

Thomas Jefferson to Senate, April 5, 1802, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to the Senate JEFFERSON'S MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

April 5, 1802

Gentlemen of the Senate:

Since my message of January 6th, to the Senate, I have received information that Thomas Sim Lee, therein named as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Washington, had resigned that office; and that Benjamin Stoddart and William Hammond Dorsey, therein also named as Justices for the same county, had declined qualifying. This renders it necessary to withdraw their nominations for re-appointment, which I hereby do; and I nominate in their stead Anthony Reintzell, John Oakley, and Isaac Pierce, to be Justices of the Peace for the said county.

In the same message, of January 6th, the name of John Laird was inserted by mistake, instead of that of Benjamin More, who (and not John Laird), had been commissioned and qualified as a Justice of the Peace. I therefore beg leave to correct the error, by restoring to its place the name of Benjamin More, and nominating him to be a Justice of the Peace for the said county, and by withdrawing that of John Laird.⁴⁷

⁴⁷ On April 27, 1802, the Senate confirmed the following nominations of Justices of the Peace for the District of Columbia, Washington county: Daniel Reintzell, Daniel Carroll, Cornelius Coningham, Thomas Peter, Robert Brent, Thomas Addison, Abraham Boyd,

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John Mason, William Thornton, Joseph Sprig Belt, Thomas Corcoran, Anthony Reintzell, John Oakley, Isaac Peirce, Benj. Moore.

I learn also, from the county of Alexandria, that William Fitzhugh, Richard Conway, and Thomas Dame, named in the said message as Justices for that county, have declined qualifying. I therefore withdraw their nominations; and I nominate in their stead, George Slacum, Presly Gunnell, and John Dundas, to be Justices of the Peace for the said county of Alexandria.⁴⁸

⁴⁸ On April 27, 1802, the Senate confirmed the following nominations for Justices of the Peace for the District of Columbia, Alexandria county: George Gilpin, Francis Peyton, Charles Alexander, George Taylor, Jonah Thompson, Abraham Faw, John Herbert, Cuthbert Powell, Jacob Hoffman, Elisha Cullen Dick, Alex. Smith, Peter Wise, Jun., George Slacum, Presly Gunnell, John Dundas.

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