

Greenburgh April 7th 1812

Sir

I received the documents laid before Congress by the President from you, Respecting the famous, or Rather Infamous, Mr. Henrys Mission Employed by Gov. Craig to Induce our Citizens to a plan to dismember the Union and am much Obligated to you for your Politeness but am happy ~~to~~ that no American Citizen as I can hear ever fell in with his plan, I should have been very glad. Had you gave me your Opinion respecting the business of Mr. Henry as you are at the fountain of Information and if it is true as the report goes that Mr. Madison gave Mr. Henry fifty thousand dollars for his disclosures we are here of Opinion if he did he paid too dear for the whiffle you no doubt before this reaches you will hear of the Gov.^{rs} Proroguing the Legislature in order to stop the passage of the American Bank what the consequence will be I know not but the thinking part of the people here suppose the had not a right to think that all wisdom of the state was in him and at Least might have trusted the passage of the bill to the Council of revision and deem it a tyrannical and unprecedented act in the United States which will prevent the passage of many Important bills the one for restructuring the state in Congressional Districts I am informed is not passed and if Corcoran we must loose 7 Members in Congress our District will again have to Voot with orange and if Corcoran will claim the right of Nomination you no doubt will

be much Grieved at the Conduct of the Court
for turning out your Old friend M^r C. as high Sher-
riff and putting in Doct^r Cook as you must suppose
your Old friend J. W. will be much Mortified by it
this is Grate Manuevering in the County by the Madi-
sonians in order to put down the Clintonians and
they are Mustering all their strength against County
Meeting and believe the Clintonians are not Idle I should
think it a grate favour to receive a Line from you at
every Leisure and hour you have and Inform me your
Opinion respecting the affairs of our Government re-
specting our getting into awas as it may be of Service
to me as I am some Engaged in the Mercantile Line
This from Yours as Usual

Abraham Odell

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Member of Congress at Washington

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J. C. C.