

Transcription

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Strictly Confidential

Fairmont, Virginia,

Jany 8th. 1861

My Dr. Gov Letcher

I am requested by Sundry friends in Wellsburg, Va., to ask you to appoint Mr. Wilson Beall as a Director in the branch bank at Wellsburg (a branch of the North Western Va. Bank)

I assure you he is the leading and reliable spirit of the Democracy of Brooke Co., a walthy and most active Man, and a gentleman of the very first respectability and intelligence

No better appointment can be made; indeed none so good. Appoint him at once.

As my friend Cuthers and others may be before you I write this in the strictest confidence, not Knowing who may be before you.

Your sincere friend

Z KIDWELL

P.S. A Union Meeting was gotten up here at our court on Monday for the purpose of sustaining Lincolns Election and aiding a separation of the State, When lo it all turned out exactly the opposite. I have never seen more unanimity here for the South before, or as Much. The Meeting was held late or we would have sent a big bundle of resolutions. All in favor of a Convention at once Yrs. Z.K.

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