

Hartford Kentucky, 30 March 1838

My Dear General

yours dated in November last
I received, and it afforded me great pleasure
to hear from you; particularly that you
were in the enjoyment of good health and
spirits. I spent the greater part of the past
winter in Frankfort during the session
of our Legislature, where I found it some
what disagreeable in consequence of the
prevailance of a violent party spirit which
was caused by the violence of the Clay party
who had the ascendancy in our Legislature.

The Republican party who were the supporters
of the present Administration, although in
the minority maintained their cause
well and measurably defeated them in
their plans of proscripton, and turning
out of office, the friends of General Jackson,
you no doubt have seen the extraordinary
resolutions in answer to those of South
Carolina upon the subject of the Tariff,
in which they gave us blay a whitemashing

these proceedings have created a considerable excitement in Kentucky, and I have no doubt will bring about a reaction against him, in our elections to the Legislature the present year. We shall have a violent struggle in our elections to the Legislature, it will devolve upon them to elect a successor to Mr. Rowan in the Senate of the United States and a violent effort will be made by both ^{parties} for the majority; but I entertain no doubt of our success, we have made all of our arrangements and stand prepared for action when the day of battle arrives. We have but a bare majority in the U.S. Senate, the loss of one Senator may change that majority and place our worthy President in a very unpleasant predicament, and may deprive us of all we gained in the late struggle. We shall therefore beat our posts, and fight a funeral, and be assured, we shall give a good account of the enemy on the day of battle. Mr. Blays influence in Ky, is yet very great. we shall have a difficult task to keep him down. I should be happy to visit N. York the ensuing

summer, and have the ineffable pleasure of seeing you once more and my friends in your quarters; it will be out of my power to attend the Board of visitors in June, my public duties here will ^{not} permit me, but in August I may have time, and if so, I shall visit Washington and the Sanatoga Springs, when I shall certainly do myself the pleasure to see you. May Shannon of Lexington, Ky, will be appointed promptly, as one of the Board of visitors at West point. He is a very fine fellow, I recommended him myself to the Secretary of War, he married a relation of mine a daughter of Gov. Shelby of Ky. His lady will accompany him and I expect Sharp also, when you will have the pleasure of seeing her, whilst at Frankfort Mrs. Sharp ~~showed me~~ ^{showed me} a small painting she had prepared for you and told me she should transmit it to you in a letter by mail; the book I mentioned. she told me was sent by Mr. Kendall if you have not received it yet. you can get your representative in Congress to bring on to you by writing to him, I saw at Frankfort, Dr. C. C. Clalland. he was well & told me he should write to you

God bless you
William L. Davis

P.S. Don't fail to remember me particularly to
 your son Pierre and tell him I shall expect to
 hear of his rapid advancement in his studies
 remember me also to Mr Stevenson and Mr John
 Walsh of Albany - W. L. D.

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Pierre van Cortlandt
 Peekskill
 New York

William M. Davis

Westford Ky
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