

To His excellency Alexander Ramsey Governor of The State of Minnesota.

We the undersigned Citizens of Blue Earth County respectfully represent to your Honor that B. P. Dewey, Judge of Probate of The County of Blue Earth, has been absent since the 11th day of September last; The time in which he was to have returned has long since expired and it is not known that he will return.

And your memorialists further represent that there is some business pressing the attention of The Probate Court. And as there is no person known to us having power to perform the duties of said Judge; therefore your petitioners pray that you appoint some suitable person to the office of Judge of Probate for Blue Earth County; And we recommend David Wilcox now Clerk of Probate as a suitable person for said office. And as in duty bound your memorialists would ever pray
 Submitted Dec 3 1860

John T. Griffin
 W. W. Clark M.D. James D. Hubbard
 H. M. Hall Isaac Andrews

Charles Thompson
P. R. Johnson
Nathan Powell

J. J. Shauhrut

W. Rogers

W. Colburn

John McLaughlin

Lehman

J. A. Marsh

J. Coonside

A. H. Hewitt

Jacob Haff

James M. B.

A. N. Dukes

W. Humphrey

A. T. Hauley

W. L. Coon

A. W. Mjner

A. J. Swaine

Clark Keyser

Wm. Bruce

M. J. Hamary

Abel Heene

Samuel W. McKitt

E. G. Benjamin

Wm. Kinschman

E. Oglesby

A. Church

H. C. Tibbet

Henry Sign

Edward Casey

John A. Hall

P. H. Milnor

John, Hempoley

Geo. W. Marsh

James Laymon

Abram, S. Lytle

E. L. Ladd

John J. Porter

Geo. J. Goring

Mr. F. C. Flower

Henry F. Holt

J. J. Kiershen

S. Randall

E. Bradley

A. H. Lindholm

Chas. H. H. H.

M. J. Hornsby

B. Dewar

A. J. Perrett

J. T. Barney

S. W. Gilman
J. D. Warren
Philip P. Platt
A. S. Quisenberry
Fr. Dietrich
E. Gale
P. P. Evans

Mankato Dec 21. 1860

To His Excellency Gov Ramsey

The Grand jury of Blue Earth County now in session would respectfully represent to your Excellency that having occasion in our official capacity to visit the Probate Judge's Office for the purpose of examining the papers & Books in the said Probates Office, are unanimously of the Opinion that ~~the~~ a successor should immediately appointed. We have come to this conclusion from the following reasons, viz

1st The Judge of Probate is now absent from his Office and has been for some months past & further it is not known when he will return or whether he will return at all or not.

2^d We have reason from the evidence now before us ~~that~~ to believe that the present Judge of Probate (B. P. Hervey) is guilty of ^{Gross negligence} ~~Corruption~~ in Office to such an extent as to lay him liable to ^{presentment} ~~indictment~~ before the Grand Jury.

3^d On examination of the Books & papers in said Judges Office we are fully of the Opinion that said Judge should be immediately ^{be} removed even if ~~there~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{is} present & had not absented himself from his Office.

And further we would represent that that there is now quite an amount of business of an important Character necessary to be done & which if not done will with a serious injury to several estates. We the Grand Jury therefore respectfully request your Excellency to appoint some person designated or some other proper person

Ours Respectfully

L. G. M. Fletcher

R. J. Sibley

W. B. Miller

H. Fowler

George W. Smith

A. J. Cripps

A. B. Barrett

W. C. Williams

Wm. A. Chamberlain

Israel Wing

Levi Card

Wm. Miller

John A. Reed

George Becker

J. Woodman

L. Lee

Wm. Bierbauer

William S. Cole

Robt. Woodland

Geo. Conrad

Gov Manning

Dear Sir enclosed
 please find a petition from our
 grand jury setting forth the reasons
 why a Probate Judge should be
 appointed. You already received a peti-
 tion signed by prominent men of
 this place requesting you to ap-
 point Burton Wilson as such
 Judge. Yours in haste
 Mon. Kato
 Dec 21/60

W. H. Clark

Sp. please confer with Sec. Bates
 if anything more is needed

54^d
State of Minnesota,

Office of the Secretary of State.

Saint Paul, Dec. 26 1860.

Hon. Alex. Ramsey

Governor of Minnesota

I am requested to
communicate to you the fact
that B. P. Deery, Probate Judge
for the County of Blue Earth
has ceased to be an inhabit-
ant of said County & that
therefore said office is va-
cant. I have made spe-
cial inquiry, and am
fully satisfied that it is
a case "vacancy" such as
is contemplated by Sec. 11.
(4) Chapter 10, of the Revised
Statutes of Minnesota.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Baker

Hon. J. H. Baker

Dec 28/
60

City of to the
of J. P. Deming. Judge of
Probate of Blue Earth
County.

Minnetonka Minn. Oct 3^d. 1861

To his Ex. Gov Ramsey

I hereby Resign the Office
of Court Commissioner of Blue Earth County,
Minnesota, from this date

Respectfully Yours &c

Nathan Bowell

Enter on Journal

Mankato Minn
October 3^d 1861
Nathan Powell's
resignation of the
office of County
missioner for Blue
Earth County

69
New. Ulm October 24th 1861.

To the Board, of County Commissioners of Brown
County Minn.

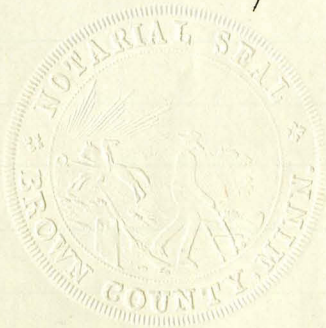
Please accept my resignation of the offices
of Judge of Probate and Court Commissioner
of Brown County Minn., for the reason of
removal.

