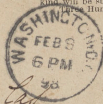




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Hon. Robert M. Douglas,
Care Clerk of the Supreme Court,
Raleigh.

North Carolina.



Argo & Snow,
Attorneys at Law.

T. M. ARGO,
W. B. SNOW.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17th. 1898.

To The President.

It gives me much pleasure to endorse Judge Robert M. Douglas, of Greenshore, N.C., as being in every way fitted for the position of District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. His experience, learning, social position, and high personal character are all that could be desired in a candidate for that office.

In his methods he is painstaking, careful and advertent to details; in learning comprehensive, accurate and thorough; and in general character and habits unexceptionable in any respect, and as high and exemplary as the very best.

The Republican Party sorely needs such men in position in North Carolina; the instrumentalities and agencies for its support and establishment should accord in character with the wise, just and patriotic policy of the administration.

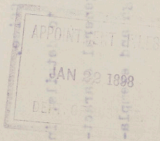
I have the honor to be Very Respectfully
and Truly,

T. M. Argo.

(Late State Solicitor.)

J. M. Argo
Atty. at Law.

late Solicitor
4th Dist. N.E.



Armfield & Turner,
Attorneys.

No. 1, Law Building.

Statesville, N. C., January 14 1898

Mr. President.

We learn that the name of Judge Robert M. Douglas will be presented to you for appointment to the office of U. S. District & Circuit Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. It gives us pleasure to bear testimony to the high character of Judge Douglas as a man and to his ability and learning as a lawyer. Though he has been upon our Supreme Court bench but a short time, it has been long enough to demonstrate to the people and the bar of the State that he is an upright and learned Judge - he has shown that he possesses in an eminent degree, all three

Armfield & Turner,
Attorneys.

No. 1, Law Building.

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Qualities admirable in a Judge — and
we are sure that his appointment
would give great satisfaction to the
people of the State.

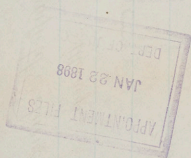
We have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,
Armfield & Turner

Hon. Wm McKinley
President of the United States.

(Attorneys at Law. Mr.
Turner is now Lieutenant
Governor.)

Armfield & Turner
Allys. at Law



CARTER & LEWELLYN,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNCELLORS AT LAW,

Mt. Airy, N. C.,

Jan. 19, 1898.

Hon. William McKinley,
President U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The newspapers convey the not unexpected, but at the same time none the less sad intelligence of the resignation of the Honorable R. P. Dick, as Judge of the Western District of North Carolina. This intelligence carries with it the sorrowful regret of the entire people of this District. No betterman ever lived, and no purer or more impartial Judge ever held the scales of Justice.

You are now called upon to appoint his successor. Within the range of my acquaintance I know of no one fitter for this high and responsible office than Judge Robert M. Douglass. He is a worthy son of a most Worthy sire. Added to his natural endowments is the knowledge acquired at the feet of his illustrious father-in-law, Judge Dick.

²With the appointment of Judge Douglass the people of the entire District will concur.

Yours very truly,

Dict.

W. F. Carter

Jan. 19, 1895.

Hon. William McKinley,

President U. S.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The newspapers convey the not unexpected, but at the same time
news the fact and intelligence of the resignation of the Honorable N.
P. Dick, as Judge of the Western District of North Carolina. This in-
telligence carries with it the sorrowful regret of the entire people of
this District. No better man ever lived, and no purer or more impar-
tial Judge ever held the scales of Justice.
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sible office than Judge Robert M. Douglas. He is a worthy son of a
most worthy sire. Added to his natural endowments is the knowledge ac-
quired at the feet of his illustrious father-in-law, Judge Dick.
With the appointment of Judge Douglas the people of the entire Dis-
trict will concur.

Yours very truly,

Dick.

W. G. Carter at law

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Hon. William McKinley,

President of the United States,

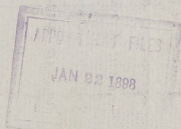
I take
pleasure in recommending Hon Robert M. Douglas, Associate Justice of the
Supreme Court of this State, for appointment as District Judge of the
Western District of North Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the re-
tirement of Judge Dick. Judge Douglas is eminently fitted for the posi-
tion by his learning in the law, his judicial temperament and his moral
and social virtues. I am sure that his appointment will meet the appro-
val of the bar of this State.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

Wm H. Black

W. W. Clard.
Atty. at Law.



BATTLE & MORDECAI,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
RALEIGH, N. C.

January, 14th, 1898.

To His Excellency William McKinley,
President of the United States.

Sir: Understanding that there will be very soon a vacancy in the office of Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, I respectfully recommend to you the Hon. Robt. M. Douglas, now one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, as a suitable jurist to fill the place.

