

Dear Father

Albany March 9 - 1814

I received your Letter of the 5th Instant dated at the Mills, it gave me pleasure to learn that Mr. Buchanan was getting better, I hope he may get perfectly restored, should he ^{do} otherwise then well he will leave a distressed family, particularly his wife, as she will have her own troubles with Gerard & Stephen, indeed I think more with the last than the first; however the last paid the better - Yesterday the Committee in the Assembly reported upon Gad. Ogden's claim to be a Steam Boat on the waters of the State of N York - It comprehended all the particulars of that institution, beginning with the patent of John Fitch, declaring that he did propel a Boat by Steam in the River Delaware & obtained a Patent - together with the Law of this State in his favor - declaring that R. R. & Fulton have not improved upon that machinery & invented none, that the Law passed by this State in favor of R. R. & L. was arbitrary & unjust, and a nullity - The Committee reported a Bill in favor of Gad. Ogden to the above effect, if it passes it completely destroys Fultons monopoly and that it will prob. the Assembly there is no doubt, how it will be in the Senate is uncertain, however if it does not not this

this Session it will eventually, the public opinion
is very much opposed to Galt & the work of
the Committee clearly proves that M. M. L. & Galt
deceived the Legislature — Luther Martin
is here from Baltimore & I suppose that ^{as} he is
counsel for God: Aiden together with Mr Alden
& J. Henry. he will be heard at the bar of the
House — Galt has Mr Emmet —

I send you Mr Bradford Sumner preached here
for the Commemoration of The Emancipation of
Holland from the fangs of the Tyrant —

I am very sorry to learn by a letter from
my Mother that poor Abby is so ill; I send
a receipt for her which may help her — I shall
be really distressed if she does not recover —

Sister Phoebe is much better and the Mayor
as usual — All well here — Ann joins me
in Love to you & all at Boston, Let Abby
know how uneasy I am about her — I shall
be down with the first Steam Boat —

Am your Affection Son

Leopold Ottens Jr

and P. P. C. White paper

which Sullivan
Steamboat

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Pierre van Cortlandt Esq
fwd by
Capt. Dyckman } Cotton River

Wm. & Co. 100 N. 1st St. N.Y.
Keeps 12
Sullivan's Steam Boat