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Dear Mercury.

The Court of Appeals has decided the World's Fair bill unconstitutional by general and the Legislature finds itself in the middle of a bad fix, and unless a new bill is passed Kentucky will have no exhibit at Chicago's great Fair, and Kentuckians will have to be content to look on, as one will want to let it be known they are folks the old Commonwealth.

The decision of the the Court of Appeals does not only knock the Fair bill higher than a kite, but eventually knocks the stuffing out almost one third of the most important bills passed by the Legislature, unless the Court reverses itself, which it is most likely it will not. Some of the decisions are mortal and are about as little to change their minds as other people. They do not like their dissents however, as the majority of the court are made up of plain people always thinking some other certain others never do. The decision of the Court in this case is delivered in three actions with patent reversible fixed gizes, that can be opened in times of necessity. It is clearly decided that the Auditor was right in refusing to pay out the money, and it is as clearly decided that the course he took in examining the Legislative journals, and all of the *Judge except Judge Pryor* was that the Governor, the Courts and other boards of state had beyond the controled bills to the journals of the Legislature to find out whether what purports to be a law is a law indeed.

With all the deference to the Court I regret this as the most dangerous doctrine ever announced by a court, and my experience as a clerk comes in to back up my opinion. I have attended to lately the *Journal* business. Hereafter the clerks of the committees will be my power as Clerk of the House of Representatives, he would read the most important legislation by the omission of the highest constitutional requirement. Then the journal is not a note book, it is a record of what Kentucky's lawmakers have done, and it is not a popular, where it is handed and thrashed out, and hash prepared, mashed or changed so as to be good humor. I can remember the Court was ignorant of the way Legislature journals were kept, although one of Louisville's ponted lawyers told from the *Journals* were generally kept by Stenotypist and no one knows it better, but I can agree with the court Legislative journal is for the statement, and if it is not kept, it should be so kept. I think the Governor may examine the journals to see if the statements of enactments have been not and tabled, and I have heard some lawyers talk this subject and, now think it a good idea. I have seen bills signed the signature of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House, of which are required to be signed to the enrolled bill, to a journal kept on loose sheets of legal cap, and knocked about a printing office, by a hundred Tramps, does the less validity long on tender the claim.

The doubting of the journals could hardly stand not be taken seriously, and I do not keep my secretary constantly in my office for the danger of the destruction of the court causes me to wake with shrieks on the subjects. As for me I shall demand that the House have my journal read each day, and approved or corrected. I do not propose to put myself in the position where I could be compelled to spend much leisure as the courts decision makes it possible for me or any clerk to do. If this ever comes to stop upon me I shall take the Governor's advice and stay in as not written in contempt, and in all honesty and fairness, and if the Legislature journals are not kept right with the view that the matter may be attended to.

I. D. B.

LET HIM COME AGAIN.

If it be true that a president being circumvented, or will be circumvented, unknowingly to himself, by a Cabinet Council from which he is absent, it is time that the Cabinet should be abolished, and that the President should have power, and be free to do his work, and not have his power, not, even so, his responsibility lessened by the presence of men who are never offense of responsibility or office. There was but within him which prevented his tipping from Benson the 15th week Nov. and some time to keep his hand over open. Let him be free to come and go, and no man will say the Governor may—Liverpool Journal.

WM. M. PARKER, the bright manager of the Louisville Courier-Journal Post, is an applicant for surveyor of the 1st of Lincoln. Mr. Parker has been a success in the difficult profession of newspaper work, has been several daily papers, and would be a good man for the place if he is the appointed position for such. We hope he will get it, and we know he will get it if Grover Cleveland is elected President.

In the county houses, who are disenfranchised because they are not legal voters, would vote the new Constitution, they would kill a law which makes it the duty of every officer, who receives the fees of office to account for them. There would be