I have known Judge Douglas for many years, and as a gentleman of character and attainments. He was for some years a Special Master in Equity of his district, and so became more than usually well acquainted with Chancery Practice, which constitutes so large a part of the practice in the Federal Courts. As a Justice of our Supreme Court, since January 1897, he has made a very good impression on the Profession by his patient attention to arguments of Counsel, and the lucidity of his judicial opinions.

Yours with great respect,

R. H. Battle

R. H. Batte
atty. at Law

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LAW OFFICE OF
J. A. BLAIR.

Asheboro, N. C. Jan 15th 1898

To President McKinley,
Washington D.C.

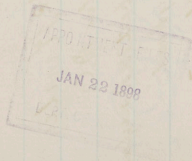
I have known Judge Robert M. Douglass
of Greensboro N.C. from boyhood.

He is a gentleman of high character and
acknowledged legal ability. ^{His} while his
talent ^{and} learning ^{and} Christian influence now
adorns the Judiciary of the State, his appoint-
ment to the Office of United States District
Judge will be no mistake.

His life recommends him. The people of
his State endorse him.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Blair

J. A. Blair
Atty. at Law.



TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The undersigned, members of the Bar of Wilmington, North Carolina, respectfully recommend Hon. Robert M. Douglas, a member of the Supreme Court of this state, for appointment to the Judgeship of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, as successor to Hon. Robert P. Dick, who is said to have tendered his resignation to the President. Judge Douglas is a gentleman of high character and attainments, has had long experience at the Bar, and, for more than a year, discharged the duties of a Supreme Court Judge. We believe that his appointment will give satisfaction to the Bar of the state.

Thos. W. Strange

Thomas Evans

Frank McNeill

Robert
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Geo. D. Bellamy Jr.

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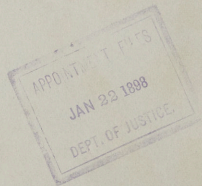
W. B. Peard

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The Bar

of

Wilmington, N.C.



RICAUD & BRYAN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
WILMINGTON,
N. C.

R. E. BOONE.

VICTOR S. BRYANT.

LAW OFFICES OF

Boone & Bryant,

DURHAM, N. C.

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Jan., 14th 1898.

To His Excellency - The Honorable Wm. McKinley, President,
Washington,

Dear Sir:

I am informed that His Honor Judge R. P. Dick will soon retire from the District Bench where he has served so long. As an active member of the Bar in this State I feel an interest in his successor and would be pleased to see the position filled ^{by} some gentleman well fitted for its duties. In thinking over the list of eligible attorneys in the State I have concluded that the fittest man is Hon. Robert M. Douglas, Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court. I know him well as a lawyer, have observed him well in the practice, and have appeared before him since ~~he~~ he has been on the Bench, and have read every opinion that he has written. It is this familiarity with his record that makes me say he is the best man for the place. I hope you will determine to appoint him, and thereby honor him, the State and the Bench.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor S. Bryant.

V. S. Bryant
Atty at Law.

State and the Bench.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Bryant

Dear Sir:

I am informed that his Honor Judge

of the Bar in this State I feel an interest in his successor and
relative from the District Bench where he has served to long. As an active

and well in the offices, and have succeeded before him since he had been
justice of the State Supreme Court. I trust his well as a lawyer, have others

I have concluded that the finest man is Hon. George W. Douglas, Associate
his duties in his office. I have no doubt that he will be a great success in the State

would be pleased to see the position filled to a gentleman well fitted for

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BOONE & BRYANT,

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To the Honorable William McKinley.
President of the United States.
Sir

I understand that Judge Dick of Kentucky has resigned, or will soon do so, his position as U. S. District Judge for the Western Dist. of N. C. If there is now, or hereafter a vacancy in this office, I desire to be allowed to give my endorsement to His Honor Robt M Douglas of our Supreme Court. He is very popular among all classes of our people, and is a clear headed and able lawyer, possessing all the qualities necessary both of heart and mind, to fill the office of District Judge, with honor to himself and with credit to You and the people generally. He has shown himself while on our Supreme

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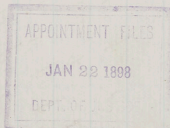
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Bench. to be possessed of those qualities which go to make up a good Judge. Always cautious, to all the people, he has attracted to himself the respect and esteem of the lawyers and people generally of our state. I know him to be abundantly fitted for the position which I have named.

Hoping that You may appoint him to the place which I learn he desires I remain Very respectfully and Truly
Yours

R. B. Boone

R. B. Boone
Atty. at Law



ANDREW J. BURTON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Reidsville, N. C.,

Jan'y 17th

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¹⁰ The President of the United States.

