

the forty eighth section of the Constitution and Form of Government. Your Petitioner does not presume to determine whether this opinion is just or not but as in a case of this kind involving consequences the most important, every pretext of doubt ought, if possible, to be removed, he begs leave to solicit your Excellency and Honors, that if upon examination, the authority of the Court of Appeals in this particular shall appear either questionable or unfounded, you will honor him with a re-appointment or a confirmation of that already made. He submits his qualifications for the Office to the determination of the honorable Board presuming that whether he is qualified or not his own recommendation of himself cannot avail him. But as he has been the choice of the Judges, and has lately removed to the Seat of Government for the purpose of attending more punctually to his official duties, and as he has hitherto conducted himself in this Station without occasioning complaint or giving a cause for it, he hopes from your Excellency and Honors a favorable reception to his present application.

J. D. Merrick

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