

Dear Sir

I have received two letters from you, the one directed to me at Washington and forwarded to the General was by him remitted to me at New York. It gave me great pleasure to receive both these letters as they contained many warm expressions of friendship highly valued by me. The sentiments of approbation expressed by my friends, and which were thus shared to me can not gain say are the more gratifying to me as they not only serve to confirm a conviction of having acted in conformity to the Rules of propriety but also serve to enable me more effectually to bear the aspersions of Malice or the malignant attempts of Political invidiousness. The information which you have communicated in respect to the Expressions used by General ——— I presume to be highly probable. The whole family convention summon several occasions to be governed by principles of honor and I am not conscious it is possible that, however unwholesome may be the Remedy, they would ever assume a line of conduct in another, which

is the result of the same principles that would regulate their own actions on a similar occasion —

What interests us most at present is a report of Mr Gallatin to Congress in relation to the Finances of the Union — You will no doubt peruse it, and make your own comments — The impression it has made on my mind, is a doubt of the Policy of a total abolition of internal Taxation — I have so strong a desire to see the National debt reduced that however odious a land tax may appear in my eye I should almost prefer a continuation thereof rather ~~not~~ witness a reduction of that enormous, and dangerous mass —

Should you have any convenient time in Albany which I presume to be not unlikely permit me to request the favor of an active Correspondence on your part — I will of course avail myself of every leisure moment, to communicate to you such things as may be of consequence here — The first of our

State Government always affords something new, and it is of use to be acquainted with the moving springs which regulate such Measures as may be adopted for the good of the State or the maintenance of Republican principles —

Constant to whom I have resigned the <sup>active</sup> command of the Company formerly raised by me is anxious to be appointed a Captain — Nothing can now be well done, as I shall soon receive my command and a promotion takes place in respect to me — The details of my command will not permit that in the line, and I have <sup>therefore</sup> estimated a visit to the Commander in Chief that if he would appoint me one of his Aids I should accept thereof with pleasure — He is by law entitled to three — Should you be of opinion that the <sup>services</sup> Expenses and other sacrifices made by me, entitle me thereto, you are at liberty to write a confidential letter to the Governor upon that subject —

I am Yours with all sincerity and truth —

Wm Parker

Col. Butterfield

14th May 1861



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Letter from G. W. C. C. C.