

Dear Sir/

Presuming you expect to hear from your friends in this
quarter. and feeling a pleasure in considering myself of that
description. I take the liberty to address myself to you. we are
progressing in our Legislative & Judicial Occupations - the Banks
contemplated seem to have met with a repulse on the Threshold
the Governor's speech has disappointed the hopes of their numerous
applicants I am of opinion that if any help it will be one for
the western district only - we are surrounded with the Godfathers
of those institutions but I presume. the Christening will be deferred
until the next session - we were alarmed with an account of Mr
Sailley's having been killed by a band of smugglers when in the act
of executing the duties of his office - an account is now arrived which
seems to be credited - it is that five persons with two Slaves stopped at
his house. forced open the door of his office found a double barrelled
which they broke. they then proceeded further when they were met by
Mr. Sailley. who discharged a pistol shot one of them through the body. but
again and wounded another. they then made off taking the wounded
men with them. leaving one of the Slaves with several fire arms -
and other weapons - it is found that one of the persons supposed to be
wounded mortally resides in that country. the others are not yet known -
Said Goods in Mr S. house & possession was the object of their
violent attempt, such is the prevailing report which seems
to be generally believed. Smuggling is carried on to a very

considerable extent. a large quantity of those kind of Goods were turned
two days since concealed. in the Mass. - Can house de of Cornelius
Glen deceased - within four miles of this City, your Mother in law
and Sister are in good health the Mayor still lame - ~~the~~ all Anti-Slavery
Mr Rensselaer looks extremely well - our family joins in our best
wishes to you. in which I sincerely join

Albany 6 Feb 1812 -

I am D^r Sir

Yours sincerely John Taylor

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The Honble



Pierre Van Battenolt

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Washington -

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