

Abraham Lincoln,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

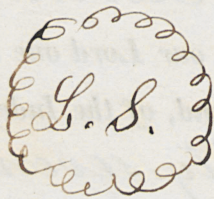
To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in the wisdom, uprightness, and learning, of *Solomon L. Withey, of Michigan,* I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, —

DO APPOINT him *to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Michigan;*

and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office, according to the Constitution and Laws of the said United States, **AND TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said Office, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him, the said *Solomon L. Withey, during his good behaviour.* —

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand, at the city of Washington, the *Eleventh* day of *March* —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Sixty-three* —, and, of the Independence of the United States of America, the *Eighty-seventh*.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:

William H. Seward,

Secretary of State.