



Berryman, Clifford Kennedy, artist. "Which he did thrice refuse." Washington, DC, before 1944. Folger ART Box B534 no.13

Familiarity with Shakespeare made lines from his plays highly reusable in venues like political cartoons. This political cartoon by Clifford Kennedy Berryman depicts President William Taft as Julius Caesar. After serving a term as the 27th President of the United States, Taft became a law professor. In 1921, he was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court by President Warren G. Harding. In the cartoon, it is Roosevelt, not Harding, who offers Taft a crown bearing the words "Supreme Court," perhaps suggesting that Roosevelt's influence in Taft's election to the presidency in 1909 led to his seat on the Supreme Court.

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