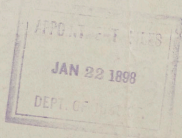
Sir,
Hon. Robert M. Douglas is an
applicant for the position of United States District Judge
for the western district of North Carolina. He is
a gentleman of character and a lawyer of ability,
being at present one of the Associate Justices of
the Supreme Court of this State. I feel sure he
will discharge the duties of the office with credit
to himself and fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

Very respectfully
A. J. Burton

A. J. Burton
Atty. at Law

ANDREW A. BRIDGMAN

ALBANY, N. Y.



ROBERT O. BURTON,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Raleigh, N. C.,

Jan. 14, 1898.

To His Excellency The President,
Washington, D.C.

I bear my cheerful testimony
to the character and ability of
the Hon. Robt. M. Douglas, J.
of the Supreme Court of
North Carolina. Judge Douglas
is a good lawyer and his
short time thus far on the Bench
gives promise of much usefulness.
I consider him very well
qualified for a position on the
Federal Bench.

Respectfully,
R. O. Burton.

R. O. Burton
atty. at Law.



LAW OFFICES OF
FABIUS H. BUSBEE,
217 FAYETTEVILLE STREET,
RALEIGH, N. C.

Jan. 18th 1898.

To The President:

While I am not a resident of the Western District of North Carolina, I practice in its Courts and am acquainted with the Bar.

Justice R. M. Douglass of the Supreme Court of N.C. is an upright and learned jurist and would worthily fill the position of U.S. District Judge of the Western District of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

Fabius H. Busee.

F. H. Buebe
Atty. at Law

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Raleigh, Jan'y 14th-1898-

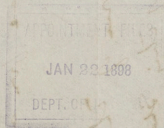
To the President:

In the event of the resignation of Hon. Robt. R. Rich, Judge of the Western District of North Carolina, I desire to commend to your favorable consideration the name of Hon. Robt. M. Douglas for appointment as his successor.

Judge Douglas is at present one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, and is a lawyer of acknowledged ability and reputation - He is eminently fitted, by character and capacity, to satisfactorily discharge the duties of the high office to which he aspires.

Very respectfully
Chas. Busbee

C. M. Brubaker
Atty. at Law



Watson, Buxton & Watson,
Attorneys at Law,
Winston, North Carolina.

January 14th 1898

To the President,

Washington D.C.

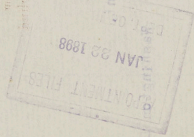
I take pleasure in testifying to the most excellent character of the Hon. Robt. M. Douglas, one of the judges of our Supreme Court in North Carolina, and his fitness for position of United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, to which position I understand he aspires as the successor of Hon. R.P. Dick.

Judge Douglas has the learning, integrity and industry necessary to qualify him for this position. He has made an enviable reputation as a judge since going upon the Supreme Court bench, and his appointment would give general satisfaction to the people of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

J. C. Buxton

J. C. Buxton
att'y at Law



January 1898

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To The President:-

As there is probability that Judge Dick's health will force his retirement from the bench in the early future, you will pardon me for suggesting to you the name of Hon. R. M. Douglas, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as his successor. Judge Douglas has all the qualifications that fit him for judicial station. He has given satisfaction to all persons and parties as a member of our Supreme Court, and I do not hesitate to say that his appointment will strengthen Republicanism in North Carolina, and will send to the bench a man of high ability.

I conceive, that, in the recognition of such men as Judge Douglas, lies the only hope for Republicanism in North Carolina.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Day

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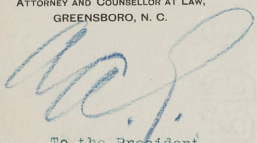


W. H. Day
att'y at Law

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ROBERT DICK DOUGLAS,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
GREENSBORO, N. C.

January 17th, 1898.



To the President

of the United States;

Sir;-

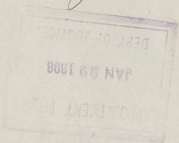
I have the honor to enclose letters from Chief Justice Faircloth,
and Justices Clark, Furches and Montgomery, recommending Judge Robert
M. Douglas for the position of U. S. District Judge for the Western
District of North Carolina, recently made vacant by the resignation of
Judge Dick.

These gentlemen, with Judge Douglas, comprise the entire Supreme
Court of this State.

Respectfully,

R.D. Douglas

R. D. Douglas.



Respectfully,

Very truly yours,
R. D. Douglas.

Enclosed

is a copy of the report of the Committee on the Administration of

Justice, which was presented to the Senate on the 11th of December last.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th

inst., and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the

proper

authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,

Very truly yours,
R. D. Douglas.

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S. J. Ervin,
Attorney at Law.

Morganton, N. C. Jan'y 14 1898.

