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**THE PAPERS OF
WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE.

Monday Morning

9. July 1832

[Addressed:]

Honb. W. P. Mangum,
U. S. Senate.

July 21st. 1832—

Jany. That if she will condesind to board out Sally & send her to a men of my stamp, I can have her boarded at an excellent

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John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

My dear Sir/

As no man is his own keeper, nor does he know what he is to come, therefore I will not make a positive promise, but my present impression is, that this shall be the last letter I ever will write to you, untill I get one from you I will not write this, if it was not owing to genuine friendship founded upon Mrs. Mangum and her children—I wish you to tell her, that the die is cast, I cannot come to Teacher for her. I have built a school house and at three or three & a half dollars a month at most the tuition eight dollars. That I have an anxious & particular desire to Teach her the Theory of the English Language, which she never have made arrangements to be stationary at home. That I shall house, within about three quarters of a mile of my school house the way to it is a dry ridge way, not a drop of water intervening, will be Taught unless I Teach her; because, no other person in this part of the Country Teaches it but myself, and my manner I deem far preferable to the English Grammar. I wish you to commence Teaching for the next year, on the first monday in make this statement to Col. Horner¹⁹² & tell him that I want his daughter Juliana for the same purpose & tell him that I do confess, that I did not know the English Alphabet, radically [?] even when he came to school to me. I only want your daughters about twelve or eighteen months & then you may send them to any other school you please—

¹⁹²William Horner.

I disapprove of three of your votes. Van Buren, the Bank & the fast day. but my greatest grief is that you should be in favour of the election of General Jackson for the Presidency. If it was not for the opinion I have of your honest Integrity, I should believe that you were certainly seeking for a diplomacy, which God you may never get for the good of your family. Let G. J. be elected & our Government is gone, and even in its present situation, it would require a Hamilton; a Jay and an old Adams, bottomed upon G. Washington to repair its ruins. This Clay knows, & nothing but conscious integrity & a united love of Country, could possibly induce him to undertake the management of such a rotten & decayed Government. I hope he will be elected, & even if he should, I shall pity his situation I had a promising crop, but having but little or no rain for about ten weeks, it is almost ruined. & what makes the case still worse, I have my last grist in my meal tub, & not a cent a money & what I am to do, God only knows—

I have the satisfaction to tell you, that Benjⁿ. Rogers has, of his own accord become as friendly with me as ever he was. What wrought the change in him I cant tell. There has been no sale, & I expect will not be My respects to Mrs. Mangum & tell her never expect to see her at her house any more or again. If you will write direct your letter to be left at the post office at Rogers store—

I am your Obt. Hbl. Svt.

JOHN CHAVIS

[Addressed:]

Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esq
Orange

To be left at
Roundhill N C

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John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

August 8th. 1832—

My dear Sir/

Your very friendly and satisfactory letter came to hand yesterday, and I embrace the earliest moment to answer it—