

Strictly Confidential

Wairmount, Virginia,
July 8th 1861

My Dear Gov Letcher

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

I assure you he is the leading and reliable spirit of the Democracy of Burke Co, a wealthy 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 Cutlers 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 Lincoln's 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 favour of a Convention at once.