Dear Sir

It affords me pleasure
to unite with the other friends
of Hon R. M. Douglass in ask-
ing his appointment to the
office of District Judge for the
Western District of this State which
I am informed will soon be
vacant by the resignation of
the present incumbent Judge
R. P. Dick

Judge Douglass whose appoint-
ment I have the pleasure
of recommending is at pres-
ent an Associate Justice of
the Supreme Court of this
State where his opinions
have with the opinions
of the ablest members of that
Court

Since going upon the bench

Judge Douglass has very much
added to his reputation as a
lawyer -

He has heretofore held high
and responsible position un-
der the Government and
if appointed Judge will prove
a worthy successor of the dis-
tinguished Jurist who for so
many years has discharged the
duties of that office

And it affords me pleasure
to say that in my opinion
he is quite the equal of the
latter in legal learning and ju-
dicial attainments and that if
appointed he will discharge the
duties of the office with honor
and credit

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

S. J. Garrison

His Excellency

President Franklin Pierce

Washington

D.C.

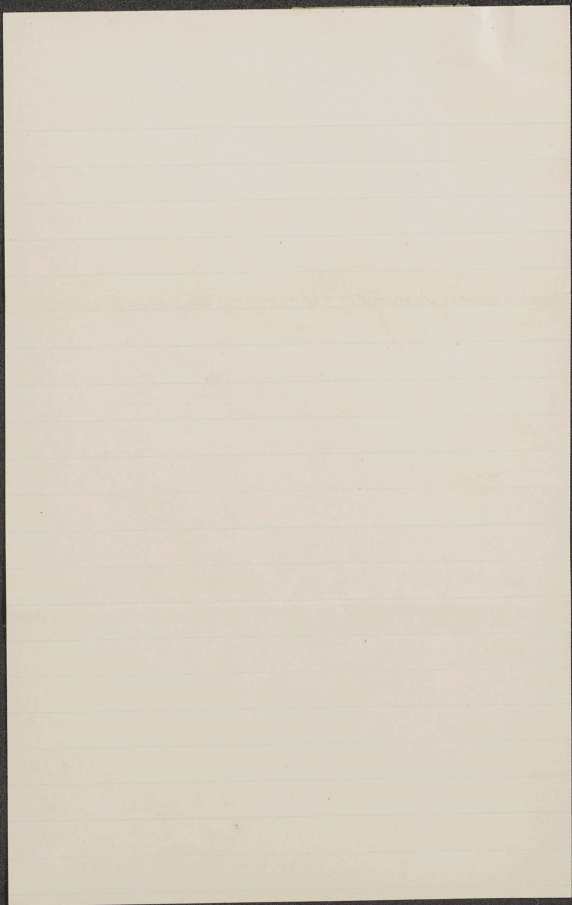
S. J. Garrison
Att'y at Law

W. C. FIELDS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Sparta, N. C., Jan'y 18th 1898

His Excellency, Hon Wm McKinley President
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

It is understood in this State that Hon. R. P. Dick
will soon retire from the bench of Western
Dist of N.C. on account of ill health,
in case he does, I beg your permission to
call your attention, and careful consideration of
the name of Hon R. M. Douglas, at this time a
Supreme Court Justice in this State. His learning
and ~~capacities~~ and judicial mind make him
eminently suitable for the place. His
Character is without a blemish and his
high and unselfish course in life has
endeared him to the bar and the people
of this State. His appointment would
be hailed with delight in the State
and his career when



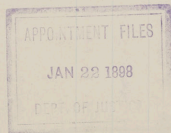
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

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affiliated would be highly
satisfactory to the government

Trusting that I am will
give his name the careful
and considerate attention
I am sincerely your
obedient servant
W. C. Fields

W. C. Fields
Atty. at Law.



H.W. WINSTON.

F.L. FULLER.

Winston & Fuller,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
Durham, N. C.

Durham, N. C. Jan. 14th, 1897.

Hon. William McKinley,

President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:-

With much regret I have heard that the health of Judge Dick is such as to require his immediate retirement from the Bench as Judge of the United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina. In this event, the appointment of Judge Robt. M. Douglas, of Greensboro, N.C., to succeed him would, I feel sure, give great satisfaction.

Judge Douglas' high attainments as a lawyer, crowned by his capacity for judicial position, as demonstrated by the opinions written by him as one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and his high character as a man, fit him peculiarly for this important office.

With pleasure I recommend him for the appointment, and with great respect, I am

Yours obediently,

F. L. Fuller

Yours obediently,

My dearest respect, I am

With pleasure I recommend him for the appointment, and
heartily for this important office.

Chief of North Carolina, and his high character as a man, if his
written by him as one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme

his capacity for judicial position, as demonstrated by the opinions
Judge Douglas, high attainments as a lawyer, crowned by
his "Give Great Satisfaction."

