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To His Excellency
The Governor of the State of Arkansas

The Petitioner, a member of the Supreme
Court of the U.S. of A. and a practicing
attorney in the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, humbly petitions your Excellency
that he may be appointed Commissioner
of your State, to take Depositions &c.
He encloses a few testimonials

Your Excellency's
Most Obedient Servant.

Mathew Hale Smith

Boston Mass.

Boston Mass

Mathew Hale Smith

Commissioner

of Depositions

Jan 1854

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

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March 1 1834

I have much pleasure in stating that
 several years have been intermat
 in a quarrel with Matthew Hall
 with his reputation as estimated
 by the public. He is a gentleman of high moral
 character, possesses fine & varied talents
 a graceful persuasive & effective eloquence
 & a capacity of instructing by public speech
 in an extraordinary degree
 Rufus Choate.

Mr. Choate
 Mr. Hall
 Mr. [unclear]
 Mr. [unclear]
 Mr. [unclear]

The petition in support of the petition
 of the [unclear] of the [unclear] and a [unclear]
 attorney in the [unclear] of [unclear]
 against [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 that in many of [unclear] [unclear]
 of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Attest [unclear]

[unclear]