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WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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pressive of the confidence & esteem with which your political course during the late session of Congress has inspired your constituents—and the undersigned were appointed a committee to be the organ of the expression of these sentiments and to request you to favour your friends of this vicinity with the honour of your company at a public dinner to be given on any day that may suit your convenience— We take pleasure in acknowledging particularly the zeal and ability with which you have resisted the encroaching usurpations of that party in the national councils which seems to have devoted us to ruin—and tho' the illegal exercise of power rendered your patriotic labours inefficient to the end to which they were directed, we are proud of the lustre they have reflected on our State & respectfully tender to you the tribute of our highest admiration & esteem—

We have the honour to be your friends & fellow-citizens

Walker Anderson     )  
 Sam Child             )  
 W. Montgomery     )  
 Allen C. Jones  
 V. M. Murphey  
 John Scott

[Addressed:]

The Hon: W. P. Mangum

WPM-LC

*John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum*

Sept. 24th. 1832—

My dear Sir/

My heart is grieved to the bottom, at hearing of your name so bandied as it is respecting the Tariff. The Bank vote and the presidency—

I see from the last Register that you intend to take up the Tariff on the 11<sup>th</sup>. of next month at Hillsborough—I write therefore to request you for the satisfaction of the people, to explain what I am about to state & what Col Drayton's address<sup>207</sup> has brought fresh to my recollection, which I believe to be a noto-

<sup>207</sup>See above, p. 480.

rious fact that the southern people through their deligation was the true cause of the establishing of manufacturers & the protecting system. Now if this be the case, it is clear to me that it is with a very ill grace indeed, that they should complain so heavily as they do against the northern people & their deligation for wishing to continue the protecting system when they themselves palmed it on them contrary to their wish and intention, in the first instance; that when they were pursuing a definite course for a livelihood they call their attention irresistibly to make their investments in Manufactories Tho I one of the northern delegation, as much as feel for the southern people, I would to the last day of my life reject the repeal of those duties, which w<sup>d</sup>. be the overwhelming destruction of my constituents to gratify the southern people for their own acts. Now if the southern people through their delegation, however mortifying it might have been, had honestly & candidly confess their error & plead mercy & if the northern people through delegation, this w<sup>d</sup>. have been honourable and plausible, & might have had, a commiserating tendency. but the head revolts at being blamed unjustifiably & will repell indignantly any application for a relief of grievances brought against them in such an insulting manner—

The Bank bill, There is one Item in the Presidents Veto which has ever been mysterious to me in all such cases, & that is, the boon the stockholders make on their papers. That my meaning may be understood, I will place you as the stockholders, & myself the people We come to you to borrow each of us a \$100 you direct your Directors to lend it to us. We receive those sums which answers all our purposes equal to Gold & silver. Then to put the matter in the strongest light; suppose you make, as a boon a million of dollars for 100 what possible injury do you do us? is the first question I wish answered. Ought we not to be thankful for the deliverance you afforded us, & so rejoice at your gain? is the second question to be answered? & not to complain—

The Presidency. Can it be possible my son that you are yet the friend of the reelection of G. Jackson I should suppose that taking into view all his other Tread me down acts, the nominating of Gwinn [?] after his expected rejection, ought I think to send in your view of his domineering & despotic disposition. Oh my friend you cannot conceive what I suffer on yours Renchers & Priestley and tho. I have good reason to believe the latter has

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,<sup>208</sup> 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.<sup>209</sup> 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<sup>d</sup>. 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<sup>d</sup>. 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-

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

<sup>209</sup>See above, pp. 155, 315-317.