for Chief if you have done as well elsewhere as here you are Chief by a large majority which I hope is the case. Our own Council Members are as good as could be expected much more so than last year which will make a great change I think in Council. As to news from Washington or any other source we have had none. Col. Folsom has come home but I have not saw him hence I know nothing. The loyal claims is reported as about to be paid for they are in great glee and are sporting fine horses and saddles so there must be something up. I sent to Col. Jas. Riley a full list of all the members elected to Council who will show you who they are. Col. Walker came very near being left out for senate but he came out all right. We are all enjoying pretty good health at this time and able to eat what is our allowance. Times are pretty hard yet we have a pretty good prospect for bread another year. As soon as the County officers are all commissioned I will forward you a complete list

as I have done to the National secretary. Hoping to hear from you soon I now close requesting you to present my regards to your family and believe me as ever your friend.

Fraternally yours

JAMES THOMPSON