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10 or 12 thousand, Penna 12 to 15 thousd Maryd. more than 3000 majorities—a bet is just offered of 500 dolls in this town that Maryd has given 5000 majority for Harrison & refused, but I think this an extravagant calculation—You may rely on the general truth in this letter derived from all accounts verbal, written & printed in haste behind a bar in Clearspring I give you the news for use on 17th Inst.—You may depende on its general correctness so far as heard Yrs truly

THOS. PATTERSON

formerly Clerk in Congress Hall.

[Addressed:]

Hon. Wilie P. Mangum

Red Mountain

Orange County

North Carolina.

WPM-LC

John Chavis to Willie P. Mangum

Novr. 17th. 1836—

My dear Sir/

I write to let you know that I expect to move to Granville next fall, and in that case I shall not need your assistance in the case of Rogers & I thank God for it, as you have a better use for your money—

As to the flour I should be glad to get it, as that will not cost you much tho' it is at \$10. pr barrel by the load yet there is a difference between giving a few bushels of wheat to make it when you can spare them, than to buy the wheat to make it—Please to have it sent to Mr James Lynns at J. Brasfields old place as early as possible for I need it extremely, and I shall not have the opp^y of geting it from any other place—

I have not heard from any of the elections but Wake where we are beaten as I expected I have ever been fearful that the Whigs would not exert themselves as they ought to do. And I still have my fears that Van Buren will be elected. In a word I would not that you & Judge White should be beaten for a \$1000 poor as I am. That you should be beaten by W. Haywood would be death to me—I suppose you have heard of the shameful affair of the Van Burenites sending out petitions to the peo-

ple to instruct Gales to rise against you & to vote for W. Haywood for speaker. Thus you see the party go on regardless of all shame, determined carry their point at all hazards—

Pray dont fail to answer my letter respecting the charge of my going to Raleigh to raise information before you go to Congress, & to let me know upon a different piece of paper whether I am to get the flour or not—

Tell Mrs. Mangum I will come & see her in July if I can

I am your obt Hb^l st—

JOHN CHAVES

[Addressed:]

Hon Willie P. Mangum Esqr

Orange

To be left at

Red Mountain P. O.

[Postmarked:]

Rogers Store, Dec. 2

WPM-LC

*Samuel L. Southard*¹⁸³ to Willie P. Mangum

TRENTON Nov 18: 1836

Dear Sir,

We have had an animated & severe struggle in New Jersey. The actual majority is not yet known—but sufficient returns have not yet come in to enable me to say to you with entire confidence that we have carried both our Congressional & Electoral tickets—by between 500 & 1000 votes. Van Buren has lost this State.

Respectfully &c

SAM^l L. SOUTHARD—

Hon: W. Mangum.

[Addressed:]

Hon: W. Mangum

Red Mountain

Orange County

North Carolina—

¹⁸³A native of New Jersey and graduate of the College of New Jersey, Samuel Lewis Southard became a teacher and then a lawyer. After holding several local and state offices, he was in turn head of the navy, war, and treasury departments from 1823 to 1829 and United States Senator in 1821-1823, and 1833-1842. He was also governor, state attorney general, and president *pro tempore* of the Senate. *Biog. Dir. of Cong.*, 1549-1550.