

Richard D. Lairy

D^r Sir

The approach of the election requires from political friends an interchange of sentiment and I avail myself of our similar feelings to invite your attention to a subject not a little interesting to me.

The Senator comes this fall from this County. I am not solicitous who he shall be. but am anxious that he shall not be. H. P. Tallmadge Esq^r of this place - a relative of the Gen^l and a man of the same political stamp & currency. Without further description you will know enough of him.

He and his friends are making great efforts to get him nominated not only in this County but all over the District. We shall do all we can to get a Delegation to the Senatorial Convention from Dutchess hostile to him. I have great strong hopes of success. Should we fail in that we should like still to defeat him if possible. If we do not it may be advisable to have some pains taken to get right Delegates from the other Counties. To prevent his friends obtaining them by their secret and cautious exertions to secure them in his favour.

I hope it will be in your power to fix your
County on this subject - and would advise an
early attention - The term of four years is wholly
too long for any man who changes his politics
every two years - & I deem him politically
ineligible - as a party man. He would be
against us before his term would be out -
Can you do any thing in relation to this in
Putnam, Rockland, or any other County of the
District? - A few letters from you about
the District might be of excellent service

We shall do all we can to put him
down at home - I hope to effect it - But too
soon we cannot be -

Accept assurances of my respect and of
the consideration with which I am

Yours obt. servt

Richard D Davis

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Gen Peter Van Cortlandt.