

Poughkeepsie 5 Oct 1829

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2^d I got as I was starting on Saturday morning for our C^o. Convention - and in the words of Perry. I might almost say that in that Convention we met the enemy & made them ours. But that we did not give effort. We have however divided the Delegation. They have two Messrs. Hooker & Boeker. and we two. Haight and DeSamarthen. They were cocksure of success until we took the quiet sound in the Convention when they found our strength. and after that they went to work to beguile & buy off as we should have beaten them out of the field. They had old John Radcliff. of Cobleskill in the Convention. But for his intrigues and bargains. we should have swept the board. All things considered we reckon you & all our friends that the result is a victory. and we look with confidence to beat them on Sunday at Newburgh. It now stands. Your County 3. Dutchess 2 & 1/2. Putnam 2 & 1/2. in all 7. who are sure to be against Sallmadge. We want two more to have the majority. What we must have

without doubt.

I shall be at Newburgh, if alive & able to
get there - on Wednesday evening. I will rejoice
to meet you - Come on with your Delegates & give
them up against Tallmadge -
Our County meeting was the most awful contest I
have ever seen - and every body says that we have
flogged them - They are evidently thunderstruck
at the result - but they were perfectly confident of
carrying all before them - The victory is ours
in the County - Let us make it ours in the
District -

Mr. Hooker is Tallmadge's partner. He is the man who
is to be made Circuit Judge after Emott if Tallmadge
gets the nomination - He was an old Federalist before
he turned Bucktail

Mr. Barker was an old Federalist - the only man in
the town who refused to illuminate for Perry's
victory - These are the men who are Tallmadge's

Delegates - Cross are are demagogues from
the cradle - & Jackson to the grave -

As to the Nelson intrigue & agreement - I do not
doubt it myself - but such things are incapable
of positive proof -

We feel confident of beating Tallmadge & I
shall give the Convention all Dutchess Co.
to choose from besides him - if they want
it - Our language is any body but him -

I am with great esteem & respect. Your
Obedt. Servant
Richard D. Davis

Gen. Van Cortlandt

R R Davis

Gen. Pierre Van Cortlandt
Peekskill
West Chester County

R R Lewis,

1840