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**THE PAPERS OF
WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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intirely turned his back upon me yet I love him & his character & that of his [illegible]. How you can conceive that G. J. is a high minded honourable wise & dignified character one who fitly qualified to fill the chair of the chief Magistrate I cannot conceive, & therefore I lament daily—My respects Mrs Mangum

JOHN CHAVIS

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esq—
Orange

To be left at
P. O.
Red Mountain

WPM-LC

John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

Oct 1st 1832.

My dear Sir/

I hasten to inform you, that Mr. John Hunt of Greenville,²⁰⁸ came to see me this morning to let me know, that the Orange Presbytery to which I belong had entered into a resolution to support me & my wife during life and had appointed a Committee to make arrangments for that purpose.²⁰⁹ I told Mr. Hunt that I was thankful & would accept of the offer; but that I was in debt, and could not go untill next fall or winter—That I thought I had a prospect of making a school for the next year which w^d. be sufficient to cover all my debts provided my neighbours would patronize me as they ought to do, But should they not, I wish you to know that I will Teach for you the next year provided you can make such a school as will justify me to leave my family to take care of themselves. If you wish me to Teach for you, it w^d. be well for you to try your Strength forwith & write to Roger's store. In the meantime I shall try my strength here & should you prove the strongest party I shall certainly serve you—

You are to recollect that school must not exceed a quarter of a mile from your door & let it be less if possible & your pay-

²⁰⁸A John Hunt of Granville County was clerk of the House of Commons from 1778 to 1806. *N. C. Manual*, 453-462.

²⁰⁹See above, pp. 155, 315-317.

ments must be at least half yearly The school to commence on the first Monday in Jan^y.

I view this Presbyterial arrangment as a merciful providence for which I am thankful—

My respects to Mrs. Mangum & believe me to be yours very Sincerely

JOHN CHAVIS

P. S.

Should I teach for you I will endeavor to see you before you go to Congress.

[Postmarked:]

Rogers Store Oct. the 5th

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J. W. Wright²¹⁰ to John Scott

LAURENS Bladen County October 12th 1832

John Scott Esqr.

Dr. Sir.

I expect to start in all next month a number of Slaves, either to Mississippi or Louisiana, to make an establishment for my son James M Wright,²¹¹ who sets out on wednesday week to select a spot for permanent residence. He has been engaged here for a short time in the practice of the Law & as far as I can judge with favourable prospects. He will pursue his profession in one or other of those states. With Judge Mangum our Senator I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, he is however known to me as a gentleman & a public man. Deducing therefrom his entire capability of serving me, I ask the favour of you to apply to him for letters in behalf of my son James M Wright to some of his friends of Mississippi & Louisiana. With you Sir I feel at liberty to be as frank as I am

²¹⁰J. W. Wright was connected with the Cape Fear Bank.

²¹¹James Wright graduated at the University in 1826.