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W. Rone, Respected Sir, I was elected a Justice  
 of the Peace, for Buncombe Township and Independ-  
 ance County. In consequence of affliction, I wish to  
 resign my commission, I am not able to discharge  
 the duties lawfully the law requires I hope sir that you  
 will adhere to the petition of the people, and send  
 an a commission to the man, petitioned, for there is  
 no doubt with me but what <sup>he</sup> will be elected, the  
 next Election I make my resignation known to the Clerk  
 your obedient & humble servant, Isaac Bettes  
 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1850

Governor Reese Rone we the under signers  
 petition you to commission John Peares a  
 Justice of the Peace for Buncombe Township  
 Independance County to fill up the vacancy caused  
 by the resignation of Isaac Bettes resigned it is fifteen  
 miles or near it to Justice in this township over a hilly road  
 we hope that you will consider our inconvenient  
 situation and commission Mr Peares, in so doing  
 you will confer an obligation on your petitioners  
 27 day of May 1850

Signers, Names

Mr Peares

William Gibbons

Jackson Gilliam

Wm H. Clark

Thomas Bettes

Thomas Bettes





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Governor of the  
State of Arkansas

Little Rock