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Senator S. L. Ferguson,
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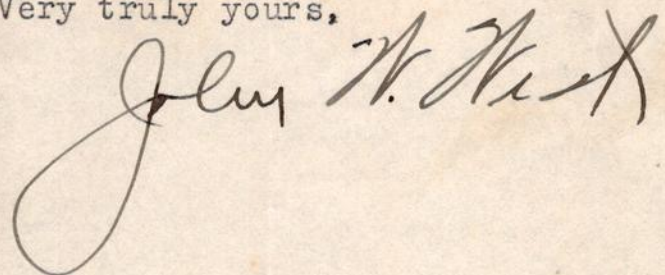
My dear Senator:

No doubt 'ere this time you have heard of the contested Judgship of the 31st Judicial District, of which Judge N. B. Wescott is a candidate for re-election, who is opposed by Mr. John E. Nottingham, a former member of the House of Delegates.

As a member of the Accomack Bar, I personally feel that it is a great injustice to Judge Wescott for him not to be re-appointed for the ensuing term. Judge Wescott has served out the unexpired term of the late Judge Fletcher in a most fearless, faithful and capable manner, and I feel sure that I bespeak the concensus of public opinion of the entire Eastern Shore, which comprises the 31st Judicial District, in saying that it would be an outrage for him to be removed or not re-elected without rhyme or reason when he, in the evening of his life saw fit to give up a lucrative practice to accept the Judgship at the request of the members of the Bar.

It would indeed be greatly appreciated if you will use whatever influence you might have in behalf of Judge Wescott's candidacy for re-election.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. West". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

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