

Potomac Va. Nov. 27th 1890

Mr. Edwin Nelson
Brentsville Va.

Dear Sir:

I sent to Judge Lipscomb a petition signed by a few, very few I am sorry to say, asking him not to grant license for the sale of intoxicating liquors at this place. The ladies of Potomac did not know that the parties in favor of a bar room had a petition out or that any application for license had been made until the latter part of last week, or we might have been able to do better. Two men have been to me to sign since I sent off the petition and what I want you to do for us is to ask the judge if he cannot refuse the license to at least postpone granting any for thirty days when we may be able to get a majority of the signers. I have been creditably informed that Maddox the man applying for license has the names of children on his application, his own children among the number.

Those who signed our petition are with the exception of the telegraph operators, head of families and women who realize the danger to which a bar-room here will expose the community. This being the junction of two roads there are numbers of tramps put off here who lay around waiting a chance to steal a ride and we are sure if they can get whiskey here some of them may prove troublesome.

There is just one thing more I want to say and I would be glad if you as a friend to Mr. Kincheloe would tell him these parties who are trying for a bar room here have set afloat the story that Mr. Kincheloe gave them permission to build a shanty on this unclaimed lot they have taken and also agreed to get their license on credit and grant other favors provided they voted the Democratic Ticket which they did and claim that he will see they get what he promised. I do not for one believe this tale, but others I have talked with do and the fact will injure his chances for a future election not a little and will not help the Democratic Party. This is simply a flying rumor and cannot be traced to its true source, but I hope Mr. Kincheloe will not give it color by helping these parties in their project.

Pardon me for troubling you. I could get no one to represent us and it was suggested to me that you might call the judge's attention to our petition when Maddox was presented and so aid us in at least obtaining a delay. Permit me to sign myself the daughter of an old friend (M. A. Goods)

Eva N. McInteer

If you cannot act upon this can you not hand it to someone who can – say – Messrs Nicol or Meredith.