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"The letter of the statute makes the tenure of office, for both clerk and bailiff, during the *pleasure* of the judge; but an office connected with the administration of justice ought, at least practically, to be upon a more certain tenure—and while willing and able to do the duties required of him faithfully, discreetly, and in the mode prescribed, every officer should be able to feel assured that his position was secure. These, my early formed and known sentiments, need no repetition to convince officers in this county that the exercise of my *pleasure* will not be bottomed on a caprice. But I hold the power of removal as a trust, and may not decline to exercise it, when inability or misbehaviour in office is made to appear to my satis-