

**John McNairy to Andrew Jackson, September 3, 1823,
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JOHN McNAIRY TO JACKSON.

Nashville, September 3, 1823.

Confidential

Dear Genl. , Our mutual friend Mr. Joseph Phillips rests with his Fathers and I entertain no doubt, but that he enjoys the blessings, promised by the author of all good to peacemakers. his kind offices (as you know) has afforded me the opportunity of writing you this note. Unanimity and friendship is all important to all goverments, but more especially to this republic, and gives the highest relish to private life, your magnanimous mind puts the highest estimate upon it. Will you therefore, Sir, permit me to use my feeble efforts, to bring about a reconciliation between you and Colo. John Williams and thereby united not only him, but all his amiable connections in the sweets of harmony with you¹

¹ Judge McNairy's effort to effect a reconciliation between Jackson and Williams was doubtless made in behalf of the prospects of Colonel Williams in the election. See p. 200, *ante*, note I.

I know I am meddling with a very delicate subject, being totally unauthorised, and cool calculating prudence would have forbidden me to write, but I concluded that if it did no good, it could do no harm, and I assure myself that you will not ascribe to it any improper motive. On another subject I have *some* reason to believe *now* , that I can do something towards a compromise of the law suit with Colo. Erwin; and if it is agreeable to you I will

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make the effort You and myself began life together, time rolls on apace, we shall soon cease to act, untill then and afterwards may you be happy.

Your friend