J. L. Fuller
Atty. at Law

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With much regret I have heard that the death of

Mr. President:-

Washington, D. C.

President of the United States,

Hon. William McKinley,

Buffalo, N. Y. Jan. 14th, 1897.

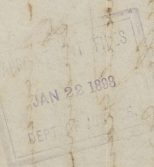
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John W. Graham
Att'y at Law



LAW OFFICES
OF
ERNEST HAYWOOD,
ROOMS 2 AND 3 BAGLEY BUILDING,
RALEIGH, N. C.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19, 1898.

To The President of The United States:-

It is with pleasure, that I cordially recommend Judge Robert M. Douglas, for the appointment of United States Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, to succeed the Hon. R. P. Dick, resigned.

I have known Judge Douglas for many years, as a man of high character; and his fitness for this position is best attested by the fact, that he is now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, having been elected to that position by the voters of the state at large.

Respectfully,

Ernest Haywood

Ernest Heywood
Atty. at Law

Respectfully,

Having been elected to that position by the voters of the state of Iowa,
I am an associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina,
character; and his fitness for this position is best attested by the fact
I have been twice elected to that office; and a man of high
District of North Carolina, to succeed the Hon. R. B. Hook, resigned.
position, for the enjoyment of which State Judge for the Western
it is my pleasure, that I cordially recommend ~~Ernest Heywood~~ Robert W.
to the President of the United States:-

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OFFICE OF
THOMAS N. HILL,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

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Wilmington, N. C., January 13, 1898

Hon. Wm. M. C. Kinley

President of the United States.

Sir:

I am informed that Judge Dick will soon retire from the office of Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina.

Should such be the case I trust that Hon. R. M. Douglas will be appointed his successor.

In my opinion Judge Douglas is a gentleman of excellent character and eminently qualified to fill the position.

Very respectfully

Thomas N. Hill

Thos. N. Hill
atty. at Law.



To The President:

I have known the Hon. Robert M. Douglas for many years, and I know of him nothing but good. He is a gentleman of the highest character, learned in the law, with a judicial mind. He is patient, pains-taking and industrious. He has served since January 1st, 1897, upon the Supreme Court bench in North Carolina with perfect satisfaction to the Bar of the State. I earnestly recommend him to you as fit in every way to succeed the Hon. Robert P. Dick, ^{U.S.} District Judge.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John W. Hinsdale

which I feel that you are prepared to do in your position
in the future, which is not and is not. He has never been
the highest character, known to the law with a perfect mind
and a perfect heart. He is a perfect man.
I have known the Hon. Robert H. Johnson for many
years.

John W. Hinsdale
Atty. at Law

I am,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,



W. H. Hinsdale, Attorney at Law.

Respectfully,
I have known the Hon. Robert H. Johnson for many
years, and I have known him for many years. He is a perfect man.
I have known the Hon. Robert H. Johnson for many
years.

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C.N. EVANS, CASHIER

Reidsville, N. C., Jan. 12, 1898.

To His Excellency, Wm. McKinley,
President of the U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

This is to respectfully state to your Excellency,
that the undersigned has been a practicing attorney in the Western
District of North Carolina for more than twenty years, and has
known Hon. Robt. M. Douglas, now one of the Judges of our State
Supreme Court, during all of that time; and that Judge Douglass
is a gentleman of high character, and eminently qualified for
the office of U. S. District Judge.

With great respect,

Your obedient Servant,

P. B. Johnston.

Jones & Patterson,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law,
First National Bank Building,
E. B. Jones. Lindsay Patterson.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 14th 1898

Hon. William McKinley

President of United States,

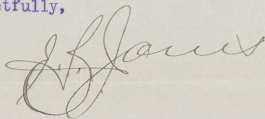
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

It is painful for those of us who know and have learned to love Judge Dick, because, of his many virtues, to hear of his intended retirement from the Bench, on account of feeble health. His gentleness, purity and kindness reached out beyond the Bar and touched the hardened criminal.

In his retirement from public life, much will be lost to our State and nation, but, it gives me pleasure to say the Judicial ermine could fall on no more worthy North Carolinian than Judge, Robert M. Douglas, at present, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a man of ability, integrity and honor, and in every way worthy of the high Office and honor to which he aspires, and in my opinion, his appointment to the District Judgeship, made vacant by Judge Dick's resignation, would meet the hearty approval of our people.

Most Respectfully,



Most respectfully,

E. B. Jones
att'y at Law

Let Mr. Jones would meet the hearty approval of our people. His appointment to the District Judgeship, made account of Judge Dick's high Office and honor to which he aspires, and in my opinion, his high Office and honor, and in every way worthy of the position. His appointment at present, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, would be a more worthy North Carolinian than Judge. His high Office and honor, but it gives me pleasure to see the judicial branch of the Government from public life, which will be lost to the people.

