

(From the Arichat Warden, February, 1892.)

As some people have expressed disbelief in the fact, that the Grits and Repealers offered Senator Miller a Judgeship in 1876, we think every doubt will be removed by a perusal of the following correspondence, which shows, besides, very clearly the opinion entertained of the Senator by two of the great leaders of the Liberal party of that day—Premier Mackenzie and the late Sir Albert Smith, who also spoke for their colleague, Mr. Blake.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,

OTTAWA, June 24th, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR:

We expect within a few days to make the several appointments to the County Courts in Nova Scotia, as the Local Government desire to issue the proclamation provided for by their statute.

I write to request you to allow me to submit your name to His Excellency for the Cape Breton District.

Mr. Blake left for England three weeks ago, or he would have communicated with you on the subject. I know, however, that your nomination will be entirely satisfactory to him, and I have every reason to believe, that it will give general satisfaction, in the District, and in the Province.

I will feel greatly obliged by receiving your early answer, and remain,

My dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

A. MACKENZIE.

HON. WM. MILLER,

Arichat, N.S.

DORCHESTER, June 26th, 1876.

HON. WILLIAM MILLER:

MY DEAR SIR:

As acting Minister of Justice, in the absence of Mr. Blake, it becomes my pleasing duty to offer you the County Court Judgeship of the District of Cape Breton.

Permit me to say, that your fine talents, legal learning, and literary accomplishments, eminently qualify you for the position, and I express the hope that on receipt of this letter you will authorize me by telegraph to submit your name to His Excellency the Governor General for appointment.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

A. J. SMITH.