

County Attorney Young, of Rowan, Writes
in Reply to a Mt. Sterling Special.

[To the Editor of the Courier-Journal.]

MOREHEAD, KY., April 16.—I see a communication in your paper of the 14th inst., purporting to be from Mt. Sterling, in which the writer says, "the hand of the County Attorney is seen through all this," meaning myself, as I am County Attorney of this county. The article also charges my son, Allie, with assisting in getting up a petition to have Craig Toliver appointed Marshal of the town of Morehead.

As far as this article refers to me, it is false. I did not sign the petition, and I was not at home when Toliver was appointed; did not advise or aid in any way to have him appointed, and my son says to me that he did not have anything to do with the matter in any way.

After reading the communication in your paper, I obtained and examined the petition, which is as follows:

We, the undersigned petitioners, do hereby petition Hon James Stuart, County Judge for Rowan county, to appoint B. C. Toliver a Marshal for Morehead, believing Mr. Toliver to be an efficient, competent and suitable person to fill said position.

T. K. Bates, A. W. Vinton, Joda Havens, Lafayette Wadle, L. R. Lane, Zara Daniels, John Strider, B. F. Alley, Sam Smedley, Andrew Nickell, J. L. McLellan, Jake Cohen, Warren Alderson, D. B. Logan, J. M. Carey, Amos Walker, John Medlin, W. D. Munrich, J. W. Webster, Mack Oxley, M. S. Johnson, H. M. Keeton, R. L. Raine, P. Dillon, H. B. Mason, W. A. Gilkerson, C. S. Harlow, James J. Brady, W. S. Thompson, John Pelfrey, A. G. Alderson, Geo. A. Nickell, H. C. Powers, J. M. Hargis, Wm. Trumbo, Marwin Pegman, D. B. Smedley, James Oxley, B. M. Pegman, John H. Day, C. W. Collins, Thomas Trumbo, Jesse B. Coldiron, Wm. Nickell, James H. Hargis, J. A. Nickell, J. W. Keeton, W. J. Rice, Jackson Carter, Lee Marckum, H. G. Burns, J. R. Tyree, E. W. Hamilton, C. A. Black, Riley Chanler, Wm. D. Easterling, Col. John Hargis, C. P. Martin, M. D., J. R. Powers, Richmond Tasey, Jerry Fletcher, T. W. Banfield, W. C. Humphrey, Cyrus Alley.

The correspondent further says that "it is believed that I will return to Rowan when I surround myself with a sufficient number of desperadoes, etc." This, too, is very unjust as well as untrue. I had returned to Morehead to stay some days before Toliver was appointed Marshal, which shows clearly the correspondent or his informant sought to prejudice me before the public.

The correspondent thinks there should be a special Judge to try parties, but fails to see the necessity for any one but the Sheriff (who has been the main man in the recent war in Rowan) to perform the functions of that office, and asks that "he be backed by the militia." The article not only fails to state the truth, but shows inconsistency on its face.

I could enter into a full discussion of this matter and show you the injustice and falsehood charged against me heretofore and in the article referred to, but this would have a tendency to disturb the quiet condition of affairs at present.

I have used my best efforts to preserve peace, and I hope I may never so far forget myself as to say or do anything to aid in bringing about discord and bloodshed in the county in which I live. You will see that Carey and Sheriff Humphrey signed this petition to have Toliver appointed Town Marshal of Morehead. By giving this space in your columns you will greatly oblige,

Z. T. YOUNG.