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Jas. M. McKim
The Honble.
Percy S. Mott
Albany

Dr Sir

Washington Jan 3^d 1817

very much used to send to the
Committee on the subject of the
Petition of Paulding I inform you that the
House in the House of Representatives referred
to the Committee on Commerce and Revolutionary
Claims. The Committee have not yet
reported but by what I can learn from the
Chairman the report will be against
the Petition. Mr Pitkin has endeavored
to persuade me to set a different report I fear
known without success what the House
will do I can not say We shall try to
have the report laid on the table so that
when we are ready we can call it up
I have no particular news to write you
The House is now engaged in a debate of the
Legislative Committee on a bill to settle
between Mr. Eakin & Mr. Scott from the
Massachusetts

Nebraska Territory Mr. Scott is the sitting
Member

I would be pleased to hear from you
often on a subject good and I leave
always agreed and I want to know how
matter looks, whether for or against our
views - And who is the most prominent
Character to be opposed to our friend
I would like to hear from you at least
twice a week after our Legislative meet.

Is it settled that Governor Louphins
will resign after the 3rd March next &
also give a previous notice of that ^{intention} ~~event~~
as soon as he knows. Especially that
he is to be the next of the U.S.

I have no news to write you at
present. We are engaged in the ordinary
business of legislation in winter.

I am very Respect -
Yours Very Truly
Genl. Perry Van Dusen
J. J. Wilkinson