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WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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you may have reative to my suit in Equity—My object is to answer—that the matter may be brought to a close. I hope you will be a better correspondent this session than you were the last—tho If I must tell the truth, I have no right to complain of others upon that *score*. for I am convinced it proceeds neither from a want of respect or friendship on my part, but from abomniabile laziness.—and why may not Honorable gentlemen, have the same Lawful excuse, more especially—when their heads are filled with Politics “hunting Ghosts” and other such important matters—Robert Potter is anxious to go to Guatamala—I believe him to be well qualified for the appointment, as I have ever considered him a man of extradanary [*sic*] powers of Mind, and unbending Integrity—you know he stands in need of it—and I believe you always helped the “widow” when the call was honor bright—I have your Atlass and will send it whenever directed.

I am sincerely  
Your friend  
H G BURTON

N. B.

Judge Ruffin I presume for the present has blown all our projects sky high<sup>60</sup>—

[Addressed:]

The Honble  
Willie P. Mangum  
Orange

WPM-LC

*John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum*

Novr. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1825

My dear sir

I have sent your Pamphlet by Mr C. Bass. The transactions in Hayti have convinced me more fully of the impropriety there wd. be in our Government recognizing the Haytian Government & I

<sup>60</sup>Thomas Ruffin was appointed superior court judge in July 1825. Burton, who was governor at the time, apparently wanted to appoint Mangum. In August, 1826, he did appoint Mangum. McDuffie, “Willie P. Mangum,” 38; Stephen B. Weeks, “W. P. M.,” *Biog. Hist. of N. C.*, V, 242.

hope you will use your best endeavours to prevent it.<sup>61</sup> It appears to me that sh<sup>d</sup>. the President of the United States mention it in his Message it w<sup>d</sup>. well for Congress to pass it in silence & not agitate it as a question at all & this I sh<sup>d</sup>. suppose could be managed out of doors—

Should I fail of a school in Hillsborough Doctor Hunt<sup>62</sup> tells me that he thinks that he can make me a school in his neighbourhood of 25 [sc]holars at \$10. each, but he hopes I may succeed in Hillsborough as being a better situation so that I do not expect to continue on Ellibies Creek.<sup>63</sup> But I intend to join the Doct & I hope we shall be able to make converts of your opposers on that stream. I told the Dr. that the most effectual way was to make a dead set at J. N. if we get time to turn [illegible] the matter cud be settled at once, and shall not only shoot at N., but the [illegible] & I think I can at least make them understand. You have my best wishes and may God bless you is the prayer of your Obt Hbl. Servt.

JOHN CHAVIS

State of N. Carolina )  
orange County )

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum  
Orange.

WPM-LC

[21 Nov., 1825]

*State of North-Carolina*<sup>64</sup>

To the Honorable

W. P. Mangum Esquire, Greeting:

It having been officially certified, by the certificates of the returning Officers, bearing date the..... day of ..... 1825, that you were

<sup>61</sup>By 1825 the United States' trade with Haiti was large. The press of New England began agitating for recognition. In that year France recognized the republic. This influenced Clay to champion recognition, but Adams did not push it. The Haitian government, which had gone through frequent revolutions seemed more stable from 1822 to 1825. Rayford W. Logan, *The Diplomatic Relations of the United States with Haiti 1776-1891* (Chapel Hill, N. C.: The University of North Carolina Press, 1941), 188-222; Ludwell Lee Montague, *Haiti and the United States, 1714-1838* (Durham, N. C.: The Duke University Press, 1940), 15-16.

<sup>62</sup>John Hunt was a planter in Granville County.

<sup>63</sup>Ellebee Creek is just north of the present town of Durham. It flows east into the Neuse River just south of the confluence of the Eno and Neuse.

<sup>64</sup>Printed form.