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*John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum*May 24th. 1826

My dear Sir/

I am teaching school, where I did last year, and should you be traveling this road I would thank you to call on me, and I would rather it be on any Saturday, but the last in the Month Or I would much rather you wd. let it be on some Friday evening, (not the last in the month) and go to our friend J. Nutts. For I wish you to know, that I have fought, as uniformly since you been in Congress, as I did before the election, and I have found nothing else to work upon, but whitleather, & that of the most tough, and durable kind

I wish to see you exceedingly, I have much to talk about & many questions to ask, among other things I wish to know why you have been so silent this session. was it because there were so many spouters, who loved to hear themselves talk? or was it because you discovered too much whitleather in them, for your weapons? I wish to know also why you were opposed to the Panama question, I thought it had the appearance of a good thing, tho, I confess I am no Judge & therefore I want information—

Your opposition to the Judiciary System I was well pleased with, but why you called it an electioneering thing I did not so well understand—

I was pleased that you voted for the amendment of the constitution respecting the choice of the President, but for no other reason then I did not wish you to discover a disposition to trample upon the will of the people; but as to its actual amendment in that case, I am opposed, because once a beginning is made to amend the constitution, a way goes the best of human compacts & therefore I think it be attended with ruinous consequences. The truth is, the constitution as it now stands places the people upon firm ground, that they cannot sink or stop for, not so much so as strain their joints much, & therefore I say let us move on as we have done—

Please to give my respects to Mrs. Mangum & tell her that I join her in acclamations of joy at your return. I am, every attom of my heart, the same old two & sixpence.

JOHN CHAVIS

P. S. I believe that Silas Leak [?] has repented of his conduct in every vein of his heart & therefore I wish you to treat him friendly

J C

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esqr.
Orange

care of Mr.
W[alter] Mangum

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Deed of William Cain, Sr., to his daughter

[24 May, 1826]

Know all men by these presents that I William Cain Senr of the County of Orange, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have for my Daughter Martha A. Cain¹³⁰ do give, grant and deliver to my said Daughter Martha A. Cain a negro man slave, known by the name of Plato, black and about forty five years old—In evidence whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 7th day of December 1825.

Signed sealed & delivered

WILLIAM CAIN, SR. (Seal)

in presence of
Wm. Cain Junr.

Orange County—February Term 1826.

The Execution of the within Deed was duly proved in open Court by the oath of William Cain junr. a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

Test

John Taylor, C. C.

Registers Office)

) 24th May 1826. The above Deed of Gift is
Orange County)

duly Registered in Book S. page 624.

Test J. McKerall P. R.

¹³⁰Charity A. Mangum's youngest sister.