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Dear Sir

The death of Mr J. Meigs com<sup>r</sup> of the  
land office has given us all much concern, on  
account of the loss of so estimable a man, &  
more particularly by the distressed state in which  
he leaves his family. My concern has been ex-  
ceeded, by the necessity it imposes on me of  
appointing a successor. Several estimable in-  
dividuals have been brought into view, & among  
them, my friend Mr Graham; but from the  
painful dilemma relating to him, I have  
been obliged by his own many acts, & desiring  
me, to put him out of the question, from a  
conviction that the appointment ought to be  
confided, on some person in the western  
country. In that quarter also different  
persons came into view, but I have decided,  
on full consideration to confer it on Judge  
McLean, Ch: Justice of Ohio, who was

so useful in the late war. I should have  
been glad of your council, in the case, had  
you been so near as to promise an early  
arrival.

Your self has I hear in a great mea-  
sure recovered his health, which will relieve  
me from the necessity of acting in another  
case, in which the conflicting claims of  
some estimable friends would have cre-  
ated another very serious interposition.  
For General Saccoke I have a sincere re-  
gard, & should certainly have given to  
his merit all the attention it might just-  
ly claim, compared with that of others re-  
siding in the city & near it, & of course sup-  
ported by the citizens.

Of late my family has been in-  
disposed particularly Mrs. Maxwell, but  
she is now better. I hope that you & your  
family have entirely recovered your  
health, with great respect & regard

am Dear Sir yours

James Maxwell