

Washington, Nov 16th 1812.

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from you ~~some~~ two or three days since, and should have answered it sooner had there been any thing particular to communicate. By this days mail we have received various letters and certificates from New York, and are promised more. These we will communicate tomorrow to the Committee, and doubt not, but they will be of importance in strengthening our statements.

Our business goes on slowly. The Committee of both houses have given us very full and candid hearings. The Committee from Philadelphia and ~~New~~^{New} York Boston have likewise been heard before the Committee of the lower house this morning. Their statement agreed with ours, and after they had been heard ~~on~~ the ~~same~~ amount of our testimony was read to them and they corroborated it entirely. They mention that our testimony has been written out at length, and with great clearness and ability, so as to make a very plain, and eloquent appeal. There was a report yesterday that the Committee of the lower house had determined to report in our favour 4 to 3. If so they must have reconsidered the question for I hear that the Committee stand divided, there being for a favourable report

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and three for referring it to Gallatin. One of the committee ~~is~~
(St. Kitts) is dangerously sick, should he be enabled to vote I
am told it would be for referring it to Gallatin. There
is not however, perfect confidence to be placed in these
reports. I should not be surprised however, if the business
is ultimately placed in Gallatin's hands; who, no doubt would
be for making a bargain of out of us, perhaps obliging us
to subscribe to the loan - this however is but conjecture, for
on the whole I am satisfied Gallatin is favourable to us.

You will perceive ~~from the~~ from what I have said
that at present we are quite in a state of uncertainty, and
though I look forward with steady hope to the ultimate
result, yet I apprehend considerable trouble and
anxiety before we extricate ourselves.

Mr. Tinsman and other gentlemen forming a com-
mittee from Baltimore have just arrived. The former appears
to be a shrewd and active man and I anticipate ^{considerable} ~~for~~
assistance to our cause from him.

If the committee determine on reporting favourably I
suppose the report will be made the day after tomorrow.
or the day after. Should any thing occur in the mean
time worthy of communication you will hear from some
one or other of us; in the mean time you may depend

on our unremitting assiduity.

with great regard

W Isaac Carow.

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Your friend & servant
Washington Irving

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New York.
Madam

Mr. James Cooper

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