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Dear Sir

I expect the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to settle the dispute between the United States and Thomas North relative to the publick land at West Point will soon be laid before Congress by which you will find I was employed by the Commissioners as a surveyor. The dispute is only relative to one line, but as the deeds to the U. S. for these lands were destroyed when the War Office was burnt some years past, the Secretary of War directed the Commissioners to have the whole of the publick land surveyed and the lines accurately ascertained & marked & which by the map annexed to the return of the Commissioners you will observe has been done — Perhaps it may be thought by some that the Charge for surveying is too much, but as there was no certain documents as a guide we were obliged in the first place to run Random lines in order to ascertain the true Course & Corners before an accurate line could be run & properly marked so the lines were run twice and over such Rocks & mountains I never traversed any so difficult besides we were hindered many days & obliged to return home by reason of repeated Rains and in traversing the River there were upward of fifty different courses & the most difficult & Rugged I ever experienced — And I assure you the time charged was spent in the business & I never earned money with so much fatigue & labour in my life —

It is with pleasure I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the communications you was so kind as to

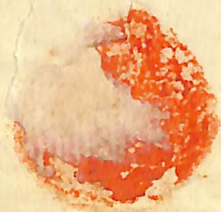
send to me. I hope Congress will continue to support with
firmness the measures adopted, and not relax an inch. I have
lately seen a Letter from a member in Congress assuring that
there would be no war &c. such communications tend to
perplex & embarrass & destroy confidence & create suspicion
of inconsistency —

With pleasure I inclose you Governor Tompkins's speech
to our Legislature I think you will be pleased with it

am Dear Sir with esteem
your humble servant

Newton Hoptkins

The Hon Secy. of the Court



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