His Gentleness, purity and kindness reached out beyond the Bar and reached retirement from the Bench, on account of Judge Dick's high Office and honor to which he aspires, and in my opinion, his high Office and honor, and in every way worthy of the position.

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Dear Sir,

Washington D. C.
President of United States,

Hon. William McKim

Jan. 14th

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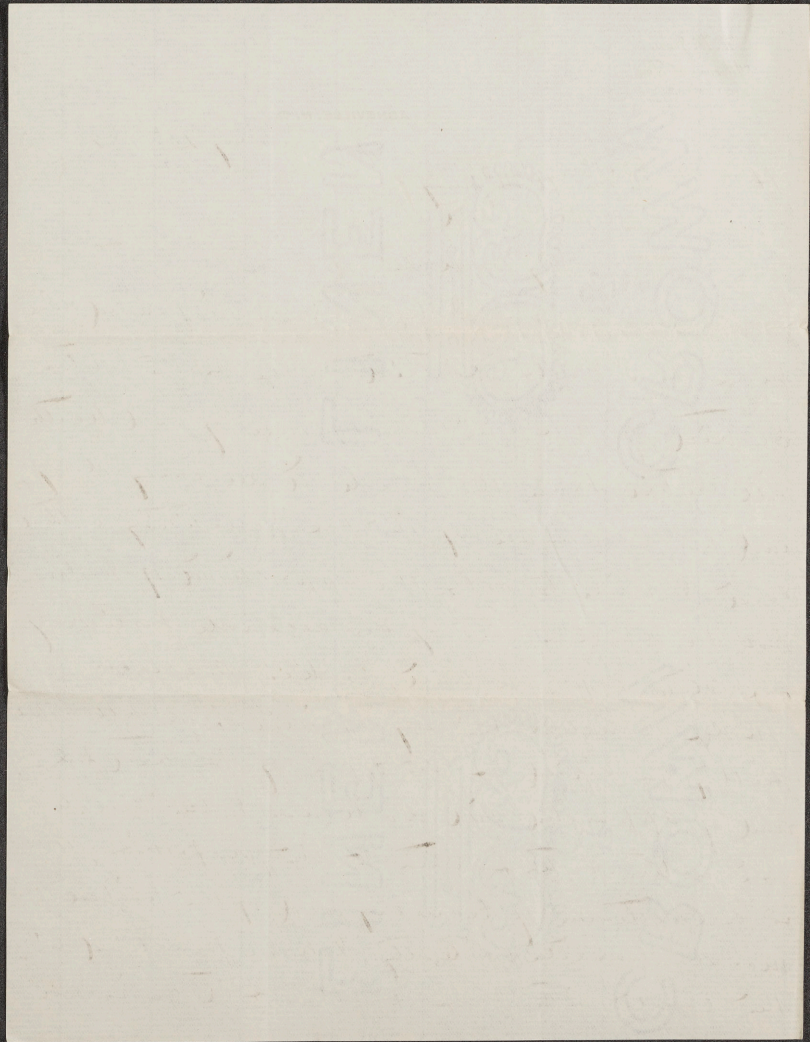
January 13th 1888

Hon William H McPhy
President

My dear Sir

I have been informed that Judge R P Deits District Judge for the Western District of N C, in consequence of bad health will retire from the bench, at an early day, and as a member of the bar practicing in that Court I wish to ask the appointment of Judge Robt M Douglas, one of the associate justices of our state Supreme Court, as his successor.

Judge Douglas in my opinion, is in all respects fully qualified for the office of District Judge, and if appointed will do honor to the bench & give entire satisfaction to the profession. He is a gentleman of learning, and of the highest moral character & integrity, I have practiced in the Court with Judge Douglas & it gives me,



W. W. Jones,
Attorney at Law.

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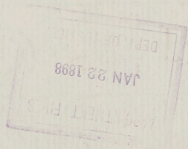
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pleasure to hear testimony to his fitness and
capabilities, I do not think you can make a
more satisfactory appointment or get a better man
for the place in the District.

Yours Truly

W W Jones

W. W. Jones
atty. at Law



E. J. Justice,
Attorney at Law,
Marion, N.C.

Marion N.C. Jan. 13th 1893.

To His Excellency, William McKinley, President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

It affords me pleasure to testify as to the qualifications and fitness of his Honor, Judge R.M. Douglas, for the position of United States District Judge. Judge Douglas since he has been a member of the Supreme Court of North Carolina has exhibited judicial qualifications which are highly pleasing to his friends, and which render him acceptable to the bar in this District as United States District Judge. I know of no person whose name has been mentioned for the position who is so well fitted therefor as is Judge Douglas.

