

Jacksville Ala
March 13th 1894

My dear Governor:

Strange to say there was no information ^{here} by telegram or Daily paper, of the death of our much lamented Chief Justice, until noon of to-day, otherwise our community, through proper representatives, would have been present at his funeral, thereby evincing the respect and reverence in which he was held by our people, and our inexpressible regret over the loss to the State.

No man in the Commonwealth was more highly esteemed, in this section, than Judge Stone. Our ^{people} knew him, knew his worth, many of us knew him personally; all knew him through his life-time labors and devotion to principle and duty, and therefore honored him living and ^{now} mourn him dead!

I cannot refrain, Governor, from thanking you, personally, for the noble tribute paid to his memory by you in your Proclamation. It, of course, was due to the high Office which

he had so ably filled. ~~+++~~ The Proclamation was more than a perfunctory notice of the death of a great Judge; it was a soulful expression of the highest appreciation of the man as well as Judge - of the man, whose great ability, incorruptible integrity and unswerving life and Character had magnified his Office, and blessed the people by his long and faithful service.

I ~~have written the foregoing~~ ^{write this} you, as an expression of regret that some of us, for want of information, were deprived of the privilege of being present at the obsequies of the great and good man, as well as to express to you my sincere thanks for the just and hearty tribute contained in your Proclamation as Chief Executive of the State of Alabama

I have the honor to be
Very truly your friend
& Humble Servant,
Geo. H. Cleveland