

Albany 20<sup>th</sup> March 1811

Dear Sir/

You will receive herewith the papers relative to Capt. Thomas Machin's claim for an increase of Pension - I presume the report now made by Dr. D. Smith & myself will answer the purpose - although you will see that it is entirely founded on the Capt's affidavit because it was impossible that from the nature of his wound that we could found our report on any other information than that received from him and a presumption that would arise from our knowledge of his having been wounded. —

our City has been in considerable commotion for some Days from the charges against several persons for attempting to corrupt or bribe the members of the Legislature to vote for the six million Bank - the assembly have been engaged several Days on that business - and yesterday the Senate was engaged with Lord Dorris - the injunction of secrecy was removed and it appears that Casper M. Rouse a Senator charged our Treasurer (D. Thomas) with an attempt to seduce him by an offer of shares or money in that institution - he is to be  
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heard by Council to Day what will be the result is doubtful but there is no doubt but what the Treasurer has been employed by the agents of that Bank.

There appears to be a very strong desire with the greater part of the members of the Legislature to nominate D. W. Clinton for President of the United States there has been several meetings on this occasion and so far as I am informed all in favor of it. some however doubting the policy - a Committee has been appointed to get information from our Republican members in Congress relative to a nomination there and the support he may have in other States - and also to know the pleasure of the Vice President relative to his continuance.

Galatin's Taxes as they are called are universally disapproved of indeed I am persuaded Republicanism must sink at least in this State if they prevail and at all events much injured - in my humble opinion they are radically wrong because when a nation has the least ability to pay taxes they should not be increased - and this must necessarily be the case in time of war. why not resort to loans and when our country and commerce

again becomes flourishing and prosperous then discharge these loans - this appears to me to be a very plain and simple proposition, and it only resolves itself into this enquiry, whether loans can be obtained or not. and on this subject no one can doubt (for various reasons that might be detailed) that America could obtain loans to any amount.

The Mayor of this City has been unwell for some Days I believe with a severe cold.

I understand he was better yesterday - otherwise your friends here are all well -

our family joins me in very best regards to you and the Vice President - with great respect  
your friend and humble servt

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In Congress  
Washington