I am with great respect

Your Obedient Servant,

E. J. Justice

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Danbury, N. C., Jan'y 17, 1898.

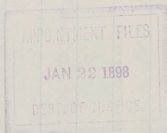
To The President,

I take pleasure in recommending, for your consideration, the appointment of Hon. Robt. M. Douglas of Greensboro N.C. as United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

I have known Mr. Douglas well for more than fifteen years. He is a gentleman of high character, and as a Lawyer, I think he is well equipped for the position, and think his appointment will give general satisfaction. He is at present an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Respectfully
Walter W. King

W. W. King
Atty. at Law



W. F. CARTER.
MT. AIRY, N. C.

J. R. LEWELLYN.
DOBSON, N. C.

Carter & Lowellyn,
Attorneys-at-Law.

Dobson, N. C., Jan'y 15th 1892

Hon. Wth McKinley President U. S.

Dear Sir, I am informed that you
will be asked to appoint Hon. R. H. Dungliss (now
associate Justice of the Supreme Court of N.C.)
U. S. Dist. Judge for the Western Dist. of N.C.
vice Hon. R. P. Dick who has or will resign
on account of failing health. Will pardon
me for saying that I think him a suitable
person for the place. That his public and
private character is irreproachable. That his
ability as a lawyer and a man is of the
highest order. That his judicial mind and
learning in the law as well as his experi-
ence especially qualify him for the place.
That his appointment would meet the
 hearty approval of all good citizens (and
 especial the bar) in this State. Hoping that
 you may see proper to make the appointment.

I am yours obediently
J. R. Lowellyn

J. R. Lowell
Atty. at Law.

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North Carolina,
Lenoir County.

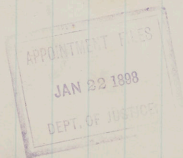
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To His Excellency William McKinley.
President of the United States.

We, the members of the Kingston Bar of
Lenoir County North Carolina, recommend
to the favorable consideration of your
Excellency, Hon. R. M. Douglas, of Greensboro
N. C. as successor of Hon. R. P. Dietz,
U. S. Dist. Judge of Western District of
N. C.

App'd this
31st Dec 1877
Cotton & Shaw,
J. L. Jackson
Clato Collins
W. L. Mitchell

The Bar of
Kinston, N. C.



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LAWYERS.

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PRACTICE IN STATE AND
FEDERAL COURTS.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Jan'y. 17th 1898.

To the President,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I learn that the name of the Hon. Robert M. Douglas of Greensboro, North Carolina, will be presented to you for appointment as United States Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, vice Hon. Robert P. Dick, who, as I understand, contemplates early resignation.

I have known Judge Douglas for about 15 years, and have no hesitation in saying that he is a gentleman who is worthy to fill this position with ability and credit to the Government. There would hardly be needed any further testimonial of his character and fitness for this position than the statement of the fact that he is now one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, and to obtain this position he received the endorsement of his own political party in convention, which was afterwards ratified by the people at the polls.

Perhaps there could be no other higher testimonial of his character and standing than that stated unless it be to call the attention of your Excellency to the fact that he is the honored son of the late Hon. Stephen^{A.} Douglas, whose fame is the heritage of the American people.

Very respectfully,

B. F. Long
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Dictated to
A.P.G.

(Late State Solicitor.)

B. F. Long
att'y. at Law.
late State Solicitor

OFFICES OF
W. G. MEANS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Concord, N. C.,

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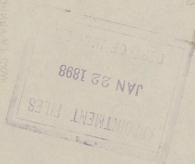
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The President:

Being informed that the name of
Hon. Robert M. Douglas, one of the Associate Justices
of the Court of Appeals (Supreme) of this State, will be
presented to you for appointment to the vacancy caused
by the resignation of Hon. R. P. Dick from the judgeship
of the United States District Court for the Western District
of North Carolina, & as a member of the Bar who
practices in that Court, take pleasure in stating
that I am sure, if you shall appoint him, Judge
Douglas will fill the position with credit to himself
and the Government, because he is a gentleman of
very high morality, great culture and legal ability,
and possesses in an eminent degree all the qualifications
of the office.

Very Respectfully
W. G. Means

W. G. MEANS
ALBANY, N. Y.
JAN 22 1898



W. G. Means
Atty. at Law-

Reidsville, N.C. January, 14th. 1898.

The President:-

Being informed that the Honorable Robert P. Dick, Judge of the Federal Court of the Western District of North Carolina, contemplates an early retirement from the bench, it gives me much pleasure to recommend for your consideration, in connection with the appointment of his successor, the name of Judge Robert M. Douglas, of the Supreme Court of this State; who though a modest and unassuming man, has not only the great reputation of his able and distinguished father (the late Judge Stephen A. Douglas) as a basis for his high ambition and aspirations, but also his own unquestioned and unquestionable ability, talents and fitness for this position.

