

John Van Buren to Salmon P Chase.

February 23, 1849

My Dear Sir,

I cannot deny myself the pleasure of saying to you how delighted we all are with the news received last night by telegraph of your election to the Senate. We have been watching, hoping, and praying, but hardly dared promise ourselves such a fortunate result- You will find in King, Giddings, Wilmot, Root, Allen of Mass, and Strong in _____ in the House, and I hope _____ with Mr. Benton in the Senate--- Allen of Mass. I _____ you do not know-he is one of the ablest and best men in the country. Please remember me to Taylor and tell him my engagements during the campaign _____ accommodation and _____ my _____ so that it is impossible for me to write letters and show him this hasty _____ in proof.

Truly Yours,

John Van Buren

New York February 23, 1849

No. 3. Warren St. New York

February 27th 1849

My Dear Sir,

Hoping to enjoy the pleasure of a personal Interview, I have, ____ now, **forborne to** trouble you with a letter; but as my presence in the city, will be necessary to my business **till** about the first of June, I beg you will pardon my sending this with the accompanying packet.

When I (**addressed**) you from Milwaukee and Ann Arbor, last fall, I hoped to remove to Milwaukee early this spring; but an unexpected turn in my **private** affairs, a turn quite favorable, must make it for the interest of myself and family to postpone our removal at least another year.

Publishers are still on the look out for available matter for the press. I have these _____ now in process of stereotyping -one a **labored** scientific work of many years' **preparation** - and two other **volumes** are **contracted** for, to be **ready** for the press within the current Year, and while attending to those things, I have determined to go to work, energetically on the History of the United States, for which I have been **preparing** _____ during intervals of leisure for (unreadable "**several**"?) years. If I can finish the work in these years, I shall deem myself fortunate.

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I feel embarrassment of my position in asking you to look **over** the accompanying manuscript; but notwithstanding the **extent** of your correspondence and the **perpetual** drafts upon your time, I shall be greatly obliged if you can force time enough to run over it, and give me your views. Besides,

I have another object in sending to you the plan of the work. No part of the work, you must be aware, will be more difficult than the "**Financials**," and no part of this will be so difficult as that of fully and fairly exhibiting the facts, and the philosophy of the facts, growing out of, the union, or disconnection, of governmental (UR **with**) commercial finance.

The battle of **patriotism** against **corruption**, began at the close of General Jackson's first term, which raged during his second, which **was** continued during the administration of his successor, which seems finished in the fall of 40, by the triumph of _____ and **corruption**, was really _____ (when human wisdom and virtue failed,) by the **interposition** of **Heav-**
-en in the death of the honest but too **pliant** Harrison and the **disorganization** of his **cabinet** and the party; as when, of at **God's behest** the _____ in the plain of the land of _____, and came **down** to confound the language of the **idol worshippers**, and scattered the **idolators about on** the **face** of the **earth**.

The harmony and advantages of the Sub treasury
(UR **witnessed**), though not admitted, by all, and time,
the great rectifier of popular mistakes, is setting his

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seal of approval to the fore-cast and **patriotism** of its
progressor: and when its _____ enemies shall have passed
away, or have become, as they are becoming, too few
and faint to act in concert.

“Their sons will ____ their fathers were its foes.”

You must excuse me, Sir in _____ that if retire-
ment leaves you any leisure time, you will employ
some of it in **preparing** the history, personal and
pecuniary, of the whole struggle with the Biddle
Bank, and the Sub treasury, together with the causes, _____
and consequences __ ____, and a **philosophical exposi-**
-tion of the whole affair- and then allowing me
to make what use of it I choose, and what shall
be consistent with the plans of the work- the
manuscript, at your _____, to be ^{or destroyed} **returned, lest**
a suspicious, party-divided populace **choose to misinter-**
-pret my motive in asking this favor, and yours
in **granting** it. This, I **could** wish to have remain _____ with **ourselves**.

I hope that in June, or, at **farthest** in July, I can
gain time for a call, if I may call, to consult further on
this subject.

With Great Respect, I am

Hon M. Van Buren

Yours, Oliver B. Peirce

P.S. on my return from west to Rome, I had the satisfaction **to find**, waiting for me, your too flattering letter, acknowledging this _____ of _____, of these numbers of my Crises.

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Please to inform me simply whether or not you receive From Ann Arbor the package (Part 3 of the Crises) with a **letter enclosing a** pamphlet "take-off" _____ yourself. If **so, (scribble)** it is enough for the present that I know the manuscript Part 3 is with you.

As to the pamphlet **enclosed** in the letter from Ann Arbor, I _____ deem it fortunate, that **amidst** the **convulsions** of forty years which have made this continent shake and reel to its' **base**, I had committed no _____ errors than the **malice** of friendly ambitions, _____ the **essays** to reveal- and certainly I shout "then the Gods that _____ that thus _____ and _____ with so much **industry** and care, everything which was even surpassable in my actions or my notes that I might have these things as a **basis** of **notes** to be proposed by me, for my biographer. _____

Hon. M. Van Buren

Dear Sir

Several years ago I received from you (through the agency of Col. Stevenson) a lot of Fruit-Trees Pears and Plums. I am still anxious to transplant into N. Carolina some of the fruits of Kinderhook, not only because they are good but because I have always felt pride and pleasure in being regarded as your friend & c.

So I make bold to say that I would be greatly obliged to you if you can send me a few more such Trees. Those I got before have all died (in consequence of their long delay in the transportation) and the failure of my first attempt to rear so many of the kind as a living memento of the Giver has only increased my wish to renew it.

Should you find it convenient to gratify me I would suggest a direction to the gardener to bind a little free soil about the root with canvas and send to the care of Mr. Peebles White & Davis in Petersburg. I have no part or lot in politics now a days. And it is well I do not care for such things at present as the region in which I live would promise but little of _____ believing as I do that it is neither right nor constitutional to plant slavery in a free soil by the sanction of a Government like ours. Of one thing however I feel certain and that is that North Carolina can never be brought to go for disunion because Congress does not consent to let her slavery go to California the slavery _____. The politicians who may make that experiment [upon?] our people will be woefully disappointed in the end.

I am with high respect now & ever

Your friend

William Haywood Jr.

Raleigh, N.C.