Baltimore May 18. 1838.

My dear Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 30th April, and regret that my engagements since both in & absent from the city have prevented an earlier reply.

I owe you my acknowledgements for the liberal estimate you are pleased to place upon the course it became my duty to pursue during the past winter, and if any effort of mine have been heretofore shall contribute to advance the great cause upon which the prosperity of this State so essentially depends I shall be well rewarded for the vexations I endured during the long struggle you refer. At my age I am bound to consider