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Letter from John McLean to James B. Finley

John McLean

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Judge
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Rev. James B. Fenley

Columbus

Ohio

Washington

20 Feb. 1849

My dear Sir,

Your letter has been received. In relation to the Post office at Eaton, I would suggest the propriety of procuring an expression of the citizens in your behalf. In making appointments of Post Masters, the appointing power will look chiefly to the wishes of the people who are interested in the office. I can entertain no doubt that the people of Eaton, if your wishes were known to them, would express themselves in your favor, and that would secure the appointment.

Eaton, as you know, is in Mr Schenck's district. From some cause unknown to me he has been very hostile to me, and it was through his efforts united with a few others, which caused Ohio to prefer Scott to myself in the late convention. His hostility is unmeasured and unceasing. I have never given him, to my knowledge, the least cause of offence. If my memory does not mislead me, two of his brothers now in the Navy, were recommended by me. I state this to show you, that if Schenck knew I desired your

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your appointment he
would, for that cause, oppose it.

You may rest assured that
I will now and always exert myself to the
utmost to promote your wishes.

Very truly yours

Res. James B. Tenley

John McLean