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was perhaps never such a *talking mania*, as no rages here—and unless means can be found to limit its exercise within *some* bounds—the lord knows when we shall get a way—Hailes resolution⁷—prescribing *one hour* for each speech—would have a salutary effect—if it were practicable, and ought not to be considered quite so ridiculous as—most things from the same source, is— If you delight in storms and tornadoes—you might Be gratified here—there is scarcely a day—which does not elicit angry feelings in debate—and what would be considered on other occasions—as of extraordinary—is not told of ordinary occurrence—you have seen that poor old Genl. Brown is dead—I hope we shall—settle the question of precedence between Gaines & Scott⁸—by abolishing the office or command of Majr Genl. I should be much pleased—to hear from you often— this is not common place—and hope you will gratify me—with Undiminish^d. friendship—

D. L. BARRINGER—

[Addressed:]

Hon

W. P. Mangum
Hillsboro, N. C.

WPM-LC

John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

March 11th. 1828

My dear Sir/

I wrote to you, before I left Mrs Greens, and requested, that you wd write the deed for the land, and send it to Squire Walkers Mill, if you did so, it has not come to hand. Col Tignal Jones,⁹ is going to Hillsborough to the superior Court, and tells me he expects to stay in Town one night. I hope it will be in

⁷William Hailes, 1797-1837, was a member of Congress from Mississippi from 1826 to 1828. *Biog. Dir. of Cong.*, 1044.

⁸When General Moses Brown died in 1828 and Jackson resigned to become governor of Florida, Winfield Scott, Edward Pendleton Gaines, and Alexander Macomb were in line to succeed Brown. All three were major generals. Scott was the senior officer, but Gaines and Macomb intrigued for promotion. After the Cabinet decided for Scott, Richard Rush, who was for Macomb, then told Adams that if either Gaines or Scott was appointed the two would fight a duel but that both of them were friendly to Macomb. Adams' horror of duelling led him to change the Cabinet's recommendation to Macomb. Scott, who had been away, returned, and a great controversy developed. Arthur D. Smith, *Old Fuss and Feathers: The Life and Exploits of Lt. General Winfield Scott*. (New York, N. Y.: The Greystone Press, 1937), 166-169.

⁹Col. Tignal Jones was a member of the legislature from Wake County in 1777, 1784, and 1797. *N. C. Manual*, 827-828.

your power to write it and send it by him as he lives a near neighbour to me I shall be certain to get it. I have moved, & am much pleased with my new settlement, & should Mr. Rogers die before I get the deed, you know it w^d. be bad—And that you may be the better able to oblige me, I will give another description of the the Land—

One hundred Acres more or less, bounded on the South by Soloman Thompson, and Jacob Hunter, on the West by the Lands of James Boyd, on the North by Richard Smith, & on the East by Tignal Jones, the Land is well Timbered with pine Oak & other common growth known by the name of the Job Rogers Tract, to be given to me during life & during the life of my wife Frances or her widdowhood—

If your engagements should be such that you cannot write the deed, & send it by Mr Jones; please to write it & bring it to Wake superior Court & send it by him or some of our neighbours. The Thompsons or the Rogers or others—

The presure of the times are such, that I fear that however willing any of friends may be to assist me, that they will not be able. If not I hope God will provide for me, he is all sufficient—

Give my respects to my sons Abram¹⁰ & Priestly, & tell them I never expect to see them again, unless they should condescend to come to see me. I am much more helpless than when you saw me You cannot conceive what it cost me to attend to my school my number at present is 16. and it may probably arrive at to 20. however the people are very mulish.

Pray dont forget to attend my examination on the last Thursday in July I have told my employers that you are to be there—

I am very anxious respecting your affairs I fear John J.¹¹ will injure you from report. But I hope strict attention to the practice of Law will releive you, & that you will be enabled to lay up for your family. I hope also that you have given out all thoughts of moving to Hillsborough My respects to Mrs Mangum & believe me to be yours with all my heart

JOHN CHAVIS

The Land is bounded on the South by the Lands of Soloman Thompson & Jacob Hunter, on the west by James Boyd on the

¹⁰Abraham Rencher, 1798-1883, was a Democratic Congressman from 1829 to 1839 and 1841 to 1843. From 1843 to 1847 he was the United States minister to Portugal. He declined the appointment of Secretary of the Navy under Buchanan. From 1857 to 1861 he was territorial governor of New Mexico. *Biog. Dir. of Cong.*, 1453.

¹¹Unable to identify.

North by Edward Rigsby, and on the East by Tignal Jones, and it lies on some of the waters of Bartons Creek, and on the Road leading from Rigsbys cross roads to Raleigh. It is tolerably fine corn Land & well timbered with pine—Oak and other common growth & is known by the name of the Job Rogers tract of Land 100 Acres

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esqr
Orange

Col. T. Jones

WPM-LC

Willis Alston to Willie P. Mangum

WASHINGTON March 16 1828

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 6th was this moment handed to me, altho' I had firmly believed the sentiment of N. C. being such as by you stated, nevertheless I assure you it gave me great pleasure to learn it from such a source. The friends of administration really believe or pretend to believe that N. C. will go for them, unless I am much mistaken many of their calculations are as falacious, (for instance) Virginia Pennsylvania and a large majority in New York, These three large states are as certain for Jackson as, N. C. or Tennessee, except that N. Y. votes by districts a majority, will be for Jackson, Kentucky both sides claim. The Friends to J: by far the most sanguine, that state by unanimous consent of the Legislature, altered their law to a general ticket, agreeing to go for the whole, the contest will be warm and animated but Tom Moore¹² says all is safe by not less than 10,000, New Jersey is warmly contesting every inch of the ground, the issue, I put down very doubtful, so is ohio, but Indiana, Illinois is with us, so is Missouri and Lousiana.

Our friends in Newhampshire say Jackson will get the vote, so says Maine, but I have nothing like confidence of a vote in N. C. Now I will tell what says the other side, They count all the doubtful states I have named as certain, and expect to get either N. Y. Pa. Va. or N. C. to give them the majority. The

¹²Thomas Patrick Moore. See above, p. 95n.