

Albany January. The 23rd 1804

Dear Sir
I received yours of the 23rd. the turnpike bill is now before the Senate it is impossible to determine what will be the fate of it. you know the opposition it will meet with from our County
I find my self dissatisfied to mention one matter to you which perhaps you may think a little singular before the Legislature met while the Council of appointment was sitting a young man by the name of Lane a fed came to my quarters to solicit an appointment for ^{some} ~~a~~ friend in the Corps of Conversation it was observed by me that I had reason to believe that about the time of adopting the federal Constitution there were some leading Characters who wished to have a monarchial government. and being asked my reasons. I answered among other things. that I had heard that there were at that time a Letter or Letters came from some Persons to the Congress that held up such a proposition and that on certain conditions should Except of one of George's sons. at and that such a Letter or to that purport had been Copied in J. Hamilton's office but that I did not remember that it was Copied by Hamilton's order or knowledge
But Lane with a view as I suppose to comply told Hamilton a number of things that I

Judge Gentry letter
about Hamilton's name

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Messrs. J. Cortlandt & Co
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12th

Hamilton brought Lane to me. I told him
the story as I have related but did not tell
him who I had it from which he appears very
anxious to know. I told him I would write to the
Person and obtain his consent if he chose to
give it. I am informed by a friend of yours that
you told him the same as you told me but that
you likewise told him that it was a person by
the name of Strong that copied the letter
Governor Clinton says he had seen one of the
letters or a copy. thus I told Hamilton who
said he would call on the governor. but I believe
he has not done it. the Governor is ready
to explain the matter to him which he says
Hamilton will not like.

and as Hamilton presses on me to know
my orthodoxy I wish to know your opinion on
the subject. I believe Strong is a few misapprehensions
will not ~~omit~~ the fact. but if you can substantiate
it any other way it will be sufficient
for I expect the more he Enquires into it
the less he will like it
I thank you to write me on the subject
the first opportunity

I am Dear Sir your friend
and obedient Servant

Edw. Barry

Original
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of
the
letter
to
Hamilton
from
Barry