

Letter of A. S. Clayton to John Milledge, October 20, 1813. John Milledge Collection, Duke University Library. Transcribed from Harriet Milledge Salley (ed), *Correspondence of Governor John Milledge, Governor of Georgia 1802-1806* (Columbia, S.C.: State Commerical Printing Company, 1949), pp. 161-162.

Athens Ga.

October 19

Addressed: Col John Milledge, near Augusta

Athens, Oct. 20, 1813.

Dear Colonel

I have waited until a late period before I would address you on the subject, upon which sometime last spring a desultory conversation took place between us. I allude to the disposition of grand officers of the State, with reference to which we at that time interchanged conjectures – I am now able to inform you from a reasonably correct source, what arrangement is made, as to two of the appointments then under our speculation – Governor Mitchell is compelled to retire before the popular Clamour, & yield a Competition for his present office, & Judge Early becomes in his stead a candidate for the same – Mr. Bulloch absolutely, by letter to Doctor Bibb, declines a reelection for his appointment – his successor the finger of conjecture has, as yet, not rested upon – I now come immediately to the object of this letter, if you have not relinquished all ideas of further public service the vacancy of Mr. Bulloch affords to you an opportunity of being replace in the situation, from which you were doubtless, reluctantly drawn by a necessity rendered imperious from the peculiar nature of your domestic duties – a necessity duly appreciated by all liberal & humane minds – It is a place I should truly rejoice to see you once more fill – And if no private concerns operate to prevent it, by saying you will serve the Country, it is my sincere opinion the wish of my heart will be gratified – Make up your mind, my dear Colonel, & go out to Milledgeville, I will be certain to meet you there – on the Sunday before the meeting of the Legislature – any other arrangements Calculated to attain the object we desire, will no doubt occur to your better discretion – all I wish is that you may Consent to be a candidate for the appointment, –

I am your with great esteem and regard

ALS: A. S. Clayton, Oct. 13, 1813.