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Jan. 15th., 1926.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson,
Richmond, Va.,
My dear Sam:-

My heart yearns for the "flesh pots" of the Capitol but I am tied hand and foot here with a heavy docket for the approaching rebruary term of court, a home building project and various and sundry other local duties and obligations, to say nothing of a short financial balance. However, my thoughts and best wishes will be with you and the other old friends of my Senate days during the coming weeks of this good session.

Our old friend, Col. H. C. Ford, has been again nominated by V.M.I. for membership on the State Board of Education. Thru some strange process of reasoning some of his friends blame me for his defeat in 1922. Goodness knows I did all I could for him but we just didn't have enough votes. I know it will be hard to beat any of the three present college members but anyway he would greatly appreciate your support.

You have always taken a lively interest in the State Hospitals for the Insane. I would like very much to see my brother-in-law, Lewis M. Walker, of Petersburg appointed on the Board of the Central State Hospital of that city. Walker is the head of the drying plant of the Export Leaf Tobacco Co. in Petersburg (the largest of its kind in the world), a member of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee of the leading bank there and is connected with other business interests and is a business man of unusual ability. I believe the next vacancy on this Board will occur in May, 1927, with the expiration of the term of E. C. Palmer of Emporia (unless some one sooner dies or resigns - Sidney Peters says some die but none ever resign!) I have'nt said any thing to Harry about this but I would like for him to know some time and before he is otherwise committed that I am interested in the appointment - the only one, in fact, that I am interested in.

I hope you will support Barksdale bill to increase the pay of Circuit Judges. I would like some day to be Judge of this Circuit but couldn't afford to do so at \$3600.00 and when Judge Holt has to be replaced I don't know at all where we could find a suitable successor at the present salary. However, I have always opposed the pensioning of the Judges of the Supreme Court - it is un-democratic and a bad thing to start. I say pay them adequately and let them provide for their own old age as the bala of us have to do.

Sincerely your friend,

Willis Robertson

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Jan. 14th., 1938.

Hon. J. L. Ferguson,

Richmond, Va.,

My dear Sir:

My heart yearns for the "flash note" of the Capital but I am tied hand and foot here with a heavy load for the approaching February term of court, a home building project and various and sundry other local duties and obligations, to say nothing of a short financial balance. However, my thoughts and best wishes will be with you and the other old friends of my Senate days during the coming weeks of this good season.

Your old friend, Col. W. C. Kead, has been again nominated by V.M.I. for membership on the State Board of Education. This somewhat strange process of reasoning some of his friends blame me for his defeat in 1935. Goodness knows I did all I could for him but we just didn't have enough votes. I know it will be hard to head off the forces present college people but anyway he would greatly appreciate your support.

You have always taken a lively interest in the State Hospital for the Insane. I would like very much to see my brother-in-law, Lewis W. Walker, of Petersburg, appointed on the Board of the Central State Hospital of that city. Walker is the head of the dividing plant of the Export Iron Works Co. in Petersburg (the largest of its kind in the world), a member of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee of the leading bank there and is connected with other prominent interests and is a business man of unusual ability. I believe the next vacancy on this Board will occur in May, 1937, with the expiration of the term of E. O. Palmer of Appomattox (unless some one sooner dies or resigns - which I never says some one has done ever resign!) I haven't said anything to Harry about this but I would like for him to know some time and before he is otherwise committed that I am interested in the appointment - the only one, in fact, that I am interested in.

I hope you will support Harkins' bill to increase the pay of Circuit Judges. I would like to see the pay of this Circuit but could not afford to do so at \$3000.00 and when Judge Holt has to be replaced I don't know at all where we could find a suitable successor at the present salary. However, I have always opposed the pending of the judges of the Supreme Court - it is un-democratic and a bad thing to start. I say pay them as quickly and let them provide for their own old age as the law of us have to do.

Sincerely your friend,

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