

George Town Cross Road, Kent County Maryland
October 29th. 1812

Honble J. Van Bortland

Dear Sir,

I wrote you from this place the last of July, and informed you of my intention of going through Pennsylvania, for the benefit of my Health - In this route, I was through, Chester County, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Cumberland and Bedford - I saw some very influential Republicans, and many of them declared their active determination in favour of Mr. Gileston. I was fortunate at Bedford Springs where there was, many respectable Pennsylvanians from various Counties, and Political discussions took place daily - Findley, Treasurer of the State, and a Josiah Randall of Philad^a, both of whom with a Mr Piper, member of Congress for the district appeared to be drill sergeants, - I took the Field wth Findley & Randall, & fortunately got victory in every contest, at least I got the applause of the People, I took the broadest Basis of Democracy, & showed some large Receipts for money paid in the cause, which gave me a good footing, - the argument they wished to influence by, was a division of Republican Interests.

to which I objected, that Republicans must be
Slaves, according to their doctrine, for an adminis-
tration on their ground must never be opposed, let
their measures be ever so hostile to the Liberties
of the People, or Interests of the Country, because it
would divide Republican Interests. - I further
used the Congressional Caucus with great freedom,
which if submitted to by the People, was a solemn
and formal surrender of their suffrage, to the
violation of Congress, against which our excellent
Constitution had been particularly guarded. -
I flattered myself with gaining some excellent
converts - my return was through Frederick
Burke, Jefferson, Virginia, Washington & Frederick
Maryland - The Evening I reached Baltimore
a Democratic meeting was held at Faddy's &
I had not alighted 15 minutes before a deputa-
tion waited upon me, with invitation to attend -
I attended & was called to the Chair - The object
to make City nominations - I took occasion to
to say, that as two candidates were in nomination
- Hanson for Madison & Taylor for Clinton, I presumed
the meeting would not make any expression on
the subject, for I was convinced, many Gent.
as well as myself were infuenced by Mr. Clinton

and on this subject the citizens should be left free -
of course no expression was made upon the subject.

I have been some time in this country, - have
had several conferences with Colo. Reed - we have
had difficulty in getting a suitable candidate
but, W. P. Ridgway of Queen Anne's is fixed upon.

I have been daily occupied in riding through
this County & Queen Anne's, and been at meetings
of the people. - I have almost become pretty clever
on the stump - I have the most sanguine ex-
pectation of this district. - I am also confident
a nat. stump, will beat Lloyd, in Talbot, for
line & Dorset - my only apprehension is the upper
district of Dorset, where there are 700 dem.

I intend down there next week having a very gene-
ral acquaintance, with almost every man on this
side the bay - I cannot give up Pennsylvania
or North Carolina - If we get either, of Clinton
& Liberty will live & the Prosperity & happiness
of our beloved Country will be established -

I should be very glad to hear from you
and to know what intelligence you have from
County. North Carolina, Ohio &c. I trust all is
well. I rejoice to tell you my health the past
has improved, probably by some exertion of my lungs.
I part with great esteem
your most obedt
Wm. C. C.

Gen. J. Van Bortlandt



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