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Genl P. Van Cotten

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Dear General

I have had no Public Documents
lately that I could send you they won't run
but one copy for each Member or I should
have ranked you among my first and best
friends and ^{made it} manifest ~~to~~ by my attention
I have time to write but find letters other than
those I am obliged to write home or business.

I send you herewith a new book which
has the whole of the Correspondence of the
Chevalier De Briss with Mr Monroe on
our Relations with Spain it is a valuable
Public Document of State papers.

The House of Representatives have for a
long time had under consideration the report
of the Committee of Ways and Means on
a System of Permanent Revenue which

Which I presume you have seen. I believe the
House will concur with the Committee in their
report favorably. A bill was passed yesterday
in our House to regulate the duties on all goods, wares
and merchandise imported or exported: The
United States I have no doubt it will soon pass
the Senate and become a law.

Mr John Ralldolph Oppos the Report
Generally he has shewn great deal ^{it} against
he occupied the floor for three days in success
and speaks about four hours in each day
he wandered very often from the subject he
is however a fine speaker.

I can not give you ^{any} ~~an~~ certain account
or information on the Presidential question it
now becomes rather the better opinion that
Governor Tompkins will not set a Can-
didate against Mr Monroe is most likely
(by what I can learn) to succeed at a Can-
didate Governor Tompkins away ^{be} ~~for~~ ^{nomi-}
nated Vice President. I have just heard
the

that a legislative caucus of the Legislature
of Pennsylvania have nominated Mr. Monroe
for President & Governor Snyder for Vice Pres.

As soon as I can get any better information
when I will write you again I will
be very happy to hear from you —

I am very respectful

Yours humble Servt

Gentl P. Van Cortlandt - Jussieu