

Newburgh December 20. 1841

Dear Sir I received under cover from
you a few days since the Documents
concerning our forementioned communica-
tion to Congress by the President for
which you will please to accept my
thanks. The firm & energetic measures now
pursuing by the twelfth Congress you
may rest assured will be unanimously
supported by your constituents in Orange
& I have no doubt by the great bulk of the
American people - Of negotiations and em-
barrassing measures we have in all con-
science had enough - & I hope Con-
gress will now make a stand - and if
we have your support then with as
much determination as those who signed
the declaration of Independence

You friends here are much pleased
in having the Ratio fixed at 35000
considering the preponderance of power
of the Southern Members to their
own favorite views I shall soon
be thinking of meeting our State
Council at Albany & shall beg leave
to hear from you often during the
Session & would beg the favor of
your sending me such commu-
nications as you may deem of any
service to us while at Albany who
always look to Washington for
information. The Vice President
also sent me a copy of the Docu-
ments for which you will please
to present ^{to him} my thanks & my best
wishes for his health & happiness

I subscribe the votes on the last resolution
of the report of the Committee of foreign
relations that Dr. McMillen's Nerves had
failed him again - You will please
to give my best respects to Genl. Garrison
and to push of your colleagues in England
for me & believe me to remain yours
sincerely

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The Honorable
Pierre Van Cortlandt
Member of Congress
Washington

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