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tive has the power to fill the vacancy. You will doubtless take the opinion of the Attorney Genl. upon the point.

It is very desirable that it should be filled and in the hands of a real friend.

Among the names presented, the name of Col Ludlow² has stood prominent for a long time and what makes him entitled to the highest consideration his appointment was specially desired and recommended by Dean Richmond, Tilden³ and others who represented and still represent the great mass of those who sustain your administration and upon whom we must rely to overcome that wild and crazy radicalism at the North which in its tendencies is so dangerous to constitutional liberty.

J. R. Doolittle

ALS, DNA-RG56, Appts., Customs Service, Naval Officer, N.Y., William H. Ludlow.

1. Cornell S. Franklin did not receive the appointment of naval officer at New York City. See Deen to Johnson, Mar. 7, 1867.
2. William H. Ludlow was not nominated for the naval officer position by Johnson. See Dix to Johnson, June 19, 1866, *Johnson Papers*, 10: 597.
3. Samuel J. Tilden.

From John P. Holtsinger

Greenville April 19, 1867

Sir.

With your indulgence, I will trouble you again, tuching the lot of land which Sam. Johnson, Colored, asked you to donate the Colored people of Greenville.¹ The facts are these. The Freedman's Bureau, has proffered to the colored people of Greenville if they will procure a good title to a lot of ground and rear the frame of a house upon it, that they would advance the means to finish it. Sam. handed me the letter, over the signature of Col. R. Johnson,² which contained your kind offer to the Freedmen. Sam. showed it to those who understood the matter. And it was decided that without a title to the lot, the Bureau would give no aid. Sam was very much discouraged. I told him I would write to you, again, and state facts to you. The lot of land selected is situated *thus*. The Reble graveyard is located imediately in the corner, where Mrs. William's³ woodlot and the Lasley⁴ field bound your land North, and West. It is small not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ of an acre. Sam. wants his lot just joining between it and town. *The Radicals* have not met the expectations of the Freedmen, and they are loosing confidence in them. I Send in letter a rough plot, of the situation. It will not disfigure your plot of land a great deal. And if you can donate from one half, to one acre to the colored people of our town, please do so.⁵ If not please let me know the most reasonable terms upon which it can be purched. Pardon me for this intrusion.

President we all want you to come and see us. We want a visit from you.

after the old *fashioned sort*. I want you to come to Greenville the 12 day of next June, the Sixth anaversary of your departure. Come if possible. May Heaven grant you the prvlige, of visiting your home, and large circle of friends in Old Greene once more.

John P. Holtsinger

ALS, DLC-JP.

1. See Samuel Johnson to Johnson, Mar. 25, 1867.
2. President Johnson's son Robert.
3. Probably Catharine D. (b. c1802), widow of Alexander Williams. 1850 Census, Tenn., Greene, Greeneville, 284; (1860), 10th Dist., 91; Goldene F. Burgner, comp., *Greene County, Tennessee Wills, 1783-1890* (Easley, S.C., 1981), 109.
4. Most likely Alexander Lasslie (1793-1869), a farmer. Buford F. Reynolds, comp., *Greene County, Tennessee Cemeteries* (n.p., 1971), 246; 1850 Census, Tenn., Greene, 10th Subdiv., 595.
5. Johnson responded to Holtsinger's letter by instructing him to "select the lot wanted have it surveyed, plat made, and a deed drawn up . . . and send the instrument to me. I will convey the land to them without charge." Johnson to Holtsinger, Apr. 27, 1867, Johnson Papers, LC.

*From John W. Leftwich*¹

Memphis Tenn Apr 21st 1867

Sir

The "Memphis Post" the organ of Radical Brownlowism in West Tenn. is daily threatening us with what the "Militia" are going to do and many property owners in the Country are being intimidated into seeming affiliation with the Radical Party.

May I say "the *National Army* and regular Army officers will protect the People against this partizan organisation?" I know the condition of Tennessee gives you much anxiety and I do not wish to add to it. This will save us and the State. Nothing else will.

Begging an early answer . . .²

[John W. Leftwich]

L, DLC-JP.

1. Although the signature is missing from this extant copy, the letter is definitely in Leftwich's handwriting. Moreover, a clerk noted on the cover sheet that the letter was from Leftwich.
2. No reply from Johnson has been uncovered.

From Edwin R. Glascock

[Nashville, Tenn.]¹ April 22nd, 1867.

Dear Sir—

With your permission I would respectfully withdraw my resignation as Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee,² though I beleive it was understood between us, while in Washington last winter, that it was