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 Perry 26 June 1820.

Sir

A representation of one of the most
 Eastern districts on his return from Portland two
 days since mentioned that the representation of this
 district had recommended for Justice of the Peace
 Messrs Hammonds of Perry & Geo: Brimma of Elmworth.
 I trust Sir you will not deem me obtrusive in offering
 unasked my opinion of the candidates, my only motion being
 to furnish you with information which may enable you to
 decide with more certainty on the necessity as well as propriety
 of making these appointments. Hammonds is a staunch
 republican & a worthy man but he is very deficient in
 education & is of no standing in the town. There are at least
 twenty of his fellow townsmen who are his equals or superiors
 who are now perfectly satisfied but who would murmur at
 his being preferred to them. Besides there is no occasion
 for a Justice in Perry, we are a quiet people, we have
 neither priests, lawyers nor poor keeper among us & therefore

no justice business. In Elmworth there are now five
Justices viz four Federalists (of whom one is an Englishman)
& one Democrat. This Brimmer is a Scotchman by birth,
& a Tory by education, he is no admirer of a King unless
he wear a crown upon his head & he has never been thought
of consequence enough by his political friends to be made
a justice of. If appointed he would be entirely under
the influence of the Federal lawyers at Elmworth, & in
giving sentence he would look rather to the political
sentiments of the parties than to the merits of the cause.

Should any corroboration of my opinion be required I
do not hesitate to say that it may be procured from every
republican in Elmworth whose opinion ought to be of any
weight.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Yr. M^o Obed^t Serv^t

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William King
Governor of the State of Maine

Leonard James

June 26th 1861

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