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To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

At a County Court held for Cabell County at the Court House thereof on Monday the 5th day of January 1863. Present were Samuel A Childers, Roland Byas, John M. Blake & John Ferguson gentlemen justices.

Whereas the County of Cabell is so exposed to the marauding incursions of the Rebels that the authorities have been unable to hold courts in Barboursville without procuring from the United States troops a guard, and as they are advised that the Commissioners of the Revenue on Saturday last while engaged in the Clerk's Office a part of the Courthouse forcibly took the books from the officer and from the fact that protection can be more consistently had to attend the Court at Guyandotte it is ordered to be certified to the Governor to request him to issue his proclamation authorizing the Courts for Cabell County to be held in the town of Guyandotte until further orders.

Teste,

J. ___. Witcher, clerk By T. J. Merritt, dept. clerk