The writer, as a member of the bar of this State, has known Judge Douglas for more than twenty years and though of contrary political faith, without hesitation says, that he is a man greatly respected and held in universal esteem by all, regardless of party affiliations, and that his appointment will meet the approval of all.

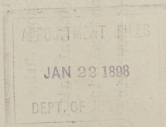
Respectfully,

J. T. Parrille
Atty at Law -

John T. Parnell
Atty. at Law.

The following:-

San Francisco, Cal., January 14th, 1898.



Janes & Patterson,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law,
First National Bank Building,
C. B. Jones. Lindsay Patterson.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 18th 1898

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:-

Sir,

The people of North Carolina have heard with profound regret of the retirement from the bench, of that most beloved man, Judge Robert P. Dick.

It would be becoming and appropriate in many ways that his Judicial mantle should fall upon the shoulders of his son-in-law, Hon. Robt. M. Douglas. Judge Douglas was a careful and laborious lawyer, and his holding the place of Master in the Federal Courts, gave him great familiarity with the practice of the Court, over which he now seeks to preside.

Twelve months ago, Judge Douglas was elected a Justice of the State Supreme Court. He is an able and fluent writer, and his record on that Bench has been a source of pleasure and gratification to his friends

His promotion to the Federal Bench would give great pleasure to his many friends in North Carolina.

With Great Respect,

Lindsay Patterson

With Great respect,

to my friends in North Carolina.

His promotion to the Federal Bench would give great pleasure to his friends.

His position that Bench has been a source of pleasure and satisfaction to the State Supreme Court. He is an able and fluent writer, and his twelve months ago. Judge Douglas was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court.

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Carolina have heard with profound regret of the retirement from the people of North

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:-

Jan. 18th

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Morganton N.C. Jan'y 14th 1898.

To the President:

Associate Justice R.M.

Douglas, whom You will be asked to
Name as Judge Dick's Successor on the
U.S. Dist Court Bench for West. N.C.,
is of Course well known to You.

He is the preference for the place of
the Resident Bar^{and} those solid citizens,
always interested in the orderly admini-
=stration of justice. He would scorn
to be a Corporation puppet, ^{and} therein lies
the hold he has on good men everywhere.

Very Respy Wm S. Pearson
Solicitor at Law

W. S. Pearson
Atty. at Law



EMERY E. RAPER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

Practice's in all the Courts.

Lexington, N. C.

January 14, 1898.

His Excellency,

William Mc Ninley, President.

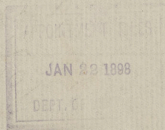
We take pleasure in recommending the appointment
of Hon. R. Douglass for U. S. Judge, Western District of N. C.

He is a gentleman of high character, an able lawyer, dignified and
courteous in bearing, and well qualified for the position.

Respectfully,

Emery E. Raper
J. C. Robbing.

Robbins & Raper
Attys. at Law



T. S. REID.
H. R. SCOTT.
R. D. REID.

Scott & Reid,
Attorneys at Law,
Wentworth, N. C.

January 1898

To the President of the United States,

Sir:

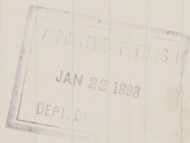
I desire to recommend to you, Judge Robert M. Douglass of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as a proper person for your appointment as United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, to succeed Judge R. P. Dick.

Judge Douglass is a man of the highest character, a son of the late Judge Stephen A. Douglass of Illinois, and his present official position is but a just testimonial of his professional attainments.

In my opinion the appointment of Judge Douglass will insure an honest and efficient administration of the office, and the same will be filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people.

Very respectfully,
Ruben S. Reid

R. S. Reid
Atty. at Law



Fayetteville, N. C.,
January 14th, 1898.

To his Excellency, Wm. McKinley, President,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Being informed that Judge Dick's health is such as to require his immediate retirement as District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, I take pleasure in recommending Hon. Robert M. Douglas of Greensboro, N. C., who is now an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, as a gentleman in every way qualified to fill this important position.

Perhaps no lawyer in North Carolina is better qualified for this high position than is Mr. Justice Douglas, and I know of none whose appointment would give more universal satisfaction, both to the bar and laity than his would.

He is physically, mentally and morally well qualified for this high station. I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

H. McD. Robinson

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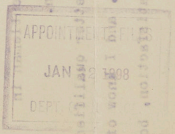
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My dear Sir:

Washington, D. C.

To His Excellency, Mr. McKim, President.



JANUARY 14th, 1898.