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**THE PAPERS OF
WILLIE PERSON MANGUM**

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aming the merits of any one expression, which does not equally apply to the whole transaction.

All that I said & did, as I presume was the case with you, was of a piece & of precisely the same character; it was intended to be affrontful, and was dictated alone by the same excitement which influenced the whole of my conduct. You have admitted that your conduct & expressions towards me were affrontful, "that both offended in that respect and that you were desirous the whole might be forgotten." This has been as frankly reciprocated on my part, and with equal sincerity. but if any thing like atonement is to [be] made on either side, I must then insist the merits of the whole affair shall be investigated. and whether we are not equally interested in avoiding such a course, I submit to your consideration - that I may not be misunderstood I repeat, my conduct on that occasion was the result of passion - this you must perceive at once is as far as I can go at this stage of the business- for nothing said or done by you has been palaeated in any other way -

Yours &c

HENRY SEAWELL

W. Mangum Esqr

[Addressed:]

Willie P. Mangum Esr

Present -

WPM-LC

John Chavis⁴⁵ to John Haywood⁴⁶

July 3rd. 1822

My dear Sir

I have written two letters respecting my note in the bank &c but forgot to mention the amount of the note, & what sum it

⁴⁵John Chavis, a free man of color, fought in the American Revolution, and according to tradition was educated at Princeton. There is no evidence that he was ever at Princeton although there is proof that he attended the Academy (later Washington and Lee) at Lexington, Virginia. In 1800 he was licensed by the Lexington Presbytery to preach. For some twenty years after he went to North Carolina in 1805, he preached in Orange, Granville, and Wake counties. In 1808 he began teaching, which he continued into the 1830's. He taught several prominent North Carolinians and according to tradition taught Mangum and his children. I find no proof of this. He was an ardent Federalist and constantly in his frequent letters to Mangum urged his "son," as he called him, to return to the true doctrine of Washington and Hamilton. Edgar W. Knight, "Notes on John Chavis," *North Carolina Historical Review*, VII (1930), 326-345.

⁴⁶John Haywood, 1755-1827, was born in Edgecombe County but later moved to Raleigh where he was state treasurer from 1787 to his death in 1827. Ashe, *Biog. Hist. of N. C.*, VI. 282-288.

would take to renew it.⁴⁷ The amount is 270 dollars so that the sum required to renew is about 31 dollars which I hope it will be in your power to pay, & for fear you have Mislaidd the notes or assignments which I enclosed to you, some time ago, I have enclosed another, that there may not be a disappointment on that acc.^t

I am your Obt Hmbl
Srvt.
JOHN CHAVES

P. S. Next Tuesday is the day of renewal.
J. C.

[Addressed:]
John Haywood Esq.,
Raleigh

Capt Pullen⁴⁸
with great care.

WPM-LC

E. Littell⁴⁹ to Willie P. Mangum

[14 Aug., 1822]
To E. Littell Dr.

Willie P. Mangum Esq
Hillsboro N. C.

For New Monthly Magazine Nos 13 to 18\$3.....

Philad: 14th Aug, 1822.

Sir

I transmit yr acct. to this date. Having sold to W. O. Everett, Boston, the publication of the New Monthly Magazine, I cannot afford to send it out of town unless paid for in advanced.—Should you wish to continue yr. subscription please remit either to Mr. E. or to me.

⁴⁷Chavis had much difficulty meeting his expenses. His white friends frequently gave him support. The Orange Presbytery in 1832 and thereafter voted him sums of money. Knight, "Notes on John Chavis," *North Carolina Historical Review*, VII, 326-345.

⁴⁸Samuel H. Pullen was the deputy sheriff of Wake County. *N. C. Comptroller's Statement of the Disbursements at the Public Treasury of North Carolina, 1822-1823*, bound with the *North Carolina Laws, 1823*, 7.

⁴⁹Eliakim Littell, 1797-1870, was an editor of a magazine under several names beginning in 1819 and continuing until past 1850. In 1822 his magazine, which was published in Philadelphia, was called the *Museum of Foreign Literature and Science*. It was about 96 pages long and had a wide circulation. *D. A. B.*, XI, 295.