Richard Fischer, Judge of Probate
& Court Commissioner of Brown County

State of Minnesota,
Brown County.

John C. Ratholp being duly sworn,
says that the above is a true copy of the
original Resignation of Richard Fischer,
late Judge of Probate of the County of
Brown in the State of Minnesota.
Subscribed and sworn to by John C. Ratholp,
this 1st of November A.D. 1861, before me

D. G. Shillcock,
Notary Public, Residing in Brown
County, Minnesota.



69a

New Ulm Brown Co Minn:
Octo 29th 1861

Gov. Ramsey

Dear Sir

Richd Fisher
our probate Judge in this (Brown) County
has joined the Army, and has formally
resigned his office of Probate Judge - evidence
of which will be transmitted to you by
a friend Judge Rudolph

Under the circumstances
we must have a Probate Judge. I
for one, have much important Probate
business here. Rudolph was the
former judge, and much of the bus-
iness pending, was begun by him.

It would save us atty
much additional labor if Rudolph
was appointed by you, under the pro-
visions Sec 10 Art VI of the Constitution.

Rudolph is well qualified
and has but one fault - he is a
Republican. I make this request as an
atty and will be much gratified if he
be appointed. With high regards Yours Truly
Thomas Cowan

Thos Cowan
exw. mem Oct 29, 1861

Says there is a vacancy
in office of Probate
Judge of Brown Co
recommends Randolph
as successor.

New. Ulm Brown Co. October 30th 1861.

69 B

To his Excellency Alex^d. Ramsey, Governor of the
State of Minnesota.

Sir:

Our Probate Judge, Richard Fisher has resigned, in consequence, of en-
listing in the U. S. Army; - a copy of his
resignation is hereby respectfully submitted.

Now therefore we have no Probate Judge
and as there is some important Business pending
in the Court, it will be necessary that, an
appointment be made as soon as better.

The power of appointing a Judge, is vested
in Your Excellency as Governor of the State
by our Constitution. —

Many of our Citizens and also our Lawyers
have requested, me to apply to Your Excellency
for the appointment, for reasons of former
experience, in the Probate Business; - (I
held that Office for more than three years and
until, I was elected, Auditor for Brown County
last year).

The Office in this County is just so important
as anywhere else but, not benefiting the holder
at all, - the earnings is trouble and no pay,

and I have told my friends that, if I should
receive the appointments I will accept it, considering
it a duty as a citizen, and, as a return for
honor and confidence shown to me, true, the
Bellevue Box.

The general course of circulating petitions or
collecting recommendations I have refused to do,
not willing to give our opponents party a right
to call me, a office seeker. All I take
the liberty to say, is, that, if Your Excellency
should feel confident of my honesty and
ability and appoint me to said office
I shall consider it my highest duty to
proof satisfactory.

With the highest regards,

Your most obedt. servant
John. C. Rudolph

J. F. Rudolph
New. Wm Oct 30/61

asks appl as Judge
of Probate of Brown Co
to fill vacancy

59
St. Paul Minnesota Aug¹², 1861

Hon. Alexander Ramsay Gov^r—

Sir
There is now a vacancy in the office of
Count Commissioner in & for the County of
Carver, J. A. Sargeant being elected to said
office and refuses to qualify & would
therefore therefore respectfully request the
appointment

Your Obt^d Serv^t—

L. J. Smith

J. W. Smith of
Carr Co App
for Vacancy Court
Commissioner
Aug 12/61

~~Respectfully of~~
~~J. W. Smith~~
~~Greene County~~
~~Carr Co. Aug 12/61~~

Chaska Jan 13th 1862

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of Jan 1862, Frederick Greiner was duly appointed Sheriff of Carver County, by the Commissioners of Carver County aforesaid, to fill the vacancy caused, by C. F. Lewis, the person duly elected and commissioned having declined to serve as Sheriff of said County of Carver, and I further certify that the aforesaid Greiner has given bonds that he will faithfully & impartially perform the duties of said office which bonds were accepted by the Board of Commissioners of Carver County aforesaid

George Bennett
Auditor of Carver County

1862
Certificate of the
Auditor of Carver
County in regard
to the appointment
of Fred. Hoising
Sheriff of that County
in place of C. F. Lewis
who declines to serve
Jan. 13. 1862

Honorable Governor of the State of Minnesota.
Alexander Ramsey.

Chaska, Carver Co. Minnesota.
January 13th 1862.

Dear Sir!

Inclosed please find a Certificate of the County Auditor of Carver County, which shows that I was duly appointed Sheriff by the Board of County Commissioners, to fill the vacancy of Mr. E. J. Lewis elected last fall, who have declined.

Please your Excell: if it is necessary to have a Commission from you to send to me, or if it is not necessary, please give me an answer.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
Frederick Greiner

Frederick Goines
Chaska Jan 7th 1862
Notifying of his
election as Sheriff
of Carver County

MAINTON Feb 23 1863

Gov Ramsey

Dear Sir

Enclosed find
 resignation of office of Judge
 of Probate. I start in
 a few days for Pa.

I would

recommend L. B. Cooley Esq
 of this place as the most fitting
 appointment that you could
 make and whose appointment
 would give best satisfaction.
 He is Republican in politics -
 a respectable citizen and honest
 and capable man -

Yours Truly

Samuel

Mr. Clark of the Senate states that
 the app't of Cooley will be satisfactory
 to the people of Dodge County

1863

Saml. Lord sworn
made the app^t of
G. B. Cooley as
Judge of Probate
for Dodge County
Feb. 23. 1863





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