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WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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pressed to me; that you could not get your consent to vote for Gen: Jackson: nor would those with whom you acted, in your opinion, be prevailed upon to do so.—I considered you as one of the most active & efficient of the Ohio delegation, & knowing that you felt & took a deep interest in the election; I did not doubt your means of information; nor the faithfulness with which you d[torn] it to me.—I believed that (Mr Clay out of the qu[estion] you had strong predilections for Mr Craw[ford]

You seemed to deplore the then bad conditio[n of his] health, and often stated to me that it presented [a] great, if not insuperable obstacle to his electio[n.]

That the embarrassments of you & your friends w[as] increased when you looked to the probability of Mr Calhoun being brought into the Executive, upon the demise of Mr Crawford—a result that you seemed strongly to deprecate—constantly expressing the grea[t]est repugnance towards him as a statesman, as well as on account of his supposed connexion with the unexampled persecutions of that able & virtuous man W. H. Crawford. [On the back in Mangum's handwriting:] To John McLean,²⁰ Ohio Delegation

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John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

Novr. 16th 1827—

My dear Sir/

After I parted with you that Morning, upon reflection, I found I had forgotten to tell you some more things to say to Mr. Roberts²¹—and that there was an intimacy and a friendship subsisting between myself & Judge [George E.] Badger, that I supposed that you might get something from him Accordingly I wrote to you on these subjects & sent my letter to Granville Court, expecting you wd. certainly be there, but I am told you were not—at which I was not a little surprized, however I expect the latter was given to my son Priestley—

I now write to let you know that our supposition respecting my neighbours puting up a house for me cannot be realized.

²⁰John McLean of Ohio was Postmaster General from 1823 to 1829. A John McLean from Illinois was in the Senate from 1824 to 1825. But in this letter Mangum refers to his vote in the House of Representatives for President. Probably Mangum meant William McLean, John's brother, who was in Congress from Ohio from 1823 to 1829. *Biog. Dir. of Cong.*, 1273, 1274.

²¹Probably William Roberts, justice of peace of Wake County. McIver, *N. C. Register*, 40.

They are engaged in gathering corn sowing wheat &C. . So that I was oblige to hire hands to do the work & had to go to a different neighbourhood to get them. Being compeled to get out of the miserable hutt I am in, & that before Christmas. If you can possibly raise among our friends 20. or 30 dollars for me by Christmas I can make out for the present I shall be at your house on my way from school, at Christmas to get you to draw the writings between me & Mr Rogers²² respecting the Land—

I should suppose that you might get something from Gen. B. Daniel of Raleigh—Governor Burton, the latter being a fellow student & a particular friend—I think you may get something from Jack Wilson of Hillsborough either at present or the future. It would be well, I think, to act in all cases for the present or the future as the case may be—I shall endeavor to send you a description of the Land before I come, as you may have the writing ready & if you should be from home about Christmas, please to leave the writings or any thing you may have for me enclosed in a letter at your fathers and oblige yours &c

JOHN CHAVIS

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esqr
Orange—

Capt. A. Rogers,

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John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

Decr. 15th. 1827

My dear Sir/

I wrote you that I should call to see you on my way home from school at Christmas, but finding that wd. be quite inconvenient, I called to day to get you to draw the deed of Trust of the Land given me by Benjamin Rogers of Wake The Land lies in Wake & the Trustees is Allen Rogers, & the Land is to be given to me during life & my wife Frances during her life or widowhood. I forgot to get a general description of the Land from Mr. Rogers, but know the Land as well as he does & by whose lands it is bounded but not the Lines of the Land, as you said a general

²²Allen Rogers. See above, p. 270n.