

Robert Hays to Samuel Donelson, January 1, 1792, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

1 A printed form, with the words here italicized, the signatures, and the indorsements, in handwriting. The document represents "high jinks" of the Nashville lawyers, like those of Counsellor Pleydell and his boon companions in chapter XXXVI. of *Guy Mannering* . Robert Hays was the husband of one of Mrs. Jackson's sisters, Samuel Donelson one her brothers.

[January 1, 1792.]

ROBERT I. Lord Chief Joker and General Humbugger of North-America, West of Apalachian Mountain: To my beloved Son *Samuel Donelson Esquire*

Send Greeting.

I HEREBY, HEREBY, and HEREBY ONLY, do constitute and appoint YOU, my beloved and trusty Son, *Samuel Donelson Esquire High Marschal of the High Court of The Lord Chief Joker and General Humbugger of North America West of the Apalachian Mountain* GIVEN under my hand and the great seal, on the *First* day of *January* in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two of the Christian æEra.

Robert Hays L. C. J.

By his Lordship's command, Andrew Jackson, Attorney General.

[*Indorsed* :] Roberts I to S. Donelson Esqr. Commission.