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Magnolia Arkansas  
August 10<sup>th</sup> 1871

Gov. S.A. Hendley  
Little Rock

Dear Sir:-

I learn from a private letter written by Mr Barson while lately at your city that you have appointed Jordan Jones a D.P. in our township. I feel, while I am satisfied you did it with the best intentions, yet I regard it as the heaviest blow yet dealt us. You are aware of why we once recommended him - those seasons have passed away and from the testimony of his own color he is unworthy to be trusted politically. We, having come to believe this from parties of his own color had centered upon Mr R.B. Vaughn as the one whom we would next recommend and he is certainly more suitable for the position and would carry more weight for us. With this view we once recommended Mr Vaughn for such appointment and you refused to appoint him as you no doubt remember. Mr Vaughn knew of our recommending him and was

Return via County

Aug 10 d 1871

Smith S.S.

Alford agent of Spencer  
various etc.

Official

Received Aug 16 71

Recd Lett Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 71



No doubt expects it when you shall appear  
me. Then if he learns that Jordan Joice's  
claims are preferred over his and ours what  
can he think? Loamur, we have a hard  
party to contend with here, nor can you  
find one who will say that we have ever  
done aught save in the interest of your  
Administration since you have occupied  
the position, and now if we cannot work  
in ~~the~~ unison with you we are certainly  
very unfortunate, Archer and Thompson are  
men of property and business, devote their whole  
time to politics, and to counteract their schemes  
we of necessity have to work a great deal. We  
are without an organ convenient, and if you  
will not by our private letters regulate  
your appointments, then of course we will  
all the time be working in the dark.

Keeping an early reply as to whether we are  
regarded by you as entitled to any voice

I remain Yours

Your obedient Servant  
L. F. Smith