

Knoxville Tennessee Citizens to Andrew Jackson, October 5, 1803, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

PETITION.

Knoxville, October 5, 1803.

Sir, The friends of our country at an early period of your life, evinced their respect for your virtue and talents, by conferring on you some of the most important appointments, that were in their power: And it is with pleasure we announce to you, that our confidence is unabated. Permit us to observe that it is with peculiar concern, we hear of your intention to resign the office of Judge; which you have hitherto filled with entire approbation.

We hope at this momentuous crisis, when Party is raging in a most extraordinary manner, you will not retire from the~ service of your country, and leave them to struggle with the loss. We conceive talents like your's, were given for public good; and that they will not be withheld, when they are mostly wanting. With due defference we submit these observations to your serious reflection.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of our high consideration and respect.

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